

# Welcome and introduction to EFSA

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- **Set up in 2002 following a series of food crises – Reg. (EC) 178/2002**
- **Independent source of scientific advice i.e. responsible for Risk Assessment and Risk Communication on risks associated to food chain**
- **Goal to be recognised as European reference body for risk assessment**

## Scientific Committee (SC)

### Mainly opinions on applications

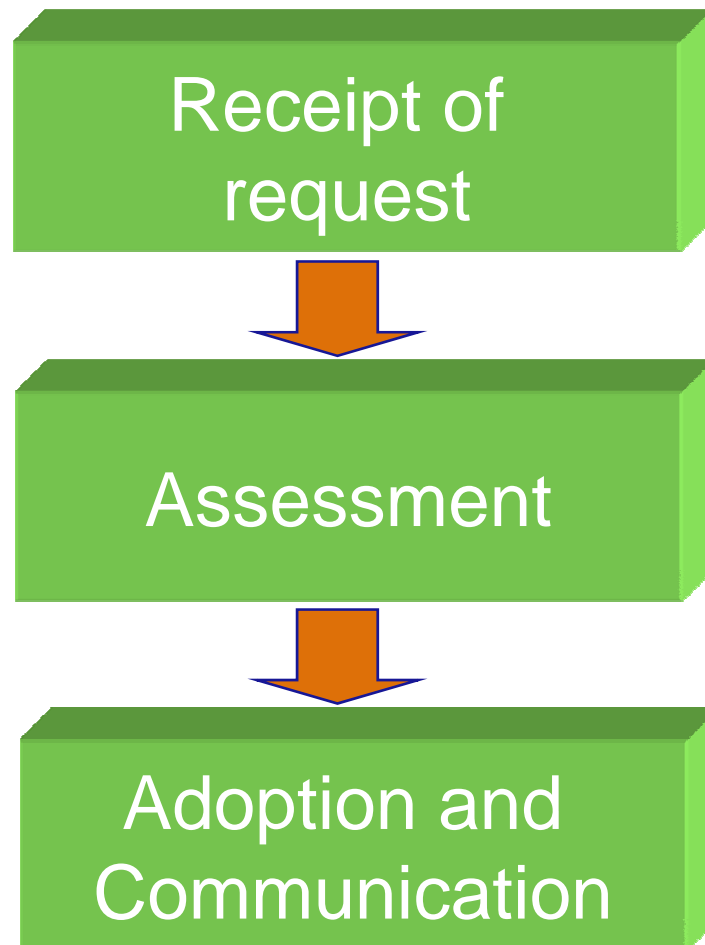
- Food additives and nutrient sources (ANS)
- Food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings (CEF)
- Feed additives (FEEDAP)
- Genetically modified organisms (GMO)
- Nutrition (NDA)
- Plant protection products (PPR) and PRAPeR unit

