Opportunities of Cooperation with MS Competet Organisations

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List update

- ongoing
- supported by shared information

Projects opportunities

- currently open calls
- EFSA`s WP / calls preview

List fit-for-purpose List

Updating the renewed List

1. adding **new organisations**

    → Same process as now =
    - gather information,
    - check compliance with criteria and
    - insert summary of assessment into tool

2. **Changes** to organisations

3. **Withdrawals** of organisations

    as occur

Currently valid List: as the last approved by EFSA MB on 18 December 2019

Regular MB-meetings in 2020: mid Jun., mid Oct and mid Dec. + written procedure

List`s continuous update

- the regulatory competence of the Management Board to proceed **MS designations** (i.e. proposals of inclusion and substantial changes to organisations)

- for 2020 onwards, MB agreed to proceed also via **written procedure** between regular MB meetings

- List of Competent Organisations available via EFSA website
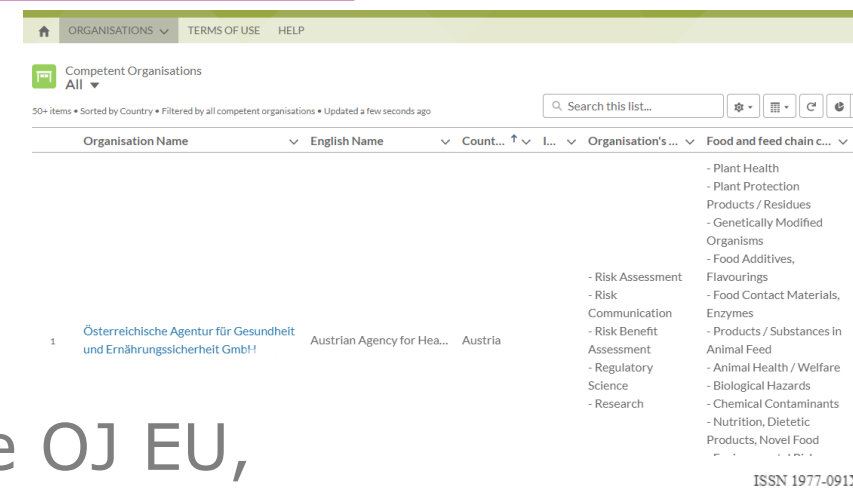
- published in the OJ EU, as a *Notice*

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List renewal

- confirmed 260 (72%)
- new 21
- withdrawn 103 (28%)

- 50% no information provided (yet)
- 20% not existing / merged
- 20% `a part` of other organisation
- 10% not interested

■ confirmed   ■ new   ■ withdrawn
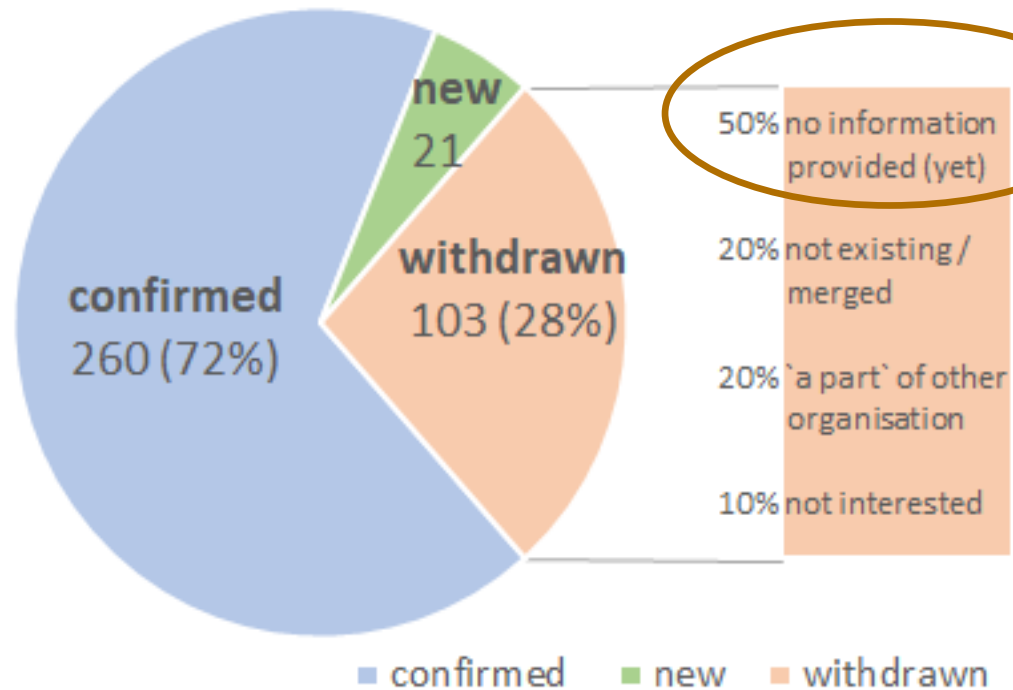
If previously included organisations are still interested in inclusion in the List, FPs can already **continue** to:

