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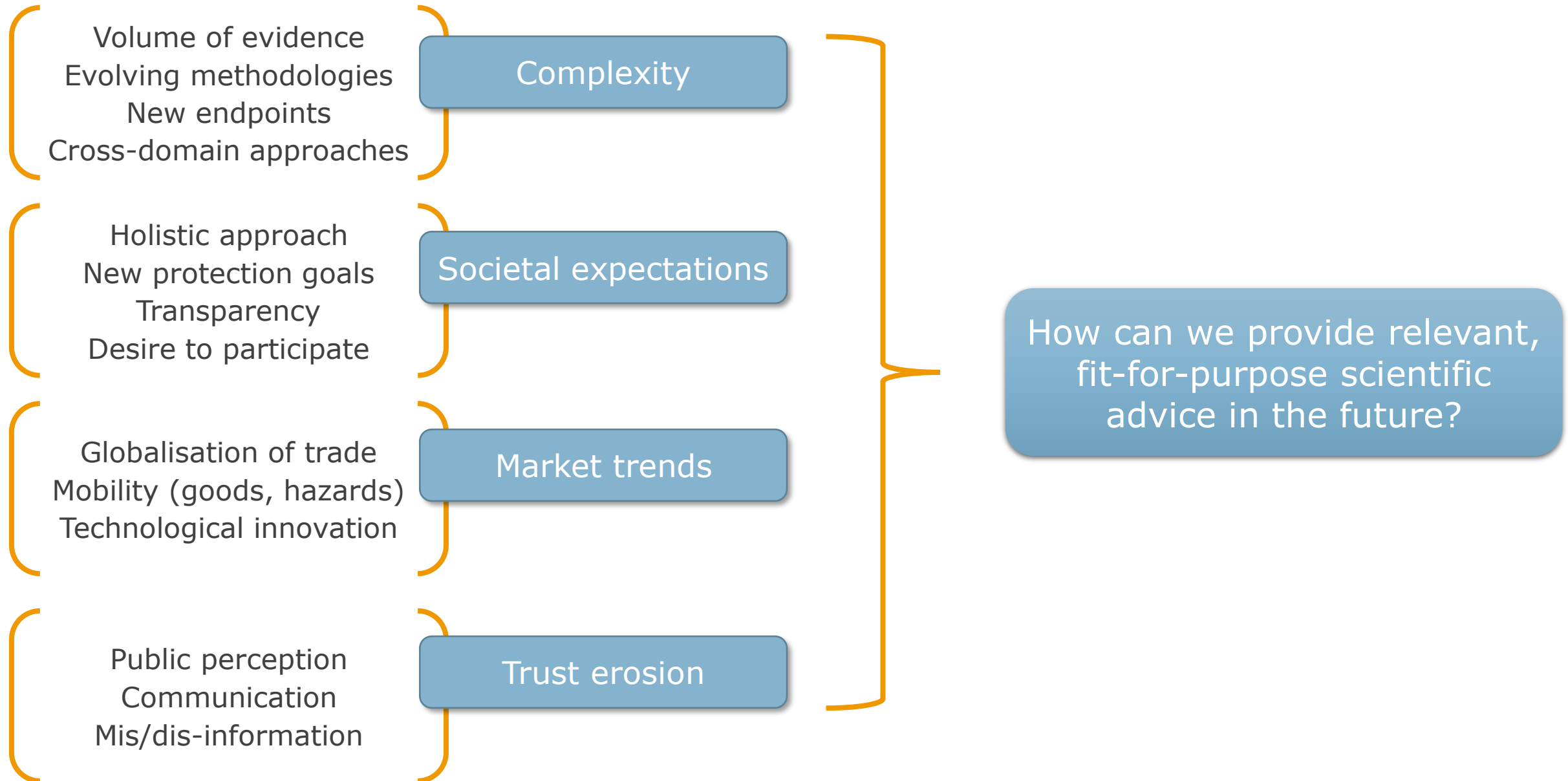
Partnerships in the EFSA Strategy 2027

