



Preparation towards **RARA2020**

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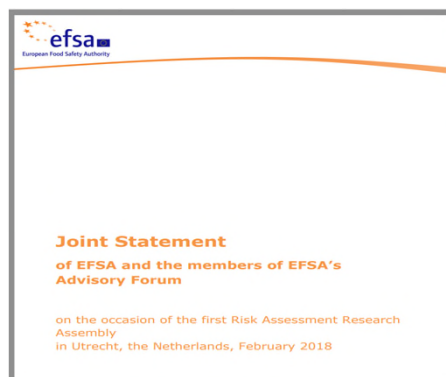
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Joint statement AF - EFSA



<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/180206>

In view of the above, EFSA and its Advisory Forum wish to declare their commitment to supporting the European Research Area by:

- Stimulating new partnerships in food safety risk assessment
- Supporting the formation of research consortia, for example through the network of EFSA national Focal Points
- Informing the setting of research agendas based on the knowledge and research gaps identified in risk assessments
- Offering the regulatory science context that assesses the latest scientific findings to inform policy decisions
- Maintaining operational scientific networks with representatives from all Member States that identify knowledge gaps and establish partnerships
- Being active partners in international cooperation
- Training and enabling the mobility of researchers
- Contributing to Open Data portals and improving data interoperability, advancing the application of machine learning and artificial intelligence

*The AF invites the Commission services and national research policy makers and funding programmes to **use the outcomes of the RARA to inform their future research agenda setting activities.***

*Furthermore, EFSA and the AF **call for more public investment in food safety research, including the formation of strategic partnerships in the area of food safety,** such as European Joint Programmes, European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs), and other initiatives.*

ToR Programme Committee - Tasks



- Programme Committee will direct preparation of the 2nd Risk Assessment Research Assembly (RARA). Specific tasks include:
 - Agreeing objectives, venue, date, length and format of the event
 - Developing the programme of the event and identifying key actors (e.g. involving the relevant national, regional & EU research agenda setters / funders and the wider risk assessment community (e.g. Article 36 organisations, academia).
 - Preparing supporting actions to the event (e.g. a renewed AF statement)
 - Review outputs from the event and make recommendations for a future event.

- In addition to the preparation tasks for the RARA event, the Programme Committee may be used as a sounding board for food safety research related matters.

Objectives RARA2020



- **Building synergies** to enable regulatory research outputs to support the achievement of the SDGs
- **Foster alignment** of EU and national (and regional) R&I investments to deliver research outputs that inform regulatory science and future policies
- **Networking and relationship building** in the wider food safety risk assessment ecosystem

- **Target audience**

- Wider food safety community / scientists
- New actors from (sustainable) food systems
- EU / Regional / National funders
- Competent authorities (i.e. Article 36 organisations)
- Open to all interested

- **Format:** 1-day Networking event / satellite mtgs.

- **Venue:** Milan or Bologna

- **Date:** End November / 1st week December 2020
(back-to-back with AF & FP and 3 first cohorts of EUFORA fellow meetings)