### Mainly generic opinions

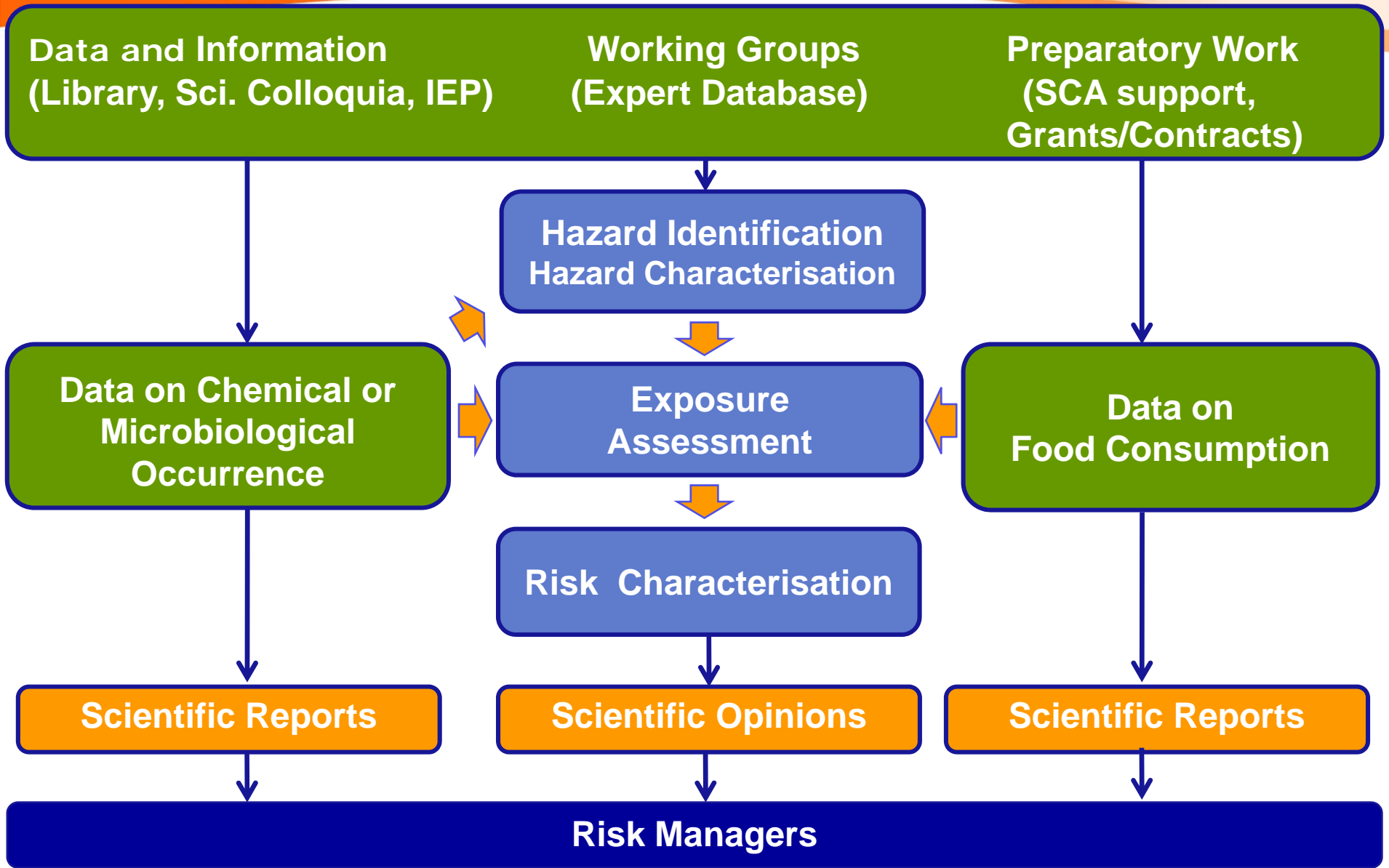
- Biological hazards (BIOHAZ)
- Contaminants (CONTAM)
- Plant health (PLH)
- Animal health and welfare (AHAW)



# Overview of workflow on scientific opinions



# Workflow: Support



# Mandate of the EFSA on Emerging Risks

## REGULATION (EC) No 178/2002 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 28 January 2002

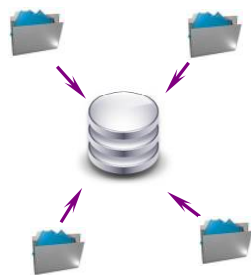
Laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety

### Article 34

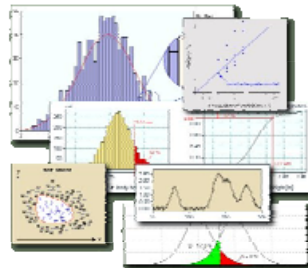
#### Identification of emerging risks

1. The Authority shall establish **monitoring** procedures for systematic searching for, **collecting**, **collating** and **analysing** information and data **with a view to the identification of emerging risks** in the fields within its mission.

Collecting and collating



Analyse and filter



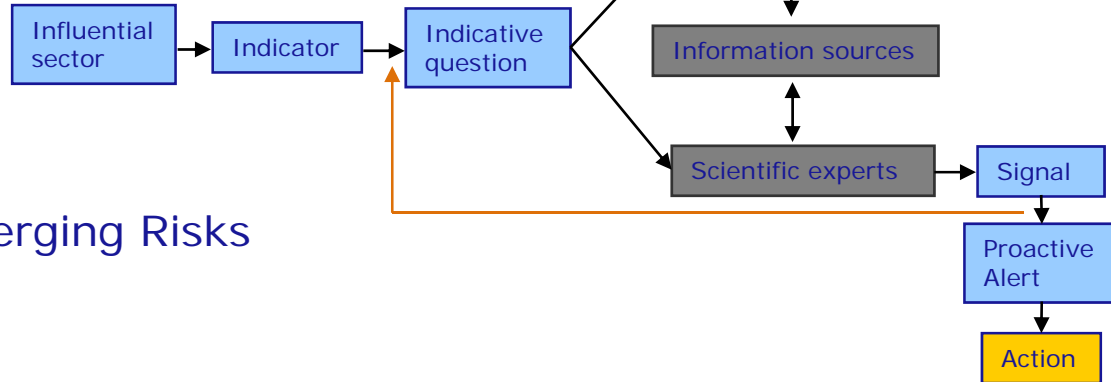
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# History

