

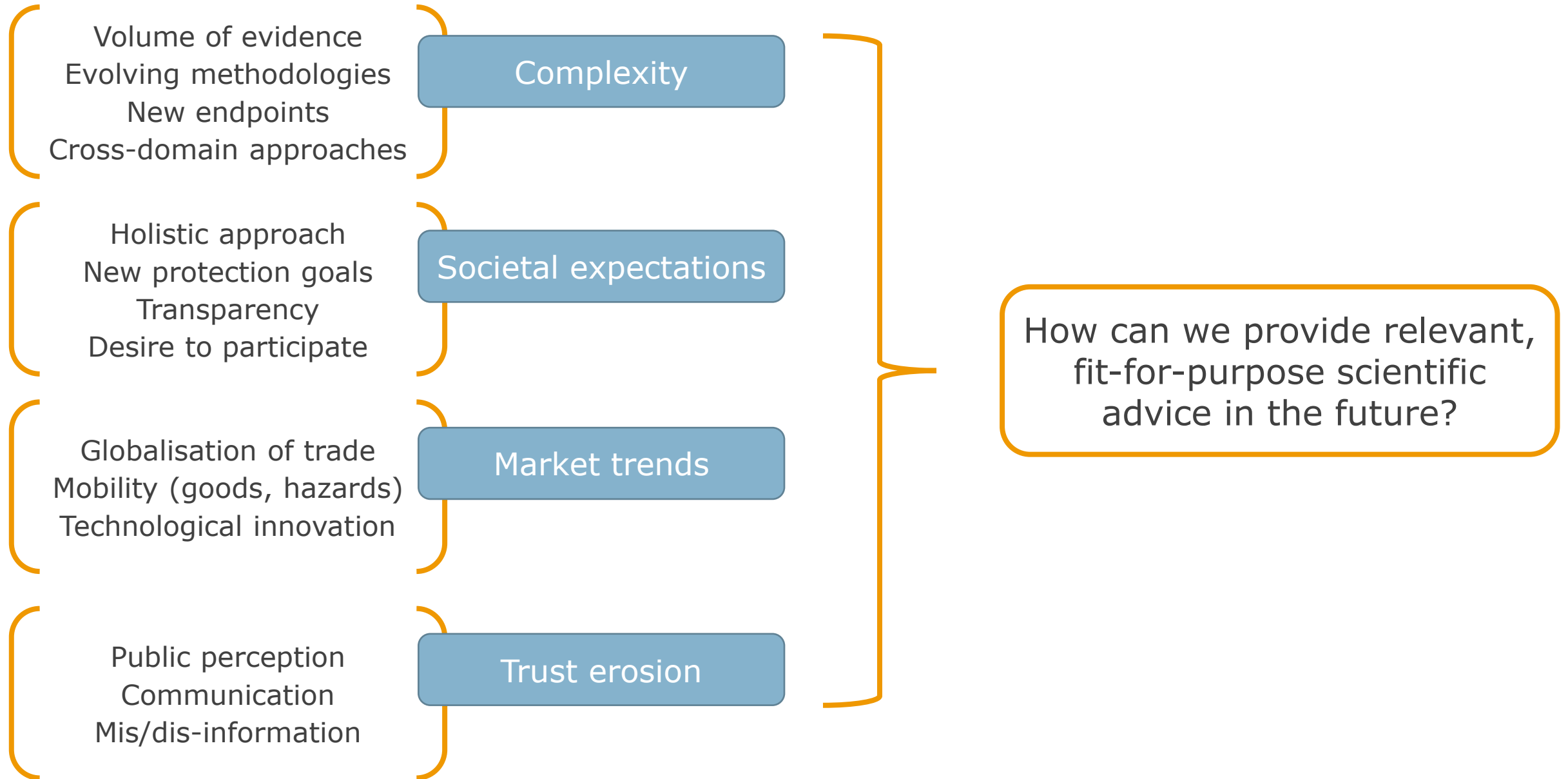
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# Update on partnerships