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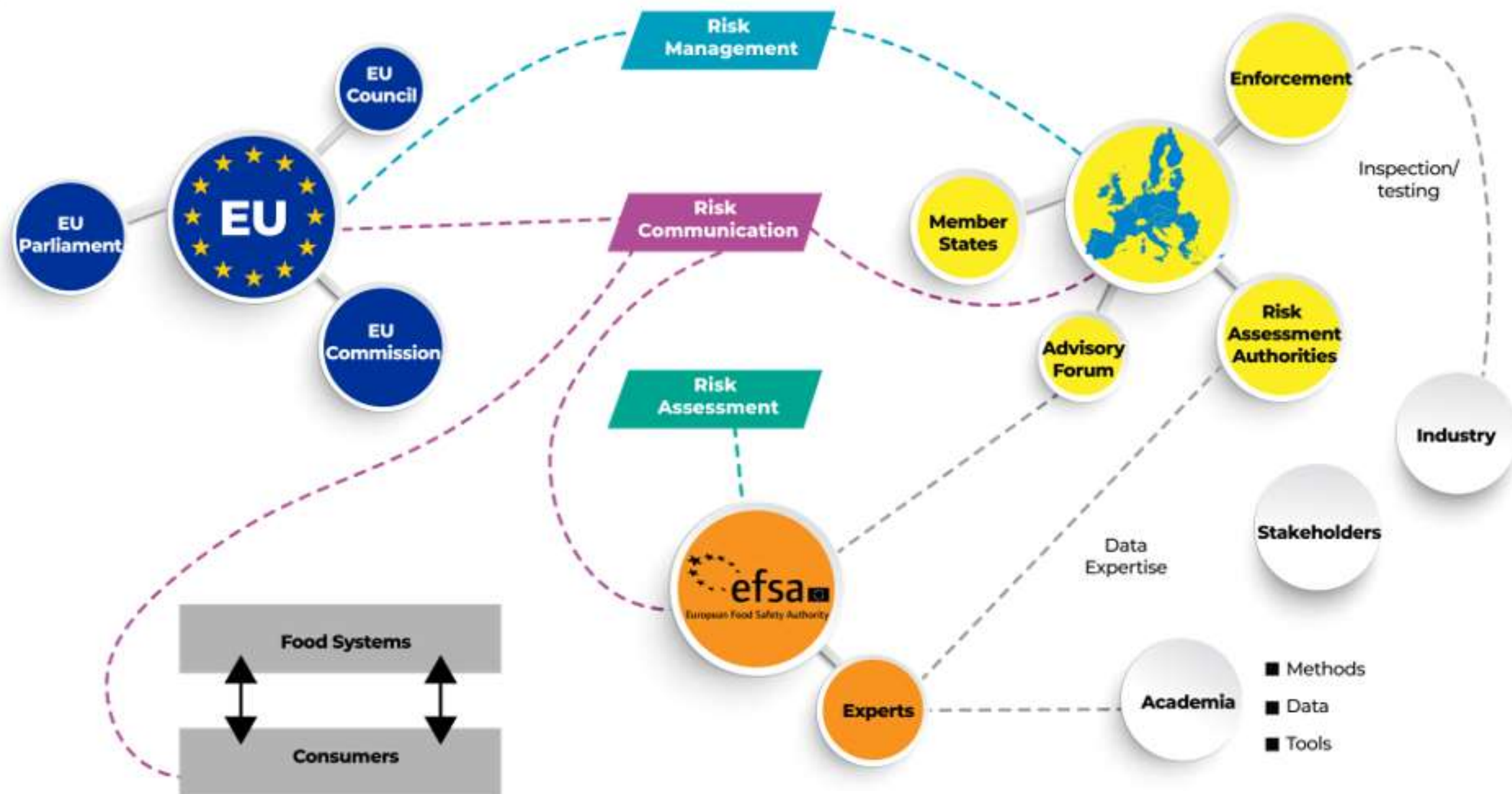
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Trusted science for safe food

