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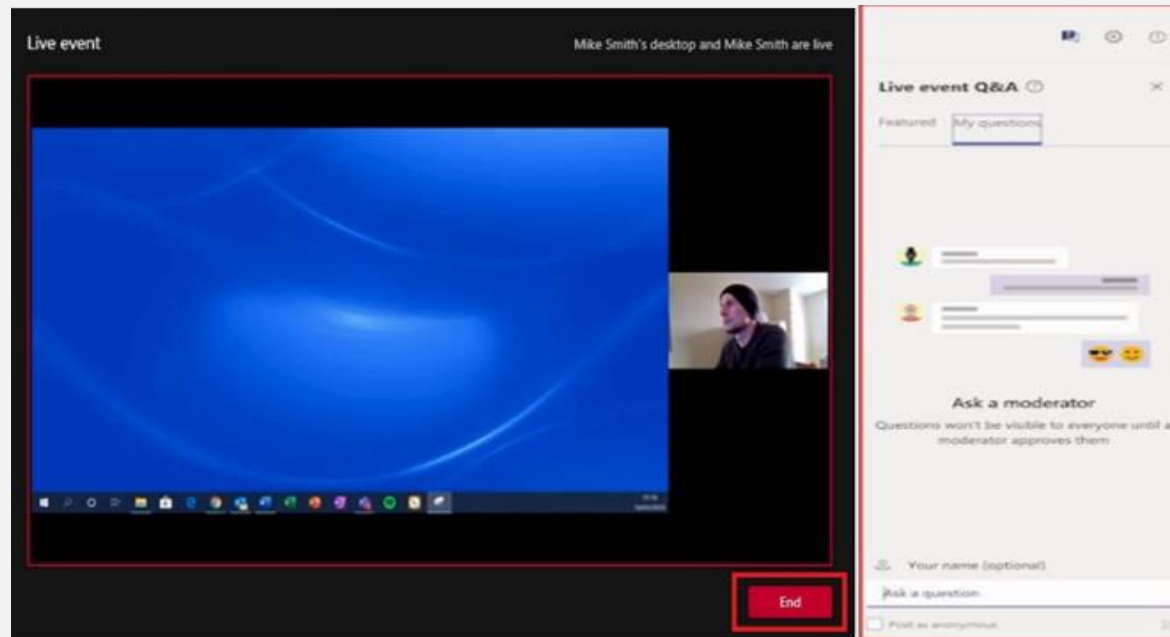
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 Time	 Topic	 Speaker
14.30 – 14.40	Introduction and webinar outline	Alessandra Giarola
14.40 – 15.00	EFSA's Sourcing needs	Alessandra Giarola Tom Meyvis
15.00 – 15.30	EFSA's Sourcing tools	Donna Lucas Marco Cortopassi
15.30 – 16.00	Q&A	Alessandra Giarola Tom Meyvis Donna Lucas Marco Cortopassi


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Q&A box:
For any
questions
related to
the topic or
unexpected
IT issues

- Live Q&A session will follow the presentation on EFSA's sourcing tools
- Written questions can be submitted any time using the Q&A chat function 
- Some of the questions submitted in writing by the audience will be answered orally during the Live Q&A
- The remaining unanswered questions will be published on the EFSA website along with the recording of the event

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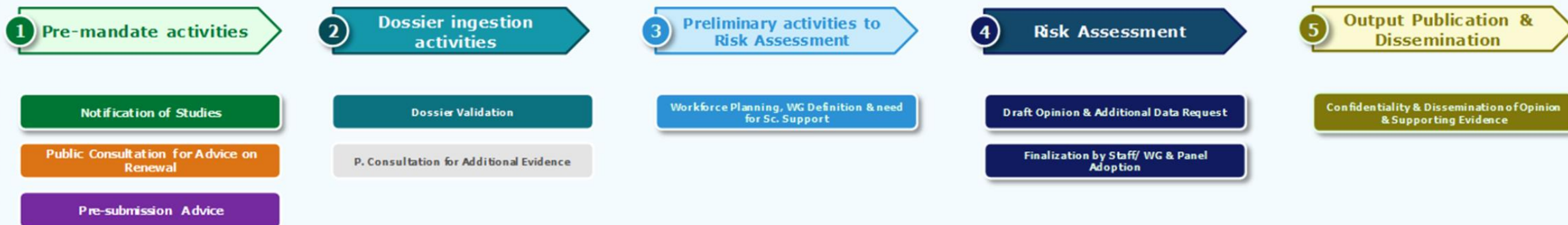
EFSA's sourcing needs

