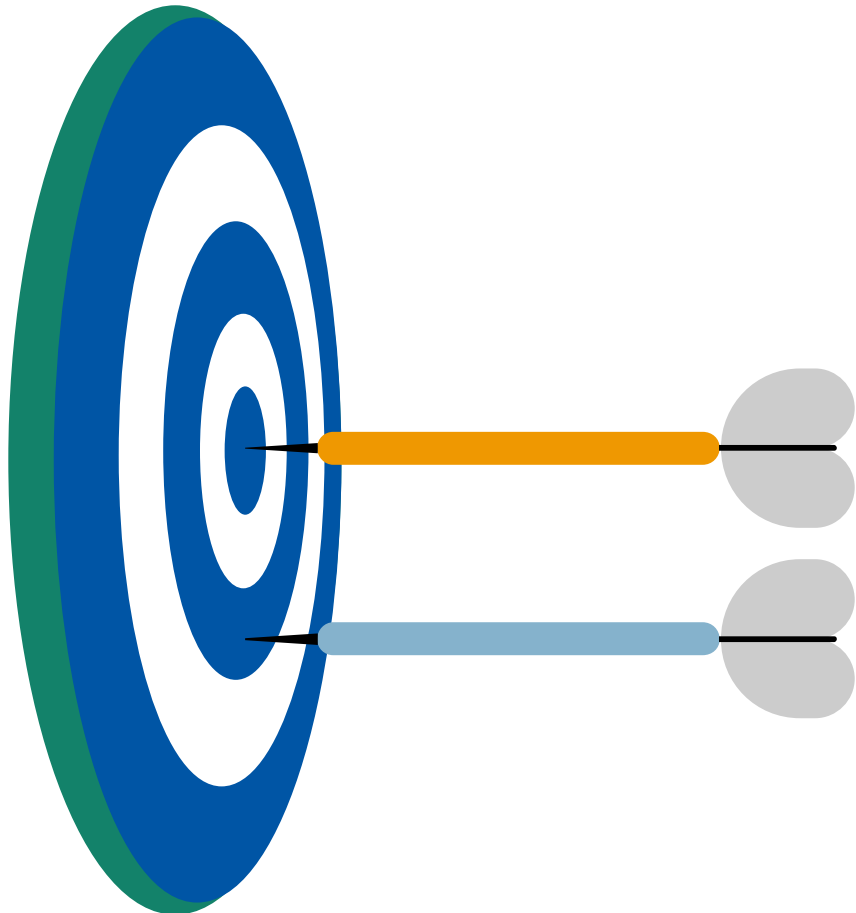


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# European Excellence Label Feasibility Study

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## In a nutshell...



To create a **European pool of highly qualified Risk Assessment professionals** with the knowledge, skills and competences to perform state-of-the art risk assessments in the area of food safety



To build a **framework with defined quality standards** that guarantees comprehensive and **state-of-the-art post-graduate training opportunities** for future and acting food safety risk assessors across Europe

# Feasibility Study – Background and context

AF calls for the creation of a Discussion Group to develop a joint international Capacity Building

The AFDG presented to the AF "Building food safety risk assessment capacity in 2030: A vision"

Following a mandate by the AF, the AFDG elaborated a business case "Towards a European Framework for education in food safety and risk assessment"

Through a series of meetings, lead by BfR, the AFDG on CB established a number of criteria for the EEL – few questions needed further clarification

The AF agreed that EFSA would procure a feasibility study for the EEL, and manage the ensuing contract

2016





2018

2019-  
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2021

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# Feasibility Study – Roles and responsibilities