- gather information,
- check compliance with criteria and
- insert summary of assessment into tool

+ possibly newly **interested**
+ newly **created**
+ newly **approached** (~competence mapping)
+ ...

Status of organisations (ARs) in the tool
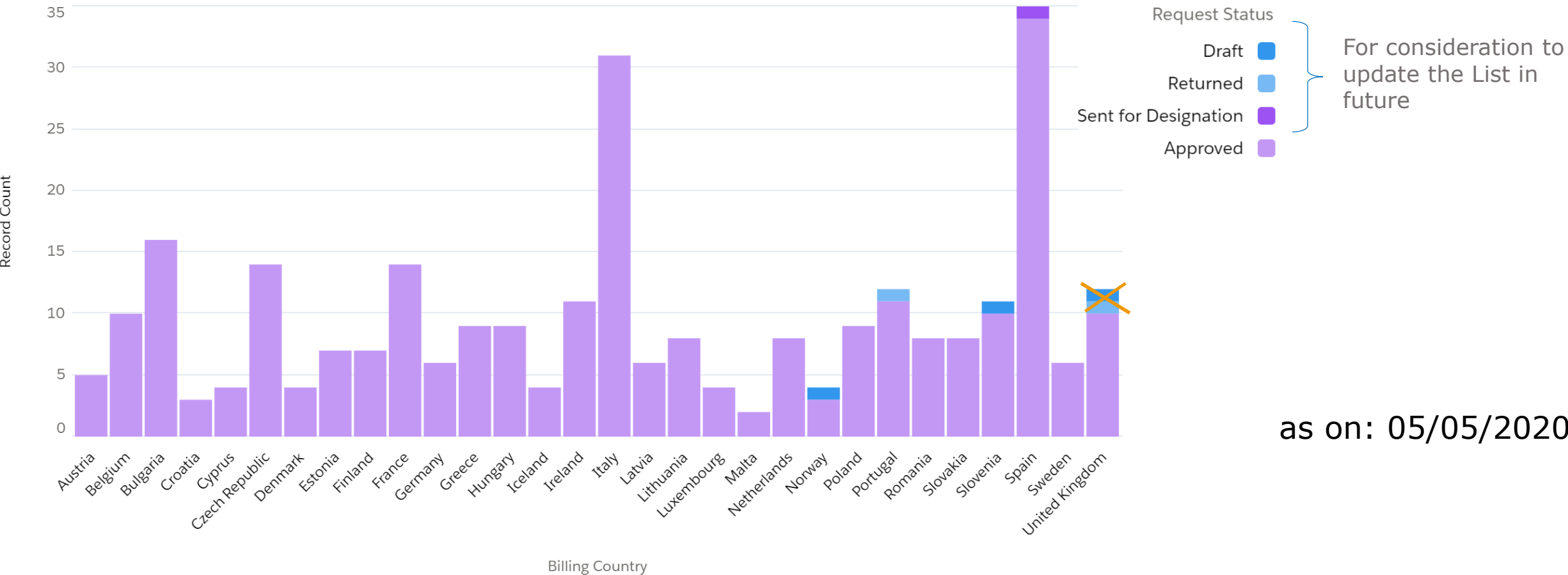
281 organisations **included (approved ARs)** in the **List**

as on: 05/05/2020

Number of Contacts (1,767) in the Competent Organisations (281) wihtin EFSA`s fields of Competencies

Competenceis (13)	
Plant Health	173
Plant Protection Products / Residues	213
Genetically Modified Organisms	187
Food Additives, Flavourings	194
Food Contact Materials, Enzymes	190
Products / Substances in Animal Feed	186
Animal Health / Welfare	238
Biological Hazards	326
Chemical Contaminants	309
Nutrition, Dietetic Products, Novel Food	252
Environmental Risk Assessment	217
Nanotechnology	136
Emerging Risks	229

