

# Enhancing collaboration and information exchange for EU regulatory pesticide residues risk assessors

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# EFSA strategy 2027

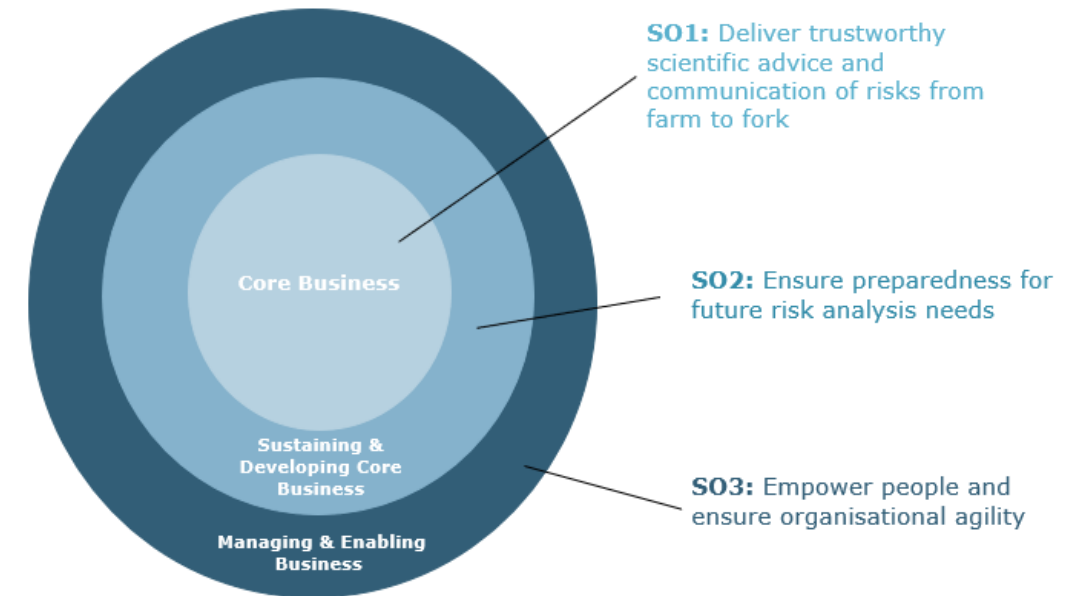
EFSA 2027 (Science, Safe food, Sustainability) sets out a vision for EFSA to ensure safe food and contribute to sustainable food systems through independent and trustworthy scientific advice. [<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2021-07/efsa-strategy-2027.pdf>]

EFSA relies on a large pool of scientific expertise to produce its risk assessments, provided by both its network of EU experts and its staff.

*Ensure preparedness for future risk analysis needs*  
**Strategic Objective 2** is about sustaining and developing EFSA's core capabilities to ensure its long-term relevance and reputation.

**Strengthened partnerships are crucial and will result in the identification of priority areas for knowledge sharing, knowledge development and capacity building.**

*The expected outcome under Strategic Objective 2 is:*  
▲ Increased risk analysis capabilities (knowledge, expertise, methodologies and data) to maintain relevance for the future



# Strategic objective 2

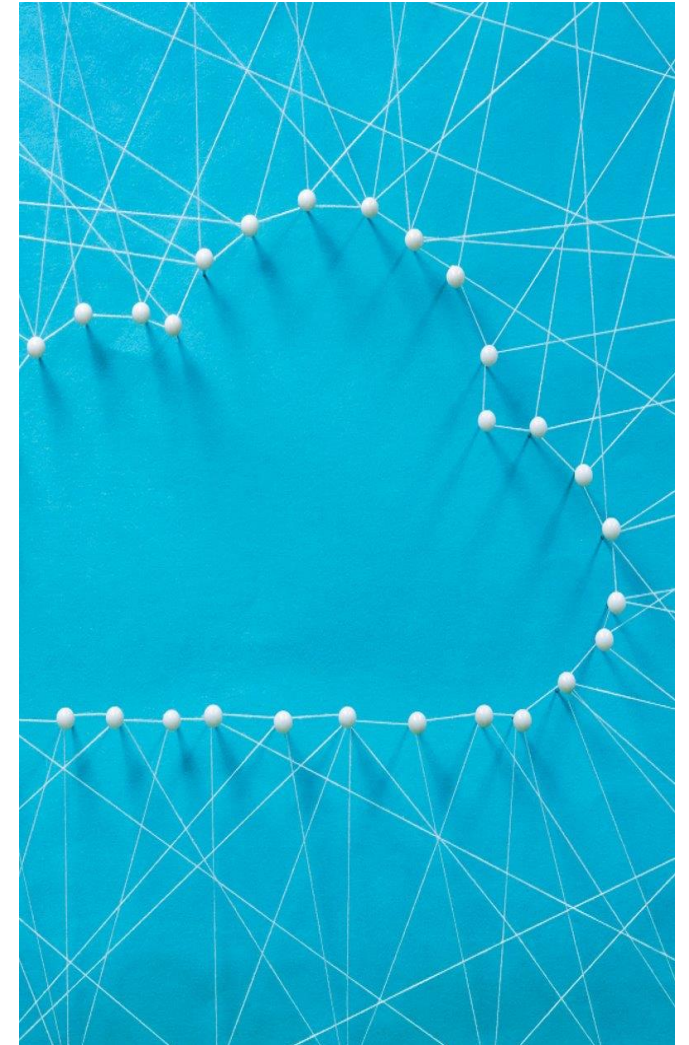
- **EFSA in its strategy 2027** aims to **intensify collaboration** *"We see collaboration as the only way to master the complexities of the future. We invest in building long term partnerships for mutual benefit."*
- **Identified improvement activity**: Enhance knowledge sharing and collaboration between EFSA and MSs experts in pesticide residue risk assessment processes.
- **Approach**: Intensify communication and exchange of information. Build an EFSA and MSs expert exchange platform on pesticide residues.
- Regular science meetings (annually?). Report on outcomes. Respect regulatory boundaries (e.g. data requirements, confidentiality; 'Chinese Wall').
- **Added value & efficiency gains for EFSA, MSs and EU risk assessors on pesticide residues risk assessments**: build a knowledge information community; streamline pesticide risk assessments; enhance its transparency and clarity; Deliver **TIMELY**