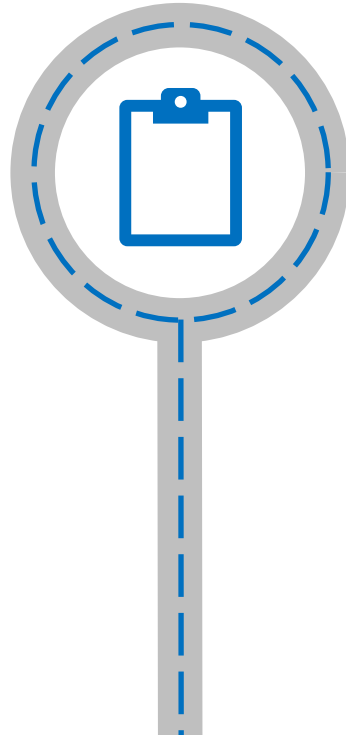
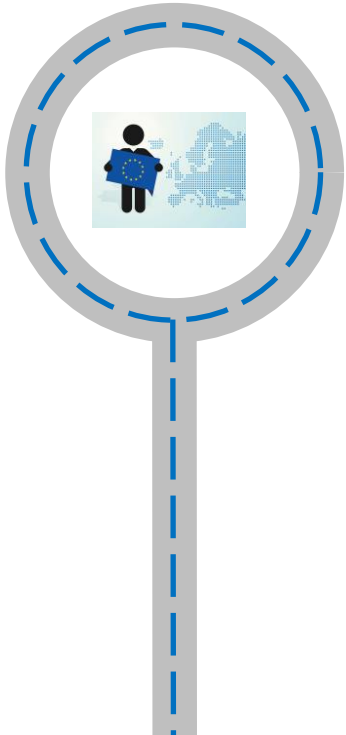
	AFDG-CB	Recommended to proceed with a feasibility study, approved by AF. EFSA offered to support financially the study and to support the SC in the coordination of the work linked to the feasibility study
	EFSA	EFSA funded the study up to 150K€ and managed the contracts and the implementation of the feasibility study
	Steering Committee	Composition: Germany, Denmark, Spain, The Netherlands, Hungary and Italy – The SC provided intellectual capacity, knowledge and feedback/advice throughout the study
	Advisory Forum	AF will be considering the outcome and proposal from the SC on the way forward

# Feasibility Study - Deliverables

## Phase 1

Basic mapping of food safety risk assessment providers in EU-EEA

Survey and interviews to gain in-depth insights and assess feasibility and marketability of the EEL

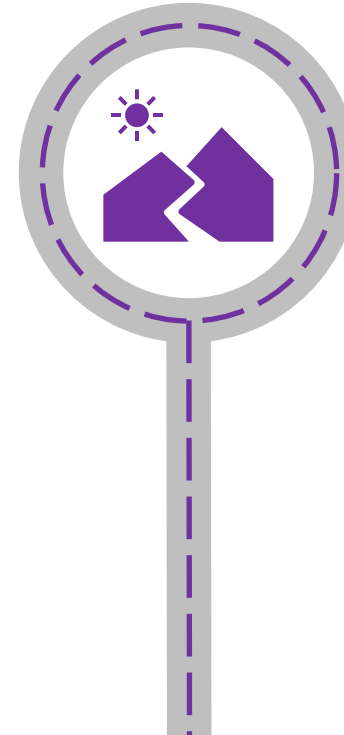
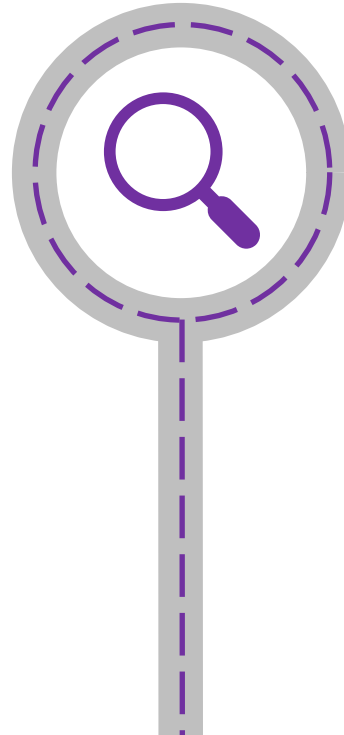


## Phase 2

Comparative analysis of similar labels; Technical and operational requirements for a EEL

Roadmap for the implementation of the EEL

Recommendations and conclusions on the feasibility of the EEL



Final Report to AF for consideration and endorsement

**June 2022**

# FP Network: partners via the new operational model

## New WP

FP supports and/or implements **capacity building initiatives** and activities between EFSA-MS and/or two or more MS at national, regional and international scale (e.g. IPA).