Calls
Consultations
Webinars
EFSA`s outputs

Networking and engagement

Specific activity	Priority
(8.) FP supports the mapping of **national organisations**, beyond Art.36 organisations, including **the identification of competences**	medium
(10.) FP support the engagement and designation of **MS experts** for EFSA's Scientific Committee, Panels and Working Groups	medium

Identification of expertise / competences

Scientific activities:

- Series of webinars
- Open plenaries
- Workshops
- Conferences
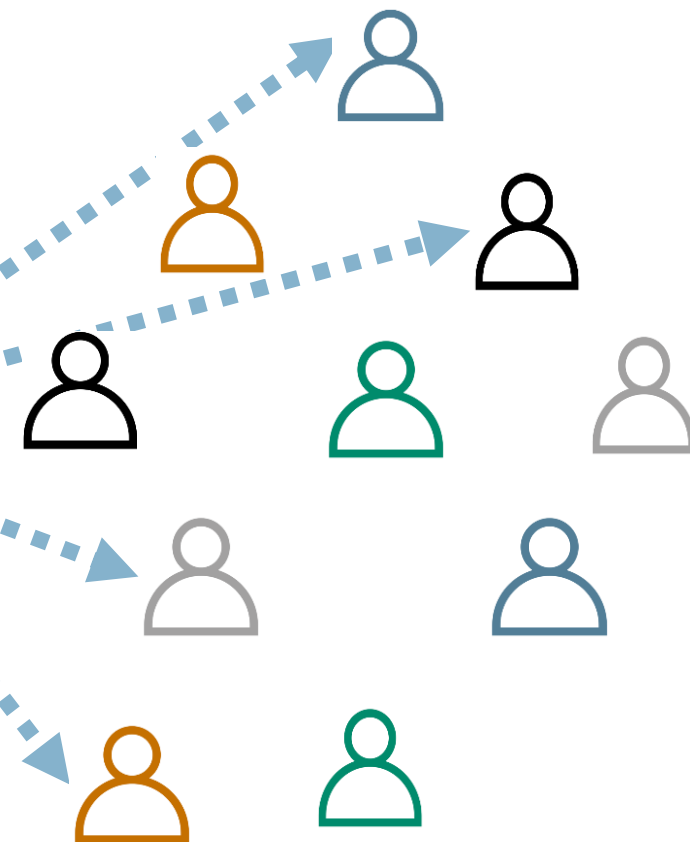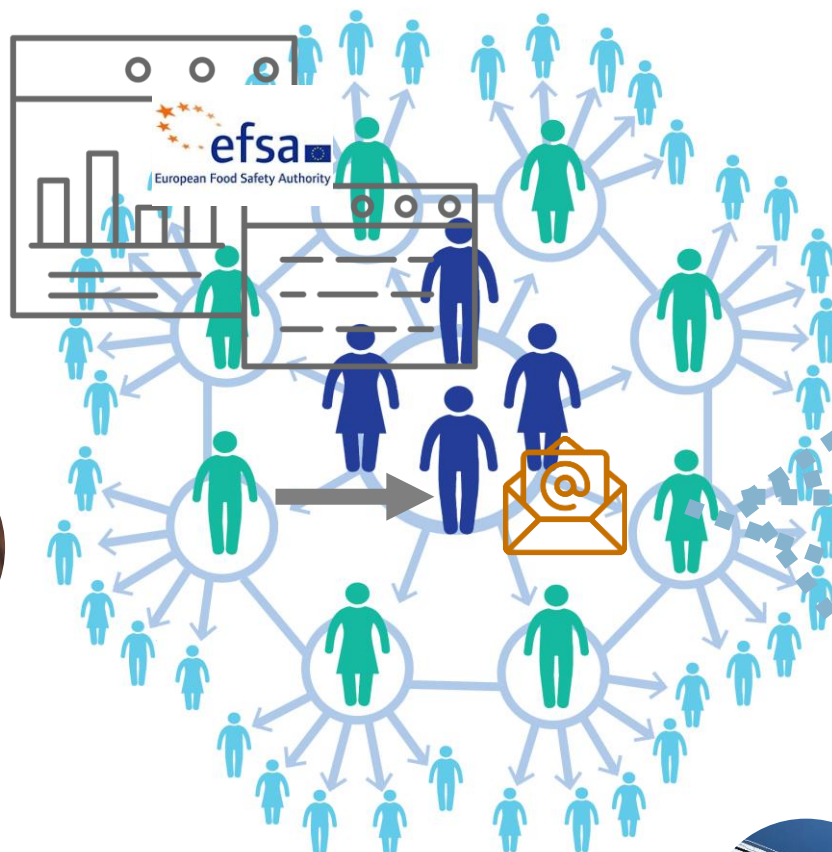
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of **MS experts**
for EFSA's **Scientific Committee**, **Panels** and **Working Groups**

