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## Update on Risk Assessment Research Assembly (RARA)

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# Achievements since RARA18

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# Vision for RARA22 – Broaden<sup>3</sup> & Bridge

- Broaden knowledge-broker role to MS / national food agencies
- Broaden narrative from food safety centric to food safety in support of safe and sustainable food systems (i.e. support SDGs & Green Deal)
- Broaden participation
- Bridge - RARA has bridge function:
  - Science & policy (=regulatory science)
  - MS authorities. EFSA shares broker-function with Focal Points / national food agencies
  - EU and national (and regional) research funding. H2020 evaluation found lack of synergy
  - different scientific disciplines in the food chain (beyond traditional food safety actors to food system actors)

- 1. Build greater understanding** and promote synergies to enable research outputs to **support the achievement of the SDGs and relevant European policies**, including the Green Deal.
- 2. Foster alignment of R&I investments** to deliver research outputs that inform regulatory science and future policies at European, regional and national level.
- 3. Networking and relationship building** in the wider food safety risk assessment ecosystem.

- Ongoing limitations from COVID include:
  - Social distancing
  - Travel restrictions
  - Travel budgets freeze
- Postponed to **7 December 2022** in Berlin
  - Networking activities possible
  - Opportunity to reflect on ONE conference (June 2022)
  - Programme & speakers foreseen to remain similar
  - Programme Committee to resume planning in Q1 2022



**Stay tuned!**



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## Tools

- Funding programmes
- **National funding opportunities**
- Upcoming calls
- On-going research
- Twitter / LinkedIn

## Research Platform

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/engage/research-platform>

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