

**49<sup>th</sup> Focal Point meeting**  
**14-15 September 2022**

# **FPs as a national hub for Engagement & Partnership**

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Trusted science for safe food

- Update of the list of competent organisations
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**Update** of the List ← **new**, **change** and **withdraw** (technically)

Target  
of the **pending**  
UPDATE:

**Article 36**  
**Organisations**  
**included**  
**in Dec. 2019**

- meet regulatory requirement of at least 3 years update
- ensure having the well populated List up-to-date
- have a tool of reliable contacts for networking



**Which of your organisations?**

Consult our '[Checklist](#)',  
Visible also in the [published Art.36 List](#), as

Approval/Last Update Date

18/12/2019



**1/3\***  
of 2019 included  
organisations  
  
still to be  
UPDATED  
in the **Art.36-DB**

**Done:** BG, CZ, DK, EE, FI, DE,  
GR, IE, NL, ES, SE

**Doing:** AT, HR, FR, HU, LT, PT,  
RO, SI

**Start:** BE, CY, IS, **IT**, LA, LU,  
MT, NO, PL

\* as of 31/08/2022

## Progress:

- ✓ being in touch with organisations' **Admin CP**
- ✓ getting the new **information** on annual activities and **changes** (e.g. budget data)
- ✓ use **support** material MS Teams channel and FP microsite, ask @CooperationArticle36 and
- ✓ reach to **FP community** - experience & help.

Next **meeting** of **EFSA Management Board**  
**15 Dec. 2022**

**@EFSA before mid-Nov.2022**

**Sep.-Oct. to be completed**

- ✓ technical changes proceed in the tool
- ✓ MS designations (substantial changes & new).

**Thank you!**

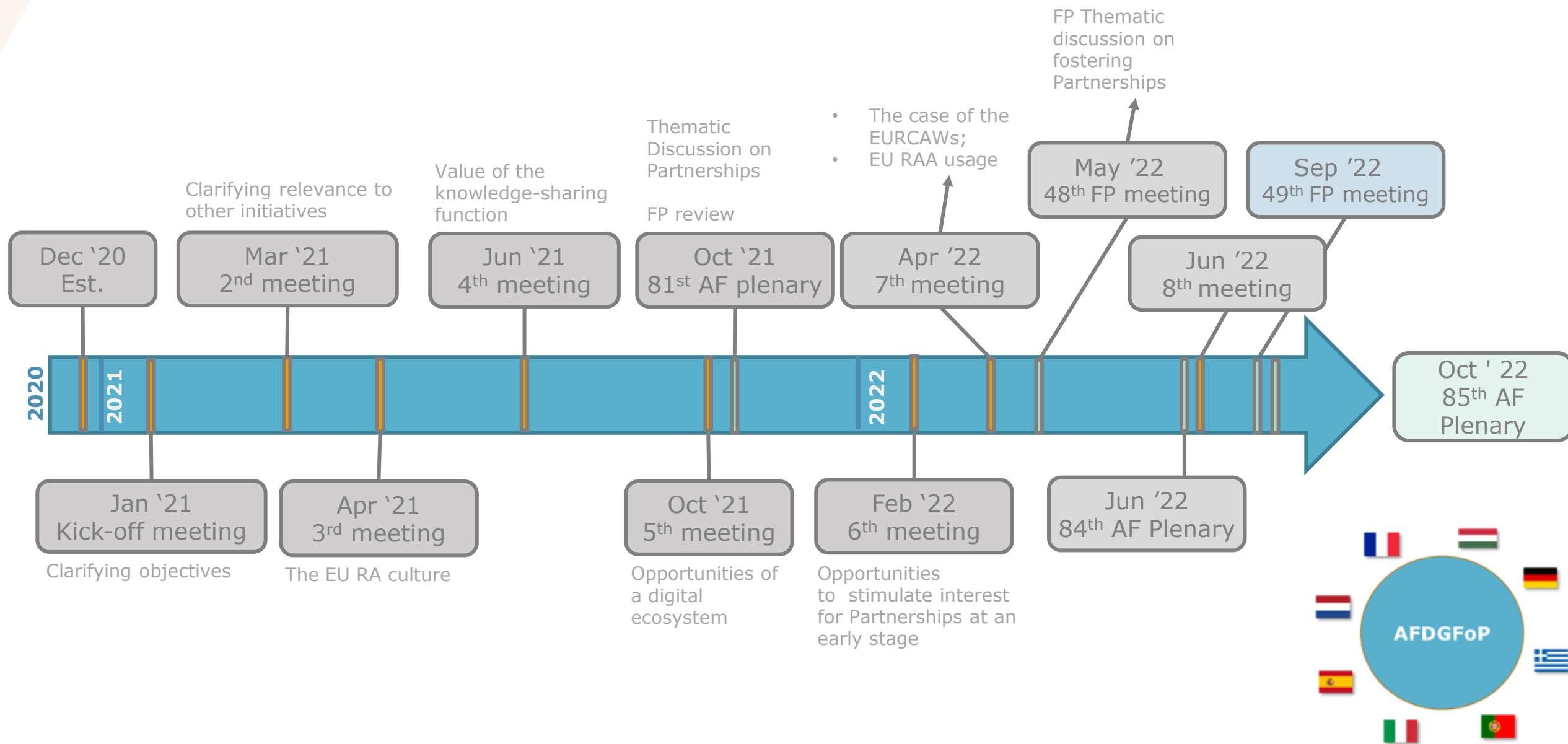
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- Target audience:
  - Scientific & administrative staff of Art. 36 organisations
- Timeline:
  - 12 or 13 December 2022 – tbd
- Format:
  - Online (platform tbd)
- Duration:
  - 2-3 h
- FP support needed:
  - Targeted **promotion** of the event
  - **Volunteers** to present the Network
  - Dissemination of outputs
- Content (tentative):
  - Overview of the increasing role of MS in EFSA's RA work
  - Overview of draft G&P plan for 2023
  - Improvements in the administrative & financial modalities in Grants, incl. the shift to eGrants
  - Highlight the role of the FPs and the FP network in supporting partnerships