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The **Transparency Regulation** has also foreseen the appointment of a **new Management Board (MB)** in **June 2022.**

To **Comply with the TR measures and ensure an effective selection process** the **Panel Mandate was extended** for an **additional 3 years** to allow retro-planning to coincide with the new MB appointment in accordance with DG SANTE.

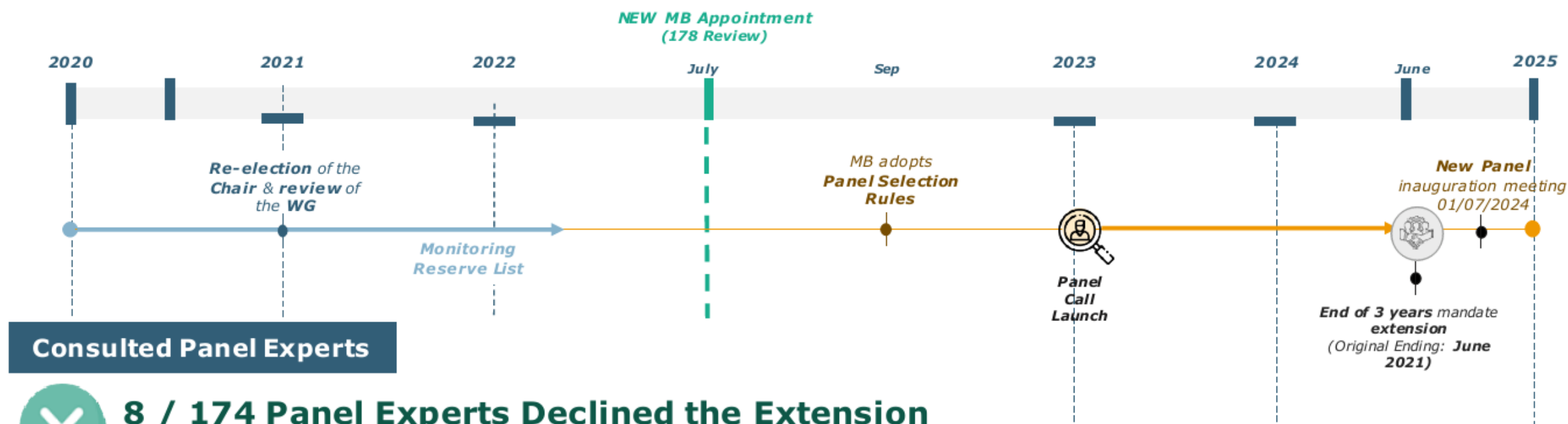**Panel Experts** were recently **requested to accept or decline the extension**, allowing EFSA the opportunity to plan ahead.

NEW MB Appointment
(178 Review)

| 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | July | Sep | 2023 | 2024 | June | 2025 |

Re-election of the
Chair & **review** of
the **WG**

MB adopts
Panel Selection
Rules

New Panel
inauguration meeting
01/07/2024

Monitoring
Reserve List

Panel
Call
Launch

End of 3 years mandate
extension
(Original Ending: **June**
2021)

Consulted Panel Experts

8 / 174 Panel Experts Declined the Extension

NO ad-hoc call needed: Reserve List meet the needs.

Update of unit costs for grants

Unit-costs for **staff costs**, travel and subsistence allowances in grants foresees bi-annual adaptation of unit costs.

✓new values for unit costs is effective from 28/04/2020, i.e. **values applicable for grants launched following 28/04/2020**

The EFSA decision attached under meetings document, ref. to its Annex 2 (will be circulated to FP).

▪ Background:

The adaptation concerns the **unit cost for staff** and it is based on the application of the national inflation rates published by Eurostat on 18/03/2020 http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=prc_hicp_aind&lang=en

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Annex IX. Draft work programme for grants and operational procurements for 2020

1. Operational sourcing by strategic objective

Table 47: Operational sourcing by SO.