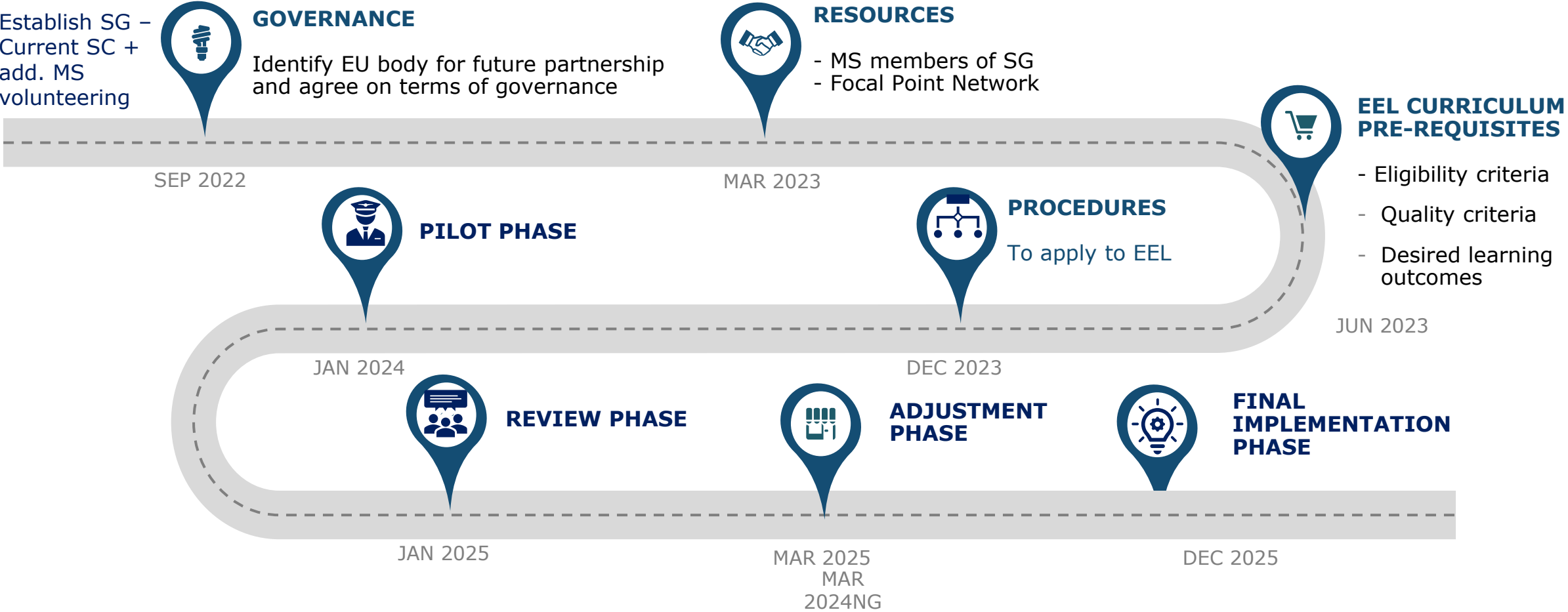
Steering Group – steering the EEL

Involvement of FPN in the **EEL** elaborated by the AFDG on Capacity Building

*To be explored with FPN*

- *National Information Campaign;*
- *Handling communication with national training providers and learners seeking guidance;*
- *Developing a newsletter on recent developments and news of the EEL to disseminate to interested parties;*
- *Connecting with a select number of prospective employers of risk assessors in food safety risk assessment institutions, to seek guidance for training needs of their employees and to ensure that programmes affiliated to the EEL are fit for purpose.*

# The way forward - immediate & long term actions





- The AF to endorse the Steering Group to develop and implement the EEL;
- MSs who would like to volunteer to join the Steering Group, to express their interest;
- Endorse the Way Forward



# ENDORSEMENT



Establish SG –  
Current SC +  
add. MS  
volunteering



## GOVERNANCE

Identify EU body for future partnership  
and agree on terms of governance

SEP 2022



## RESOURCES

- MS members of SG
- Focal Point Network

FEB 2023



## PILOT PHASE

DEC 2023



## PROCEDURES

To apply to EEL

JUN 2023



## REVIEW PHASE

DEC 2023



## ADJUSTMENT PHASE

DEC 2023



## FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PHASE



## EEL CURRICULUM PRE-REQUISITES

- Eligibility criteria
- Quality criteria
- Desired learning outcomes



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