## Timeline

2006

EMRISK Project



SC Opinion on Emerging Risks

2007

EFSA Adopts Emerging Risk Definition



ESCO Working Group on Emerging Risks

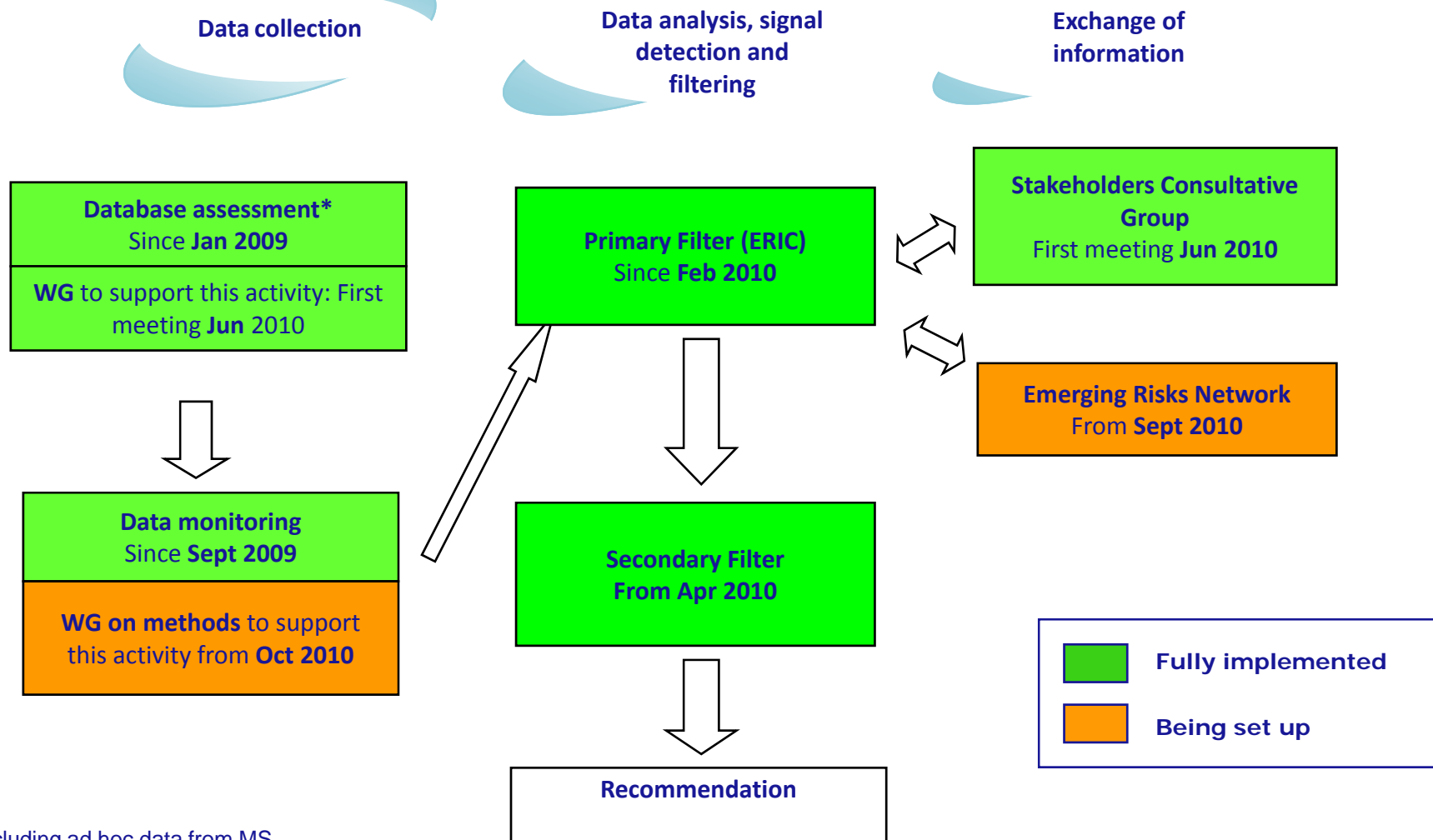


2008

Emerging Risks Unit



# Implementation



\*Including ad hoc data from MS



# Expert Database – Sign up today

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**EFSA Expert**



## Sign up and be an EFSA expert

- Want to make a difference to EU food safety?
- Contribute to EU risk assessment?
- Value high profile networking with peers?
- Driven by excellence?

