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# International Workshop on Risk Assessment of Combined Exposure to Multiple Chemicals

## Welcome

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The reference body for risk assessment of food and feed in the European Union. Its work covers the entire food chain – from field to fork



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# What EFSA does



Provides independent scientific advice and support for EU risk managers and policy makers on food and feed safety



Provides independent, timely risk communication

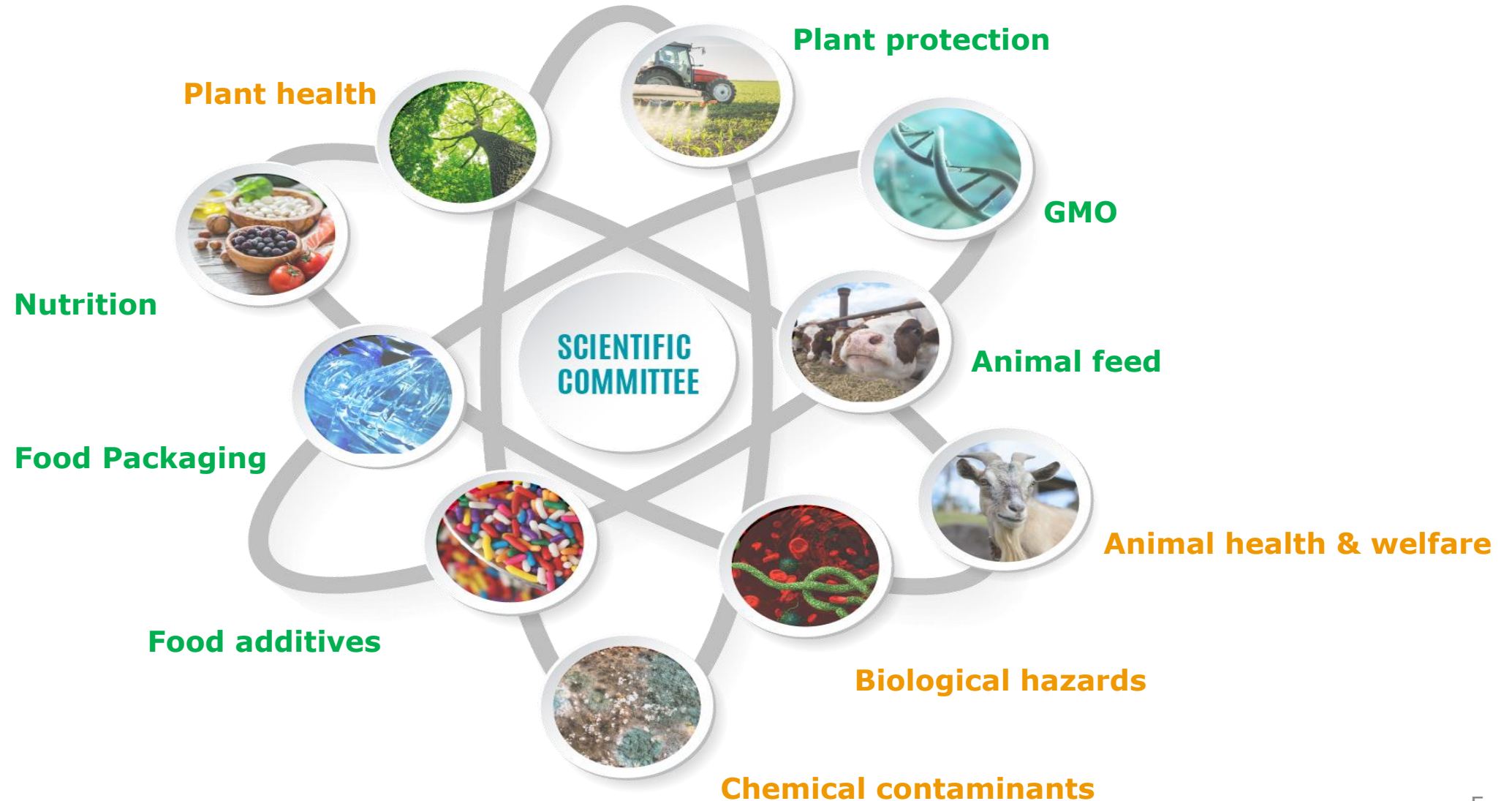


Promotes scientific cooperation

# What EFSA does **not** do



# EFSA' s Role : Provide scientific advice from farm to fork



## Summary Report

### EFSA Scientific Colloquium 21

Harmonisation of human and ecological risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals

**11-12 September 2014**

**Edinburgh, UK**

**European Food Safety Authority**

- **Discussions on harmonised methods for human, animal and ecological RA mixtures**
  - Hazard Assessment
  - Exposure assessment
  - New Methods and models (*in vitro*, *in silico*, OMICs)
  - Current data gaps and future research needs
  - Basis for MIXTOX Guidance Document (2016-2019)



## GUIDANCE

ADOPTED: 20 February 2019

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### **Guidance on harmonised methodologies for human health, animal health and ecological risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals**

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## ■ Harmonised Guidance

- Whole Mixture approach
- Component-based approach
- Include interactions

## ■ Problem Formulation

## ■ Exposure and Hazard Assessment

## ■ Risk Characterisation

## ■ Reporting Table

- Human Health, Animal Health
- Environment

1 Draft Guidance Document on  
2 Scientific criteria for grouping  
3 chemicals into assessment groups for  
4 human risk assessment of combined  
5 exposure to multiple chemicals

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## ▪ Scientific criteria for grouping

- Hazard-based criteria
- Prioritisation methods
- Recommendations

## ▪ International Workshop

- Planned for 2020 to discuss guidance
- Delayed because of COVID-19 pandemic

## ▪ Public Consultation (May-July 2021)

- Workshop: opportunity to discuss Guidance document and future challenges





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



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