

19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

48th Meeting of the Focal Point Network



**Thematic discussion:  
“Reinforcing the role of Focal Points in  
fostering Partnerships supported by  
EFSA’s Grants and Procurement”**

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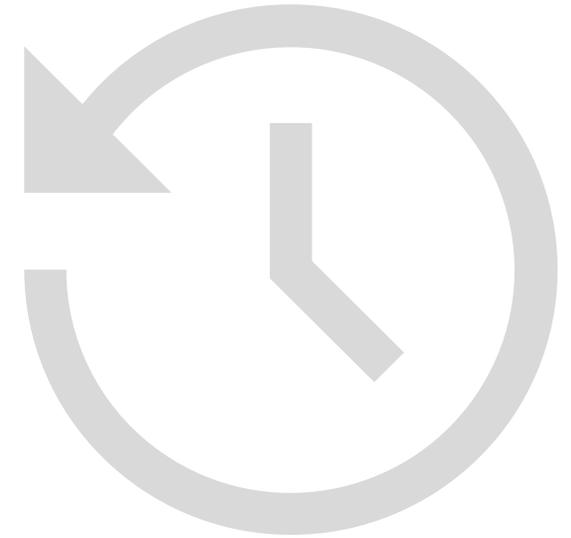
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To understand how the needs of the Focal Points for **fostering Partnerships** are evolving and to **identify appropriate good practices, methodologies and tools**, preferably readily suitable for adoption.



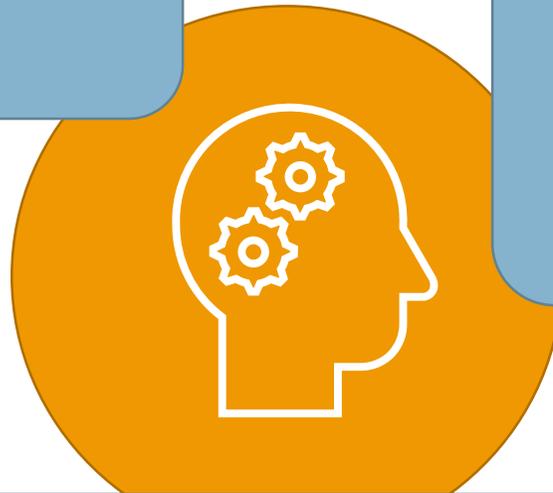
- Traditionally, the role of the FP has required:
  - Dissemination of information, including calls, from EFSA to the local channels
  - Maintenance of the list of Art. 36 organisations
- However, increasingly often, among others, the FPs are asked to:
  - **Identify expertise** on specific scientific fields
  - Identify and liaise with **diverse organisations** that operate in areas sometimes beyond the remit of their host organisation
  - Help in the **development of consortia** that fit the needs of particular calls

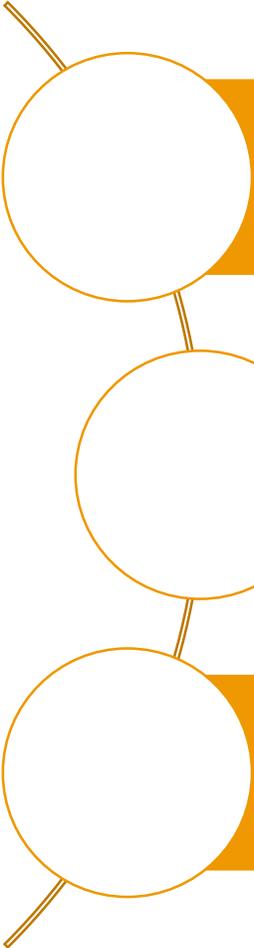


Have the FPs addressed any of those (new) needs?

What were the difficulties?  
How have they been overcome?

Are there methods or tools that could help?  
Is there need for training?





60' Session. Concept note with indicative questions already distributed.

2 Case studies to act as discussion-starters

Moderated discussion



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