- **An Interactive Pesticide Residues Exchange Platform**
- **Interactive:** to intensify collaboration between EFSA and MSs
- Target pesticide residue specific processes under Regulations (EC) NOs 396/2005 and 1107/2009 and EFSA's scientific advice to EC on an EU position for the Codex Committee on Pesticides Residues (CCPR)
- Target horizontal collaboration between different pesticide residue processes;
- Enable a free flow of communication between EFSA and MSs risk assessors and between different pesticide residue risk assessment processes.
- **Added value & efficiency gains:** Timeliness where needed (e.g. Art. 10 MRL applications) by maintaining high quality standards in performing pesticide residue risk assessments
- *Quality at EFSA implies that questions received from risk managers are answered on time, comprehensively, with clarity and with the agreed scientific value: impartiality, transparency, engagement and methodological rigour (EFSA's strategy 2027)*



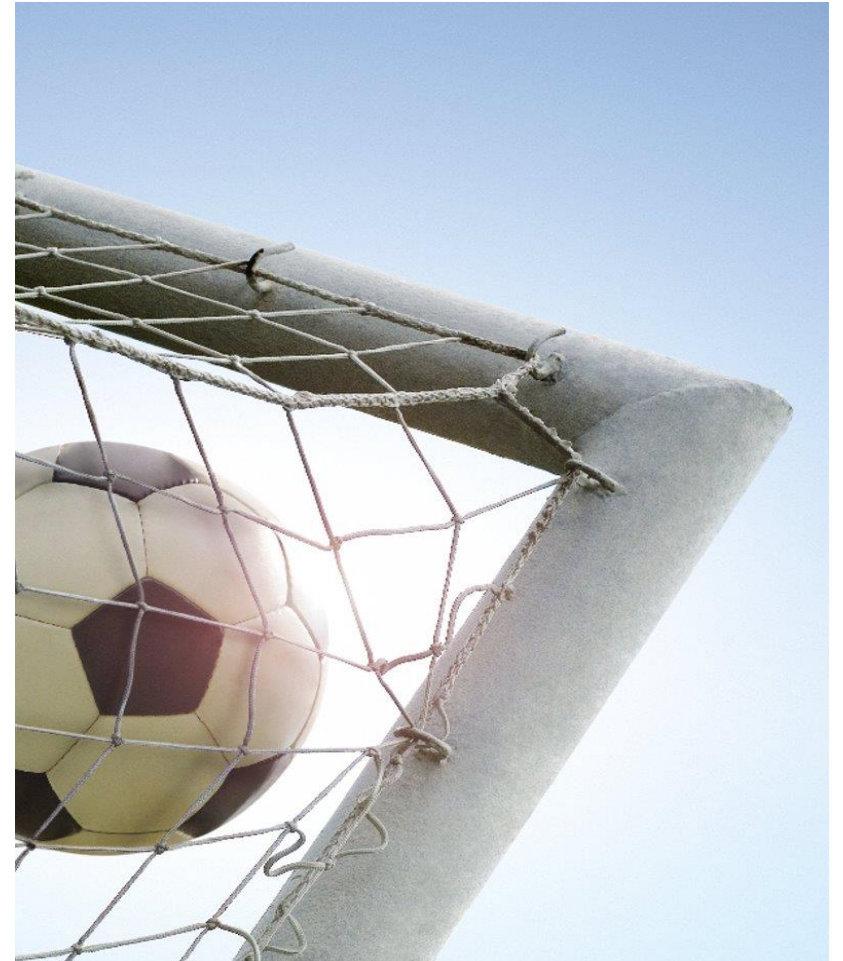
**A survey** with MSs is anticipated to be launched in December'22. It will address:

- **Design** of a possible EFSA and MSs expert interactive pesticide residues exchange platform (**IPREP**);
- **Tools** e.g. Microsoft TEAMS **for knowledge sharing** and **scientific areas** to be covered by an IPREP;
- **Identify perceived training needs** for MSs (a mandate from the European Commission to be expected);
- **Efficiency gains** for pesticide residue assessments by the knowledge sharing and building initiative.



# Outcome, feedback & views

- Outcome of the survey will be presented in 2023 at the PSN
- Please provide feedback and views on the initiative of an interactive pesticide residues exchange platform (IPREP)
- Specific thoughts for the anticipated survey with MS experts?





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