Challenges ahead of us



European food safety system



A new partnership approach

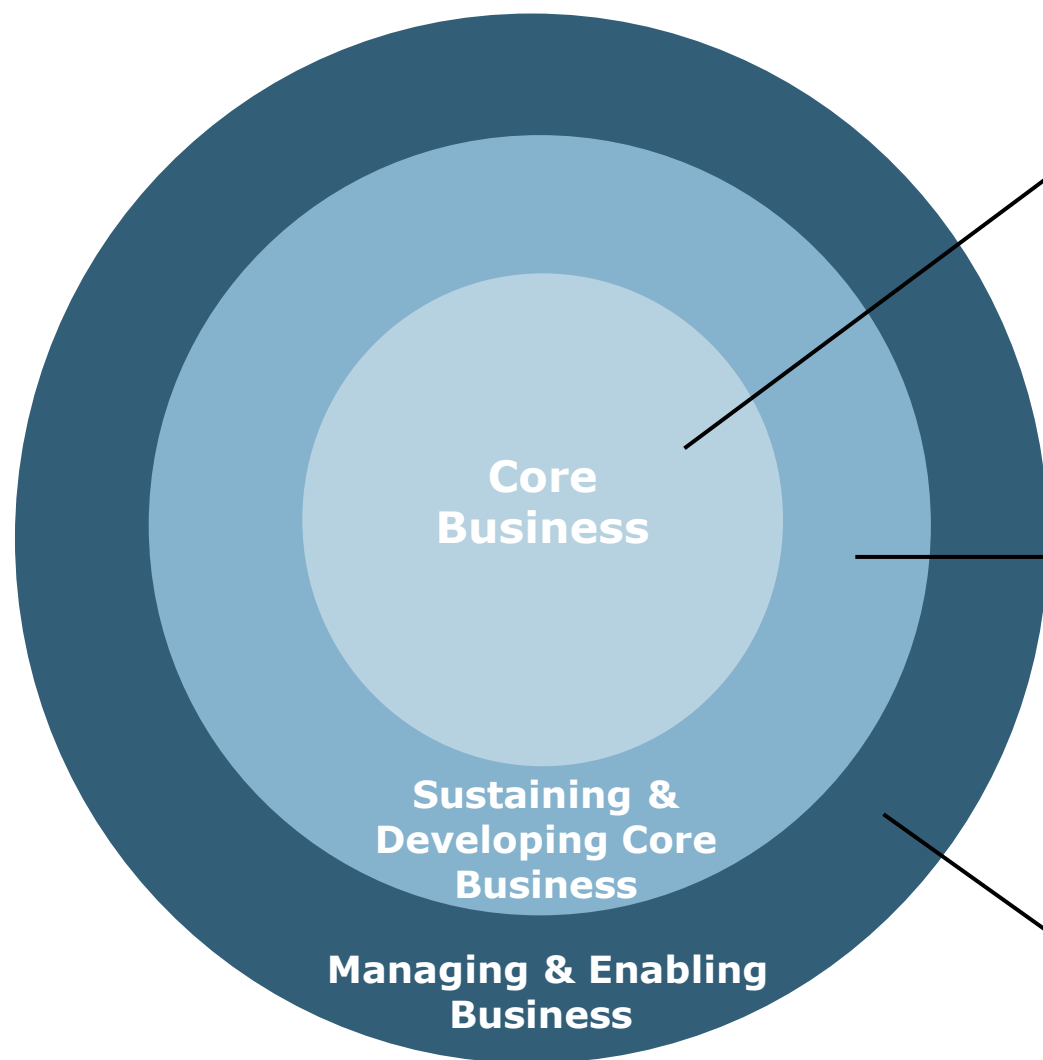
Mandates

P A R T N E R S H I P S

Scientific
opinions

Digital Platforms to share knowledge & evidence;
Engagement framework & **mechanisms**;
**Capacity building; Networking & Scientific
Cooperation** in the EU and beyond; Etc.

Strategic Objectives of EFSA 2027



SO1: Deliver trustworthy scientific advice and communication of risks from farm to fork

SO2: Ensure preparedness for future risk analysis needs

SO3: Empower people and ensure organisational agility

Expected Outcome 1.1

Increased relevance and improved reputation of EFSA's scientific advice

EO 1.1.1

Assessments for regulated products are delivered with quality and efficiently

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- Apply broadened engagement of partners and stakeholders based on openness and transparency (TR)
- Make use of wider, improved and new data streams
- [...]

EO 1.1.2

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SO2: Ensure preparedness for future risk analysis needs

Expected Outcome 2.1

Increased risk analysis capabilities (knowledge, expertise, methodologies and data) to maintain relevance for the future

EOR 2.1.1

Harmonised risk assessment culture, with the necessary knowledge and expertise, is ensured at EU level

- Develop **strategic and operational partnerships** with MS competent organisations and EU Agencies to boost the sustainability of the risk assessment system (TR)
- Support the function and expansion of networks and partnerships through **platforms**, which will facilitate information, data and knowledge sharing, and will enable communication and cooperation with other actors of the regulatory ecosystem
- Provide EU **capacity building** and competency management & development actions in close cooperation with MS and EU Agencies (TR)
- [...]