Strategic objective	Indicative 2020 budget
SO1 — Prioritise public and stakeholder engagement in the process of scientific assessment	**EUR 13 869 670**
Main areas	
Generating, collecting, collating, synthesising and analysing evidence supporting preparatory work for evidence-based scientific assessment at EFSA, including literature review in the areas of animal health and welfare, plant health, biological hazards, contaminants, pesticides	
Implementation of tasking grant for high-risk plants	
Expert assistance in drafting the main EU summary reports, including analysis of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) data	
Tasking grant on priority pest	
Tasking grant for surveillance	
Call for expression of interest for Residue Activities	
Tasking grant for Residue Activities	
Support for food additives re-evaluations	
Support for safety evaluation of food enzymes	
Implementation of tasking grant for approval of active substances of pesticides	
Activities relating to the assessment of GMO applications	
Support for preparatory work in the area of novel foods	
Expert support and literature review in assessing feed additive dossiers	

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Strategic objective	Indicative 2020 budget
Entrusting new preparatory tasks falling within the mission of the PRAS	
SO2 — Widen EFSA's evidence base and optimise access to its data	**EUR 2 911 000**
Main areas	
Support in a series of activities linked to improvement of data quality, training of Member States	
Access to an online food label database covering food and drink products from different EU Member States and access to market-shared data	
Support to Member States with data collection and analysis processes on animal disease outbreaks and surveillance	
Further development and update of EFSA's chemical hazards database	
SO3 — Build the EU's scientific assessment capacity and knowledge community	**EUR 6 760 956**
Main areas	
Focal point agreements with EU/EEA Member States	
Partnering grants	
Fellowship programme	
Specialised training courses on certain aspects of food safety RA	
Implementation of artificial intelligence approaches	
'Hackathon' prize contest: Software/apps developed by 'the crowd' to be used by EFSA to carry out its mission	
Provision of evaluation and feedback services	
Quantitative and qualitative target-audience research	
Development of integrated communication campaigns and development of multimedia and online communications- related services as standalone products	
Development of static & interactive information and storytelling products	
EFSA Journal	
Institutional and stakeholders' relations	
SO4 — Prepare for future risk assessment challenges	**EUR 3 085 473**
Main areas	
Arthropod vectors	
Support wild boar data collection	
RA uncertainty	
Statistical programming: provision of services to EFSA R coding, programming, ad hoc R consultation and provision of a scalable high-performance computing environment	
Implementation of cumulative risk assessment of pesticides	
PRIMO (Pesticide Residue Intake Model) Revision 4	
OECD MetaPath: incorporation of pesticide residue data	
Framework for Problem Formulation	
Development a software tool for HLA-DQ peptide modelling specifically designed for celiac disease risk assessment purposes to be available in the EFSA website for public use.	

| Strategic objective	Indicative 2020 budget
Data collection Tracing	
Food & Feed classification	
EU efforts towards the development of a holistic approach for the RA on multiple stressors in bees	
Food and feed safety crisis-preparedness training	
EFSA's activities on emerging risks	
Update of the 2012 SC scientific opinion on the TTC	
Risk assessment methodology programme	
SO5 — Create an environment and culture that reflects EFSA's values	**EUR 7 438 000**
Main areas	
Information Management Programme (IMP): digital collaboration, New World of Work (NWOW), automation of regulated product workflows for EFSA food-sector areas, customer relationship management, crowdsourcing	
Expertise management programme (EMP)	
Library management services	
Consultancy costs relating to quality management	

2020 G&P: €26.6K

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Planned EFSA`s calls in 2020

EFSA regularly awards via **grant & procurement calls** projects that **contribute** to delivery of EFSA's mission in the areas of data collection, preparatory work for scientific opinions, other scientific and technical assistance.

Consult the **updated preview of forthcoming open calls** advertised on the EFSA website:2020 EFSA Scientific Cooperation plan: calls for tenders (procurement) and calls for proposals (grants), incl. the indicative call title, budget and timing for launch.

Infographic: Yes we grant!