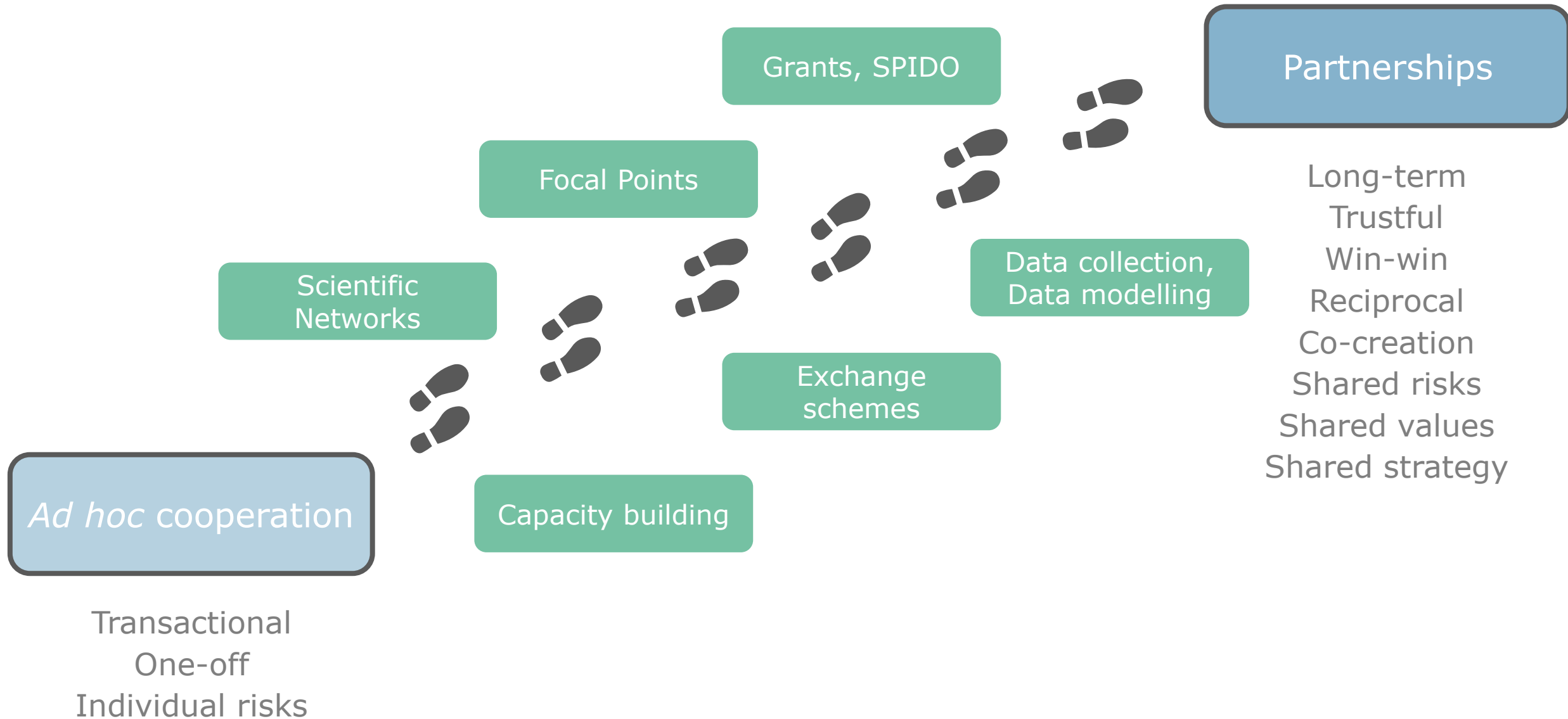
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# Challenges ahead of us



# Staying relevant together



- **AF DG on Future of Partnerships**
- **Update on survey to Article 36 organisations**
- **Update on pilots**

# A new partnership approach



# AF Discussion Group on the 'Future of Partnerships'

- Overall role: High-level advice; Sounding Board
- Scope of work:
  - Strengthen the sustainability of the RA system
    - Joint RA culture
    - Strengthening RA institutional competences
    - Sharing knowledge, tools, expertise
  - Improve engagement rate for MS organisations
  - Increase responsiveness to expertise needs
  - Ensure support for partnerships from the Focal Point network
- Co-chairs: FR, EFSA
- Next meeting: 10 March 2021