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- The new Transparency Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/1381) became applicable on 27 March 2021.
- The aim of the new regulation is to increase the transparency of *risk assessment* in the food chain, strengthen the reliability, objectivity and independence of the scientific studies submitted to EFSA and reinforce the governance of EFSA to ensure the Authority's long-term sustainability
- The implementation of Transparency Regulation has generated:
 - Increased volume and complexity of tasks
 - Need for new tasks
- EFSA has identified new sourcing needs in the scientific and technology areas, to support directly or indirectly “business as usual” tasks
- High level indication regarding the areas of interest

EFSA's SCIENTIFIC PROCESS (applications)

Scientific Risk Assessment of Applications



Generic Mandates

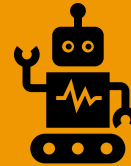




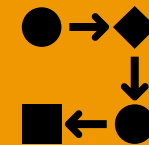
Data all activities



Brains, experts and
scientific support



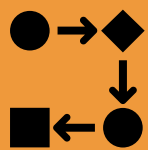
Artificial Intelligence



Admin/coordination



Auditing (GLP, ISO)



When in the process ?

- Dossier ingestion
- Risk assessment

Examples

- Admin completeness check and support
- Process coordination
- Training to stakeholders (e.g on workflow, dossier builders, admin guidance)

Expertise needed

- General administrative
- Process management
- Educational/training
- General scientific knowledge food/feed safety





When in the process ?

- Dossier ingestion

Examples

- Check GLP compliance claims of studies
- Check ISO/OECD or other compliance claims
- Support preparation annual requests for auditing laboratories

Expertise needed

- Good laboratory practice
- Quality assurance
- Auditing
- Toxicology (bulk of certified studies)





When in the process ?

- Dossier ingestion and risk assessment

Examples

- Scientific completeness check of application dossiers and draft assessment reports from the Member States
- Characterisation of chemicals and microorganisms in support of applications
- Evaluation of toxicological, nutritional, efficacy, field studies....
- Training to stakeholders

Expertise needed

- Experience in risk assessment
- Chemistry (analytical, structural, nano-materials)
- Microbiology
- Bio-informatics
- Food/Feed technology
- Toxicology (all areas including ecotoxicology)
- Nutrition
- GMO
- Veterinary science
- Enzymes
- Exposure assessment (human, animal and environmental)
- Agronomy
- Plant health





When in the process ?

- Preliminary activities to risk assessment
- During risk assessment

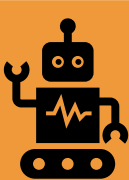
Examples

- Data collection/extraction (also linked with geospatial information systems)
- Data cleaning and validation
- Data processing, summarizing and reporting

Expertise needed

- Scientific background in Food/Feed risk assessment
- Data scientist
- Bio informatics
- Statistics





When in the process ?

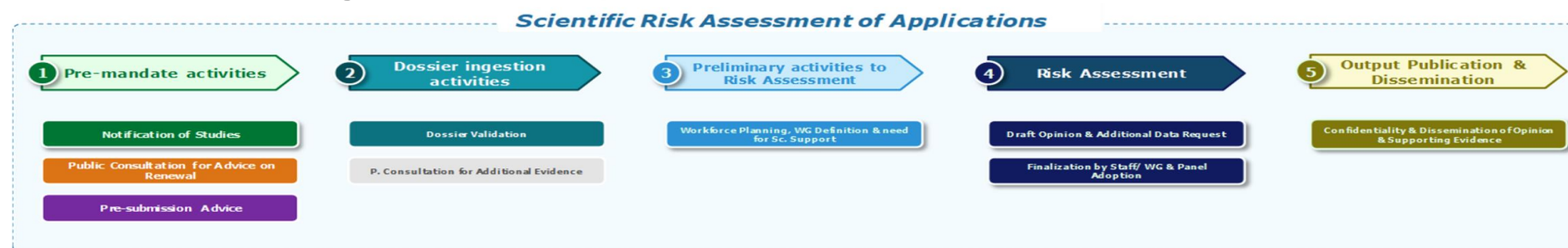
- Potentially in every phase

Examples

- Filter and sort comments from public consultations
- Compare list of notified studies with submitted studies
- Assign questions to EFSA to the correct unit
- Literature search and abstract screening
- Extract data from literature/databases

Expertise needed

- Development of algorithms
- Implementation into existing software platforms





“EFSA outsourcing tools”