EOR 2.1.2

The quality and scale of crisis preparedness and the identification of emerging risks is improved

EOR 2.1.3

The quality of scientific guidance and methodologies is improved to address future challenges

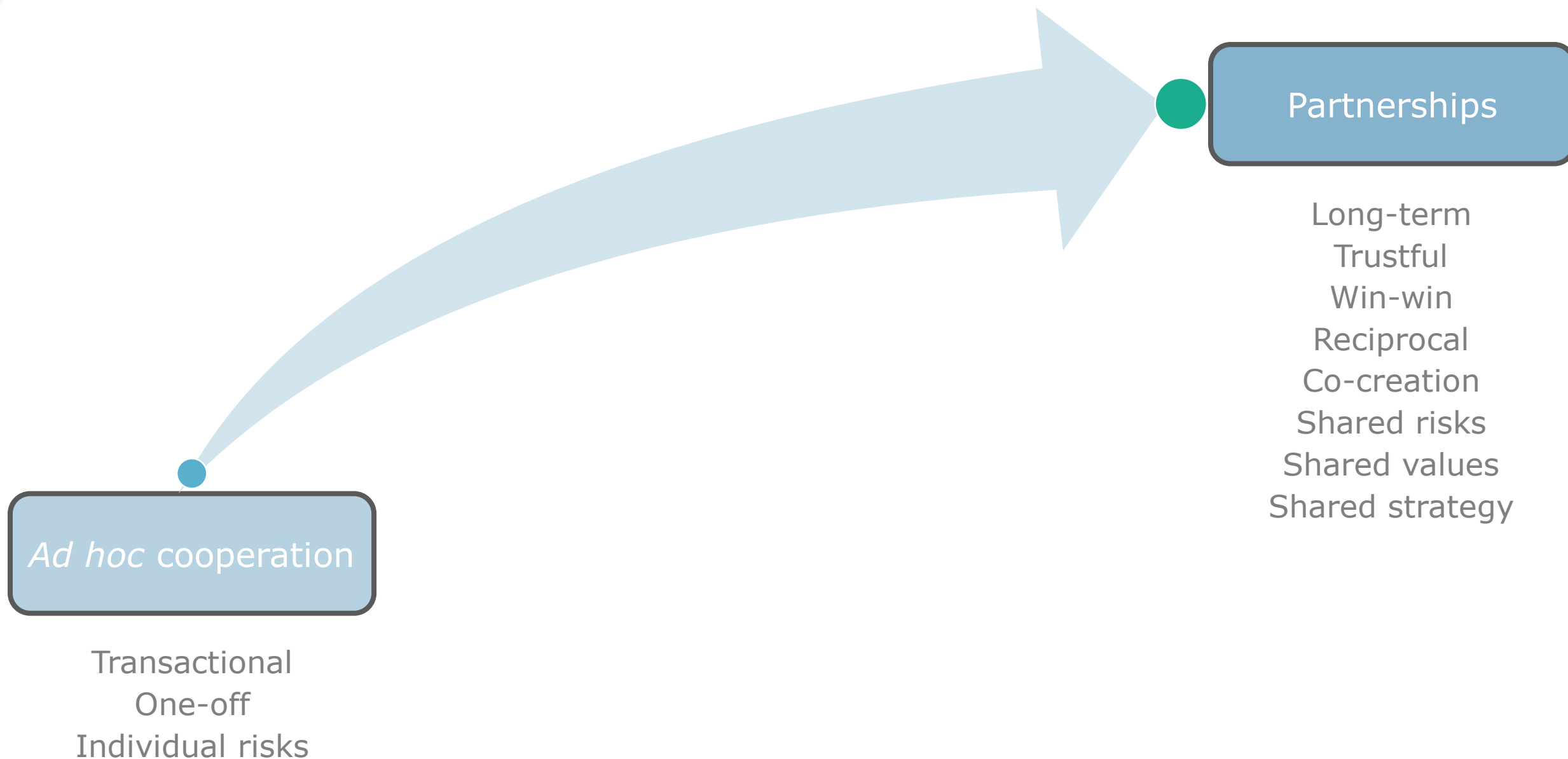
EOR 2.1.4

Preparedness for future regulatory and policy needs addressing the EU Farm to Fork, Biodiversity and Chemical strategies is ensured