Specific grants

Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA)
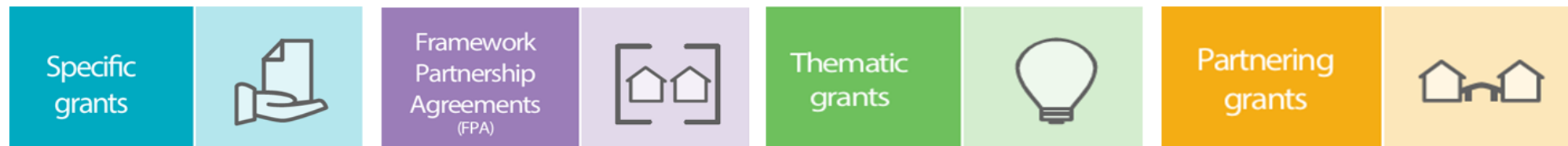
Thematic grants

Partnering grants

GP/EFSA/ENCO/2020/03 - Partnering grants
 Deadline: 24 July 2020

Consortia required

GP/EFSA/ENCO/2020/02 - Thematic grants: Preparedness for future challenges in specific areas of EFSA`s work
 Deadline: 30 June 2020

Consortia encouraged

GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2020/01 - Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant health Commodity risk assessment for High Risk Plants (plants for planting for ornamental purpose)
 Deadline: 29 May 2020

Deadline extended
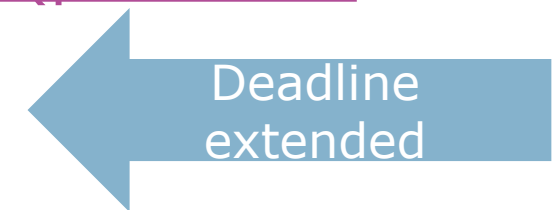
Partnering grants call, p. 8:

ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS

"In order to achieve the main objective of the Call, the proposal must be submitted by a consortium of a minimum of **two eligible organisations**, from **two different EU countries, Norway or Iceland**. One of the organisations must be identified in the proposal as the consortium leader (**applicant**). The applicant is responsible for identifying the other **consortium partner(s)**. Applicants may search for consortium partner(s) through: 1) their designated Article 36 organisation`s contact person having granted the access to the CompOrg-DB Tool[7] and/or 2) their respective EFSA national Focal Point[8] . EFSA national Focal Points are having the role to support and facilitate the creation of consortia acting as a networking interface between national organisations (e.g. having access to EFSA databases of contacts, project ideas and others networking activities facilitating MS engagement in fields of EFSA`s remit). "

7 https://efsa.force.com/competentorganisations/s/

8 http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/people/fpmembers

MS / FP – a key role to keep the List updated

✓ 2019 List renewal

| Org. provides info to FP | FP liaises with org., checks info | MS checks compliance of org. | FP inserts MS compliance check in tool | EFSA ensures org. meets criteria | Perm Rep designates org. | EFSA's MB decides on inclusion / non-inclusion | List is updated |
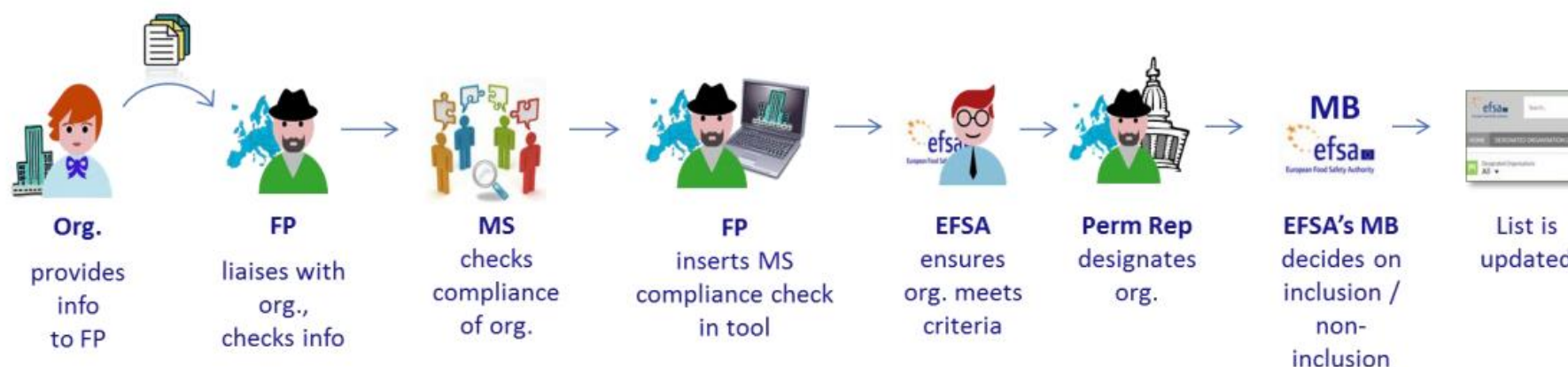
ongoing List update