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- Grant and procurement for scientific collaboration.
- Wide range of areas within EFSA's remit
- 23.5 M EUR in 2021
- 40 M EUR in 2022
- More than 80 calls per year
- Average value: 350 K EUR per call

Procurement

- Call for tenders:
 - Open calls (€139K+)
 - Negotiated procedures (€15k - € 139K)
- Duly justified circumstances: “Monopoly” negotiated procedures
- Direct or framework contract

Grants

- Call for proposals: any value
- Duly justified circumstances: “Monopoly” procedure with direct invitation
- Direct agreement or framework partnership agreement
- **NEW** Financing not linked to costs

Procurement		Grants
Buy something (goods/service)	Purpose	Give a financial contribution
EFSA	Ownership	Beneficiary
Agreed price allowing profit	Payment	Share of costs, no-profit*
Transparency, equal treatment, proportionality, non-discrimination	Principles	Transparency, equal treatment, non-cumulative, non-retroactive, co-financing, no profit
Call for tenders	Procedures	Call for proposals
Direct or Framework Contract	Legal Form	Direct Agreement or Framework Partnership Agreement
Anybody with access to EU market	Participants	Only Art. 36 organisations

* Financing not linked to costs

- EFSA grants can only be awarded to competent organisations designated by Member States (Art.36 of [Regulation \(EC\) No 178/2002](#))
- List of approx. 300 organisations. There is a variety of organisations active in fields of EFSA's mission , including universities, research institutes, other governmental or public bodies.
- Eligibility criteria for inclusion on list are set out in [Regulation \(EC\) No 2230/2004](#): mission, public interest, scientific expertise, operational capacity.
- Role of Focal Points: interface between EFSA and competent organisations at national Member State level.
- **Full Art. 36 list** <https://efsa.force.com/competentorganisations/s/>
- **FAQ** <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/partnersnetworks/scorg>

- Is there **need to limit task execution** to list of Art. 36 competent organisations?
- Is the task within the ones **eligible for grant support**?
- Is the necessary **expertise on the Art. 36 list**?
- Is it acceptable for EFSA that **ownership** of the grant outcome remains with the beneficiary?

Procurement

- Open to economic operators with access to EU market
- Apply as single tenderer or joint offer with partners (all must have access to EU market)
- Apply as single tenderer involving subcontractors
- No limitations imposed on the composition of your offer i.e. single, joint offer, subcontracting (exceptions possible for critical tasks)

Grants

- Only organisations on the Article 36 list can apply
- 27 EU Member States + Norway and Iceland
- Apply as single organisation or in consortium with other Article 36 organisations.
- Subcontracting is permitted for non-core tasks to organisations not on Article 36 list

Procurement

- [EFSA Guidance for tenderers](#)
- Call for tenders published on EFSA website:
 - PIN (future calls €139K+)
 - Open calls (€139K+)
 - Negotiated procedures (€15k - € 139K)
- Contract Notice in EU Official Journal
- [e-Tendering portal](#)
- [LinkedIn](#) #EFSAProcurement
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Grants

- Call for proposals published on EFSA website
- Focal Points inform all Article 36 organisations directly via email
- [LinkedIn](#) #EFSAProcurement
- EFSA scientific cooperation plan

Procurement

- **Application** either via email or e-submission
- **Timescales to apply** varies from procedure to procedure but there are some minimum timescales set in law
- **Evaluation** carried out by EFSA staff and provide detailed feedback to all tenderers on their offer
- **Evaluation Criteria** exclusion; selection (*experience*); quality; price

Grants

- **Application** submitted in original, hard copy via post (e-submission from 2022/23)
- **Timescales to apply** varies from procedure to procedure
- **Evaluation** carried out by EFSA staff and provide detailed feedback to all applicants on their proposals
- **Evaluation Criteria** exclusion; selection (*experience*); quality

Beyond Grants and Procurement: Scientific Technical support

PURPOSE & FUNDING

- Provision of pre-assessment scientific assistance in specific cases
- Complements and supports current scientific output delivery process
- Follows Article 237 of EU Financial Regulation, not rules on procurement or grants
- Fixed rate of remuneration (€350/day)

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- Individual scientists with expertise in the required field
- Selected candidates provide their scientific assistance to EFSA in a personal capacity
- Candidates could be PhD student, employee of a University, Public Research Institute, Risk Assessment body, self-employed, retired.
- Individuals from the following countries may apply:
 - EU Member States,
 - EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland)
 - EU candidate countries (Albania, Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey)

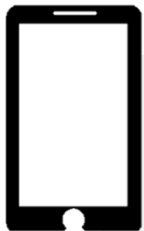
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