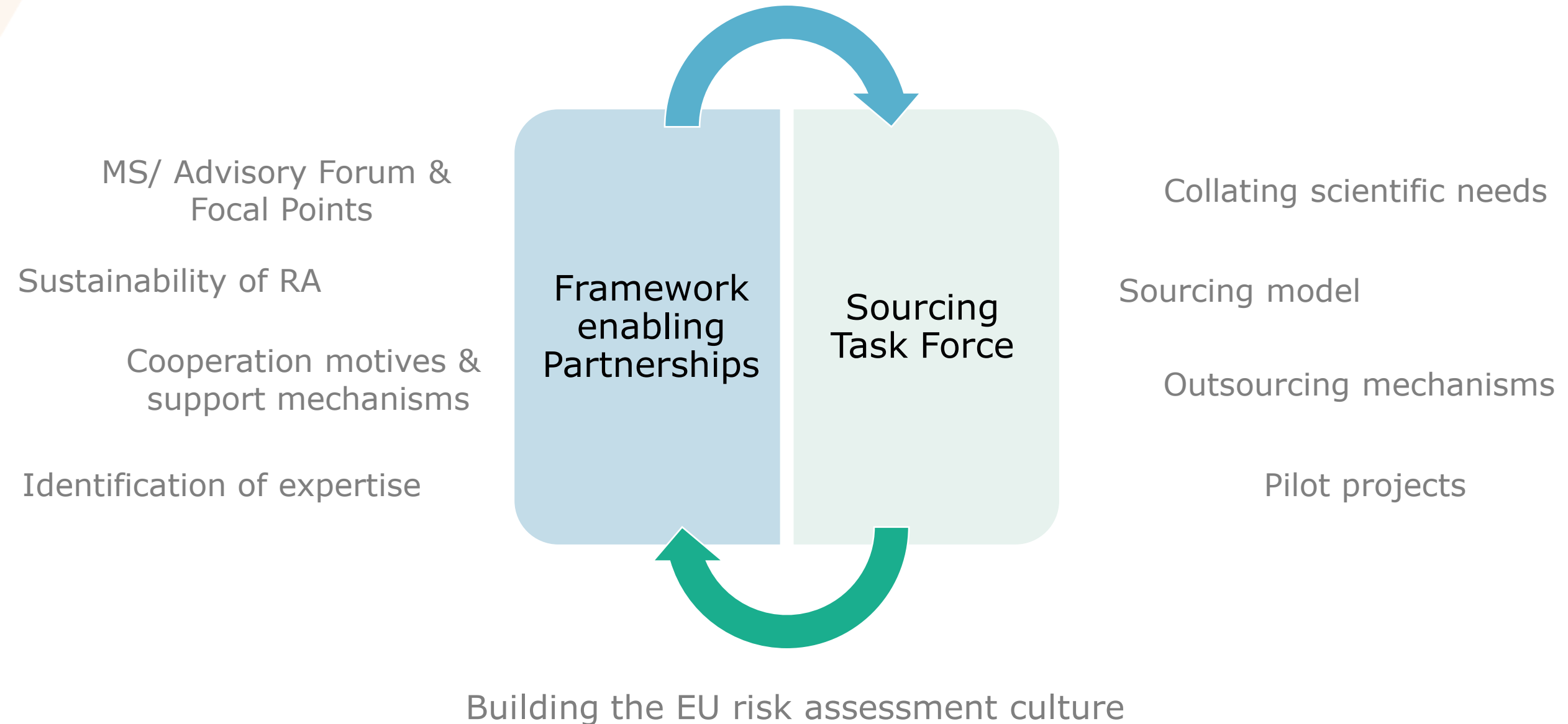
EOR 2.1.5

Wider access to and broader exploitation of data and analytics is achieved

Characteristics of Partnerships



How do we build the 'Partnerships' approach?



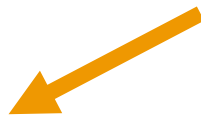
- Since 2016 45 Framework Partnership Agreements (4 years)
- 24 FPAs active
- 6 new FPAs launched up to May 2021
- On-going discussion between EFSA Enzymes Team and ANSES for partnering on enzymes safety



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

Clustering of support needs

Scientific Units

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

Overview of needs and topics



- Assessments
- Literature search
- Risk assessment methodology development / refinement
- Sequencing
- Statistics
- Tool development (GIS-based)

- 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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