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Partnership in the making - Sourcing Task Force

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Trusted science for safe food

The Transparency Regulation (EU) 2019/1381, within its sustainability pillar, created:

- the opportunity and the need for EFSA to broaden the expertise available and increase the Member States national authorities' contributions
- more financial resource allocated to EFSA

The expectation from EFSA to deliver sound scientific advice in a responsive manner remains, even with increasing number and complexity of mandates.

- All these factors converge to strengthen partnerships

The strategy ambitions for partnership

- Risk assessment will be performed in an **ecosystem of actors**, empowered by knowledge, evidence and expertise of diverse actors, facilitated by online platforms that will stimulate exchanges and interactions among them;
- Partnerships with competent organizations in the MS, EU bodies, international actors and others will be important in having **an EU RA system that is fit-for-purpose, responsive, innovative, sustainable, resilient and trusted**;
- We will work with our partners in the MS, and others as may be needed, to **evolve our partnership approach**, building on the strengths of the current system, leveraging opportunities, investing on online platforms, systems and initiatives that promote and support a **joint EU RA culture**.



Refining the approach

Close-focused
Project-oriented

Far-focused
Concept-oriented

Pilot projects

Lessons learnt

PARTNERSHIPS

Ideas identified

Internal/
External
discussion

Sourcing
Task Force

From specific needs & cases to standard practice

From high-level proposals to pilot implementation

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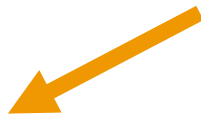
- Since 2016 45 Framework Partnership Agreements (4 years)
- 24 FPA active
- 6 new FPA launched up to May 2021
- On-going discussion between EFSA Enzymes Team and ANSES for partnering on enzymes safety



EFSA **sourcing task force**, which will:

- develop a sustainable sourcing model for EFSA
- aiming at establishing long-term contracts as foundation for long-term partnerships
- contribute to the implementation of the long-term vision of transforming EFSA operation

- The task at hand is to **find the right partners**, individual **experts** and **organisations**, and develop partnerships for food safety risk assessment.
- The task force will develop the sourcing opportunities for scientific work (evaluation of regulated products, scientific advice and scientific development projects).
- Both core business and developmental needs will be supported
- How? bringing extra expertise inside and sharing work outside:



**Sourcing-in
additional individual
expertise**

**Contracts with external
partners**

Mapping and analysis of sourcing needs (expertise and capacity/capability)

Refine/rationalise sourcing tools catalogue and optimise existing tools when opportune

Piloting a selection of sourcing initiatives

WP1

WP2

WP3

WP4

WP5

WP6

Identify capabilities/capacity with organisations and individuals and explore alternative search mechanisms/tools

Develop sourcing process

Develop a communication and change management plan, including training

Nutrition
Feed
Scientific Committee & Emerging Risks
Assessment & Methodological Support
Biological Hazards & Contaminants
Evidence Management
SPIDO
Animal & Plant Health
Pesticides Residues
Food Ingredients & Packaging
Pesticide Peer Review
Genetically Modified Organisms
Applications Desk

A word cloud visualization centered around the terms "Data" and "management". The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with "Data" and "management" being the largest and most prominent. Other words include: Appraisal, Crowdsourcing, Subscription, Assessment, Surveillance, Flackathon, Intelligence, Search, Quality, Strategy, Extraction, Preparation, Collection, Citizen, Model, Summary, Screening, Methodology, Artificial, Systematic, Problem, Project, Writing, Scoping, Review, Research, Report, Spread, Statistics, Pilot, Tool, Repository, Script, Website, Consultation, Source, Opinion, Literature, Ideation, Generation, Horizon, Analysis, Software, Open, Studies, General, Database, Support, Survey, Categorisation, Expertise, Graphics, Evaluation, Configuration, Characterisation, Interoperability, Implementation, Exercise, Model.

Categories

- Risk Assessment
- Data and database
- Guidance development
- Tool development
- Exposure
- Model and methodology development
- Statistics
- Artificial intelligence

Topics

- Nutrition
- GMO
- Pesticides
- Animal health
- Plant health
- Novel food
- Additives
- Flavourings
- Emerging risks
- Zoonosis
- Genome Sequence
- Food consumption
- etc

- Pesticides peer review and peer-review process coordination
- Public consultations comments' management
- Nutrient Upper Levels
- Food additives re-evaluation risk assessment
- Feed additives risk assessment

Partnership agreements can well suit the identified topics considering:

- the complex and strategic nature of the topics
- volume of work
- common interest in the topics

Take home message



Task Force is the EFSA operational arm (bottom-up) to explore and initiate successful partnership agreements



Boost-up the volume, value and speed of sourcing initiatives



Raise awareness and interest in the scientific areas in which partnership could be fostered



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