Organisation / **Focal Point** / Member State (PermRep/Mission to the EU in Brussels)
EFSA / Administrator / Service Desk / Management Board

3 new FPs /29

EFSA Grant Calls Specifications

"Only applicable if the applicant or partner/s are not already included on the Art 36 list of competent organisations:

The evidence that an organisation has taken "*the necessary steps for inclusion*" in the List of competent organisations designated by MS **prior the deadline of the call** is the creation of the "**initial Assessment Request**" by the Admin Contact Person of the organisation in the online CompOrg-tool before the call deadline. Practically to reach that stage it means that the interested applying organisation has completed the following **3 steps**:

1. contacted EFSA national Focal Point (FP) and provided it with the requested information for assessment of their compliance with the criteria for inclusion in the List;
2. answered (if any) additional request(s) for information, on which base the respective FP could have positively concluded their assessment against the criteria of inclusion;
3. accessed actively the newly created profile/account of the organisation in the tool online, and specifically:
   a. inserted the **contact details** of the organisation (also per competences)
   b. b. generated the "**initial Assessment Request**", what would bring the workflow in the tool to the FP level.

Step 3 can only be performed when access has been granted to a nominated individual within the applicant organisation, a so called "Admin. Contact Person", who is assigned licence/user access credentials to the tool (initiated by Focal Point, via EFSA Service Desk).
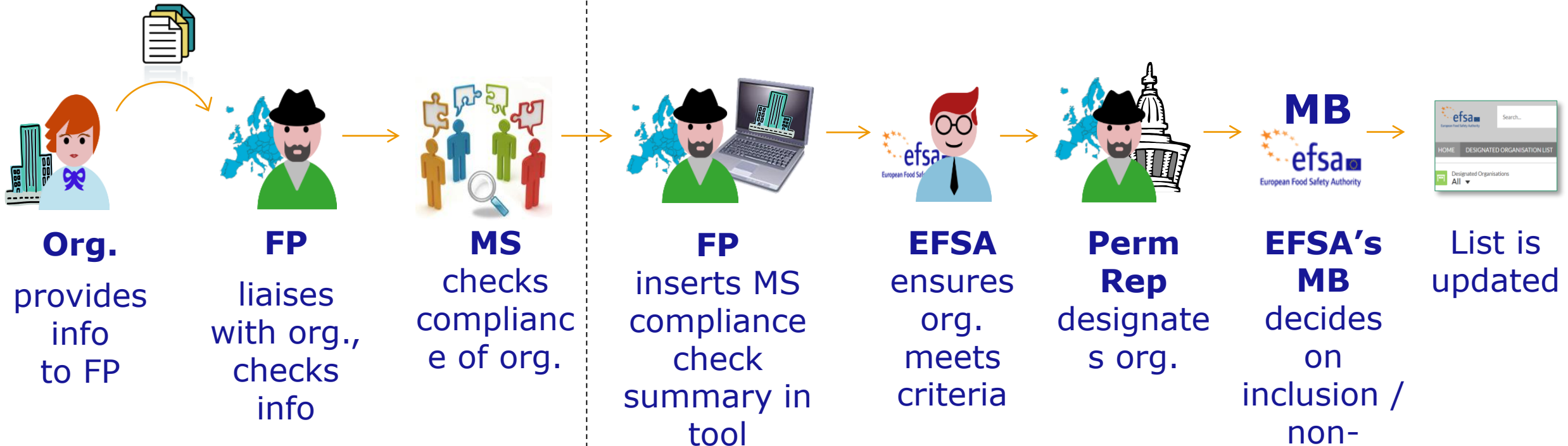
Applicants should initiate this procedure as early as possible to allow completion of all 3 steps by the call deadline. "

Inclusion process of a new organisation

Completed before the **call deadline**
Step 1 → Step 2 → Step 3

To-be-completed / List inclusion
before **signature** of grant

Org.
provides info to FP

FP
liaises with org., checks info

MS
checks compliance of org.

FP
inserts MS compliance check summary in tool

EFSA
ensures org. meets criteria

Perm Rep
designates org.