Further refinement of scope is possible

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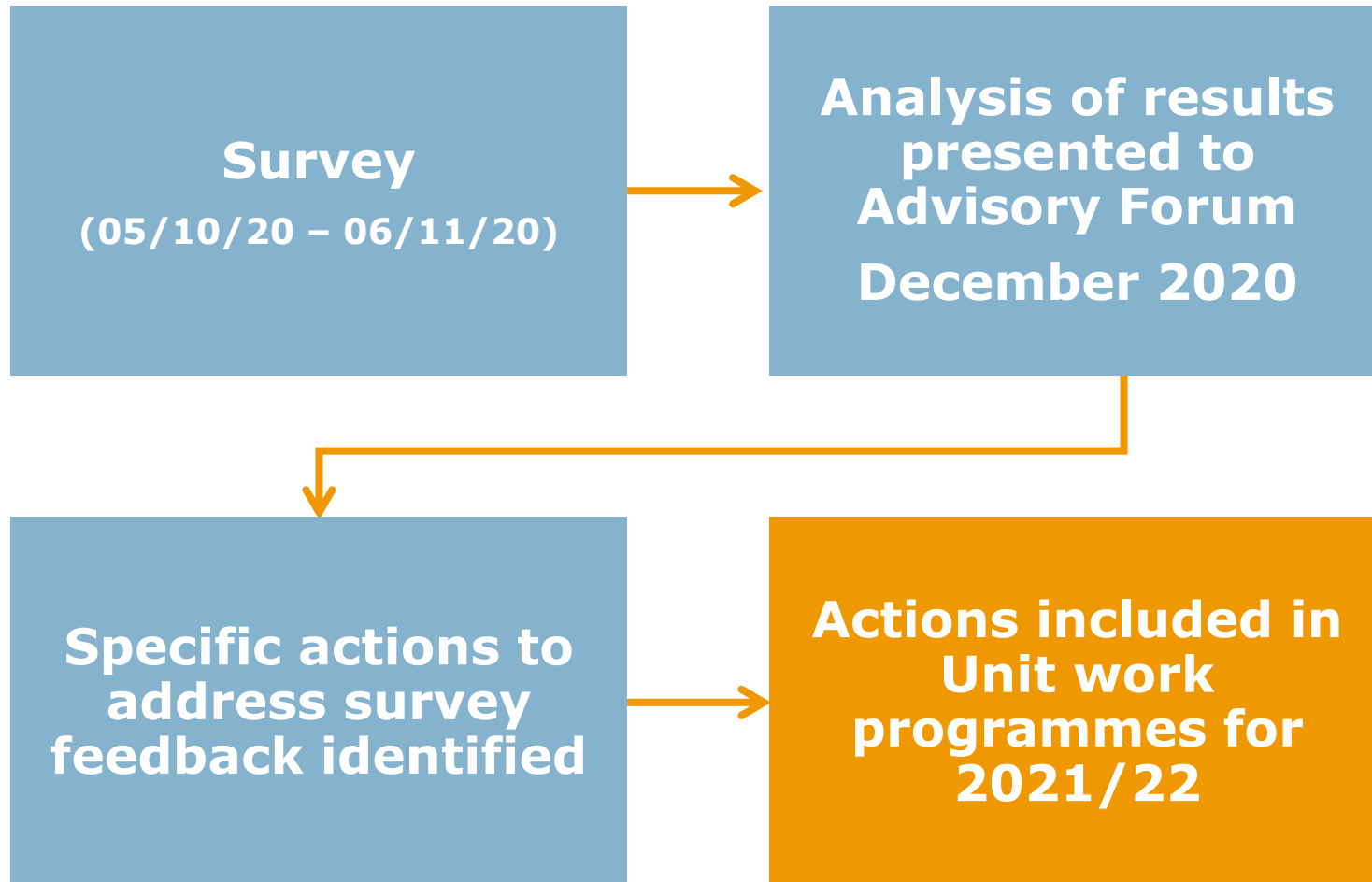
# Update on survey to Article 36 organisations

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# Update on Article 36 survey follow-up





# Actions leading to.....

Facilitate strategic alignment of EFSA & Article 36 activities

Leaner application process & reduced admin burden for EFSA calls

Improved dissemination of call information

More attractive expert scheme

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# EFSA and MS Partnership on Food Enzyme Safety Assessment: update

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## Science definition

- ✓ Guidance and data harmonization - 2021 (see next slide)



## Contractual definition

- Financial instrument, legal aspects, duration, etc. - 2021
- Terms of reference - tbd



## Operational definition

- Modality agreement
- Staff training/exchange
- Dossier evaluation trial

# MS Participation to new ENZ Guidance

## Modality:

- ❑ Dedicated consultation of MS via nominated experts

## Steps:

- ✓ AF members express interest to participate (by 20.11.2020),
- ✓ Interested MS nominates one scientist per country (by 20.12.2020),
- ✓ EFSA consults the MS experts via a dedicated technical meeting (11 & 15.01.2021),
  - Draft guidance go to public consultation (March – May 2021),
  - ❑ MS experts will be invited to the stakeholder events (June 2021),
  - Guidance adoption (Sept or Nov 2021)
- ❑ EFSA will invite experts from this group, upon needs, to join the ENZ working group.

*Very positive*

## Long-term objective:

- ❑ Partnership between EFSA and MSs for EU-wide RA capacity to meet the demand of innovation

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# EFSA and MS collaboration on Novel foods safety assessment

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# Partnership model on novel foods: recap

- Organisations from **one Member state** or a **consortium from more Member States** put together the necessary expertise to carry out the draft assessment
- One organisation acts as **coordinator**
- Financial compensation by EFSA through **dedicated grant** (↑co-financing)
- **Collaboration with EFSA** along the risk assessment process
- Assessment in line with EFSA guidance documents, DoI management, confidentiality and IT security
- **NDA Panel** finalises and adopts the opinion
- Contributors will appear as **authors** in the final output

- Following presentation to the AF meeting and to the Novel foods Network meeting EFSA received **five expression of interests**  
**Croatia, France, Germany, Greece and Spain**
- EFSA will start consultation with the interested parties to **co-design a proposal for partnership model**  
[March-June 2021]
- Launch of **call for partnering grant** [summer 2021, tbc]
  - Open to all member states



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