EFSA invites leading scientists to sign up to its new expert database.

EFSA is the European Union's scientific risk assessment body on food and feed safety, nutrition, animal health and welfare, plant health and protection.

EFSA, in cooperation with Member States, has decided to set up a database of external scientific experts able to assist its Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels, EFSA networks

and respective working groups. EFSA will draw on this database to find experts to help deliver high-quality, independent and timely scientific advice.

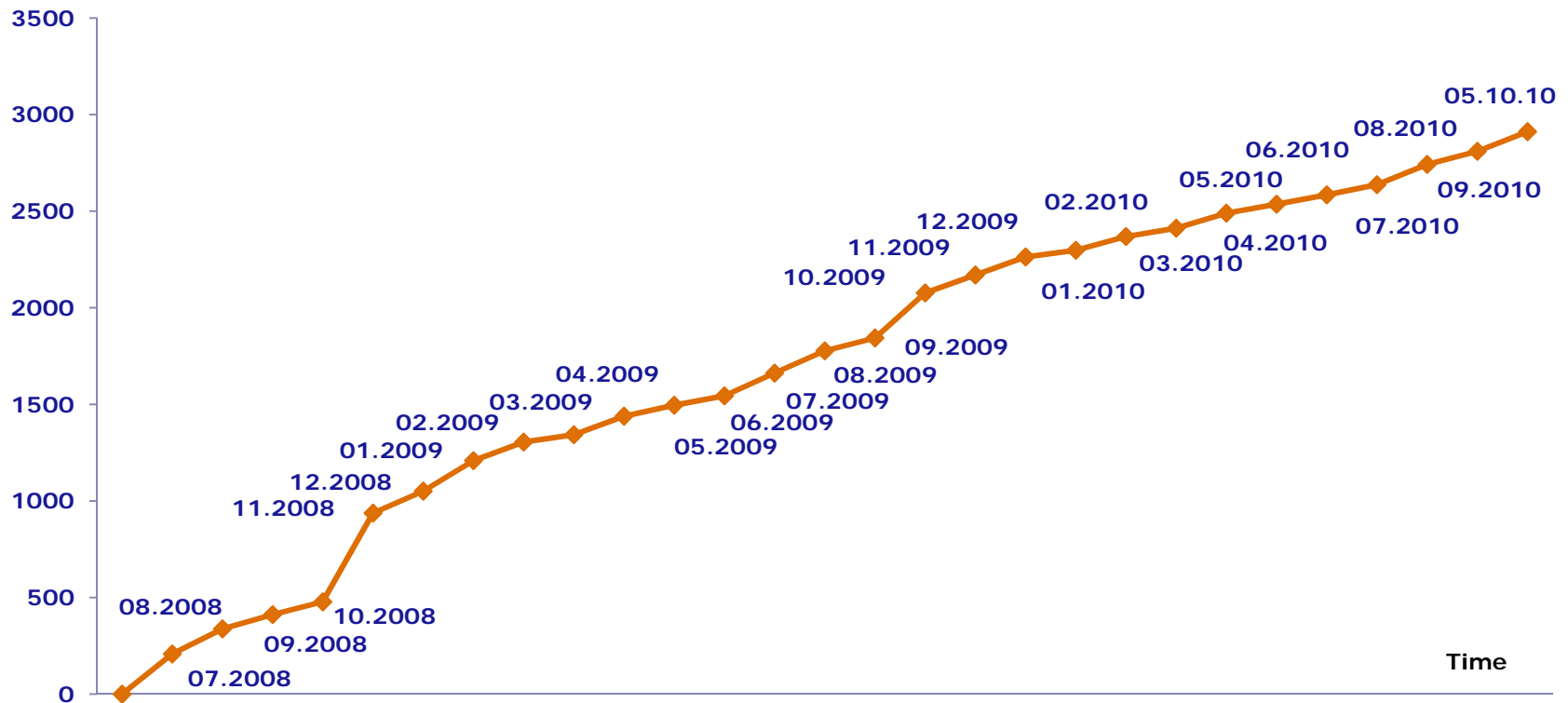
You can be part of that team of top scientists helping EFSA support Europe's decision makers in ensuring that Europe's food is safe.

### How can I apply?

Simply visit the EFSA website and fill in the form at [www.efsa.europa.eu](http://www.efsa.europa.eu)

## Application forms received as of 05/10/2010: 2912

No. Applications





Thank you for sharing your expertise, and  
wishing you a fruitful and open debate

**Grazie per la vostra attenzione!**