EFSA's MB
decides on inclusion / non-

List is updated

Steps at national level out of the tool

Steps supported by / tracked in the tool

TEAMS

Channel: Competent Organisations

Files

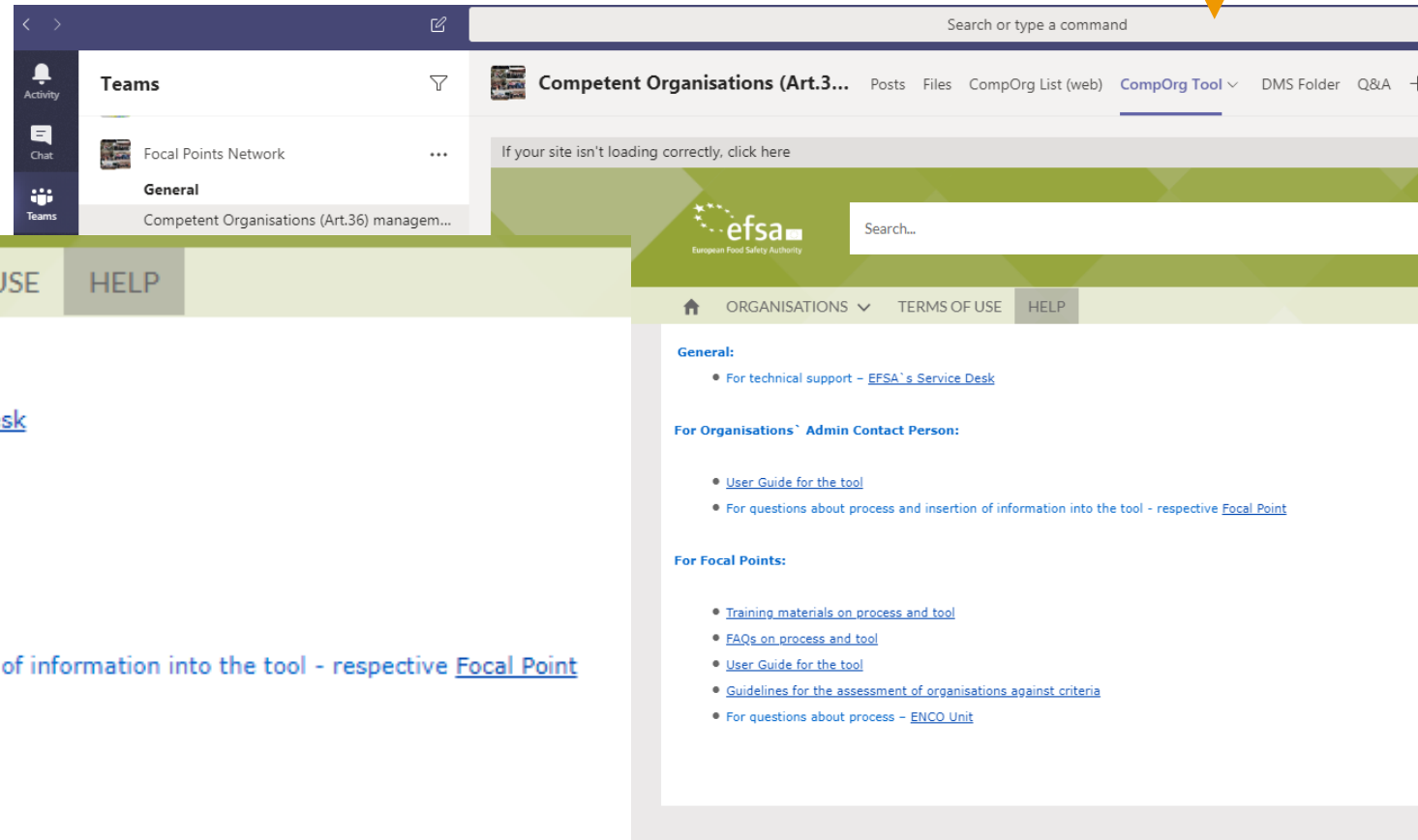Folder: TIM searches

3 reports

Link to the folder `Tim searches`:

https://teams.microsoft.com/_#/files/Competent%20Organisations%20(Art.36)%20management?threadId=19%3A1efcd0423e1841e1aeaea1a837f5f3f6%40thread.skype&ctx=channel&context=TIM%2520searches&rootfolder=%252Fsites%252FFocalPointsNetwork%252FShared%2520Documents%252FArt.36%2520-%2520exchange%2520of%2520views%252FTIM%2520searches

Support material also via the CompOrg tool

via **EFSA website**

in **Teams** (Office 365) **CompOrg channel**

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