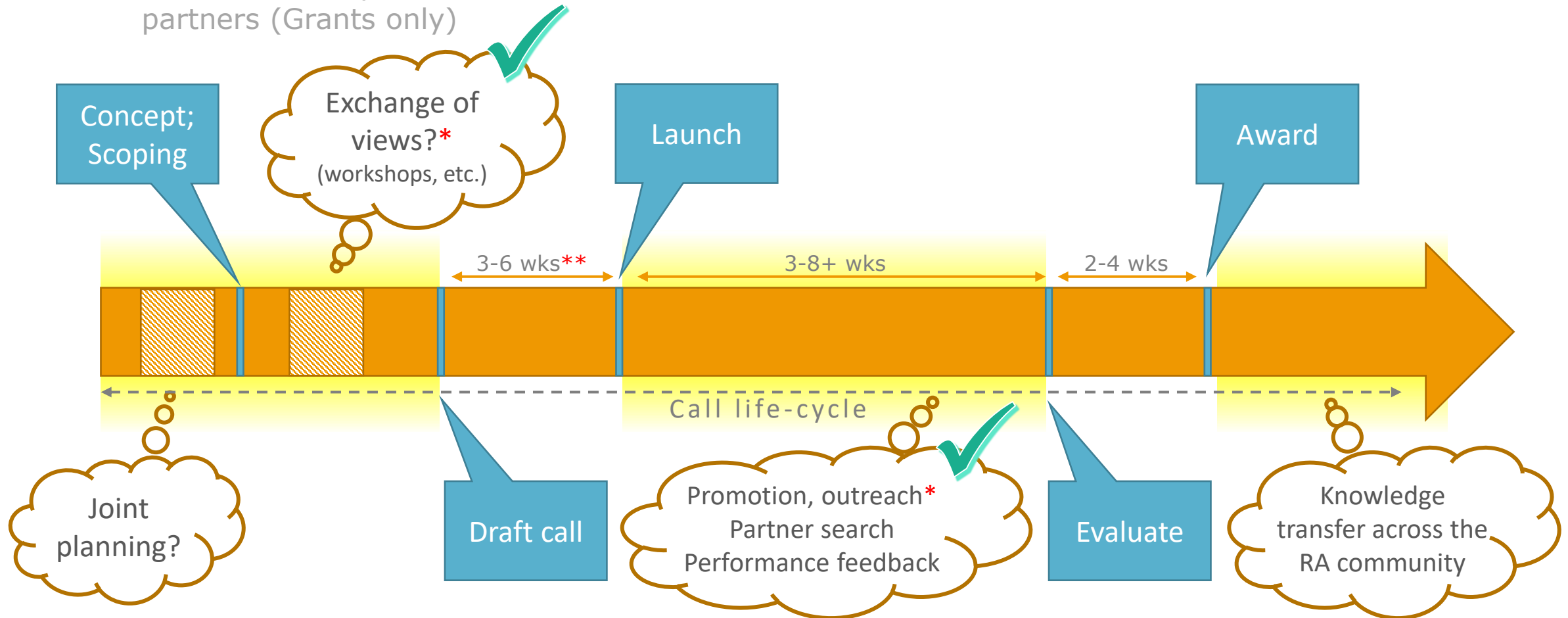
# AF Discussion Group on the Future of Partnerships





# Update: Encouragement of participation in partnering opportunities

Internal guidance on how to discuss with potential partners (Grants only)



Further attention to promotion & Relevant proposals for principal and tailor-made FP activities

\* while ensuring regulatory compliance  
\*\* all timings are indicative only

# Outline of the AFDG FoP output (tentative)

## ■ Vision for Partnerships

- Role in the production of EFSA's scientific advice
- Role in RA preparedness
- Operational considerations:
  - Networking, engagement and capacity building
  - Supporting digital platforms & means
  - Need for increasing resources and ecosystem expansion – across the RA community

## ■ Proposals on cross-cutting issues, in the following areas:

- Identification of expertise in MS institutions (within and beyond those in the Art. 36 list)
- Encouragement of participation in partnering opportunities
- Ecosystem networking and expansion
- Better sustainability of the EU RA system

- Builds on previous work (e.g., Art. 36 survey)
- Cross-fertilisation with parallel AF discussions on cooperation.
- Input to the discussion on the future FP tasks (principal & tailor-made activities)

- At the AF/FP – EFSA interface:
  - Presentation and discussion of the AFDGFoP output is scheduled for the 85<sup>th</sup> AF meeting (Oct. 2022)
  - Prioritisation of suggestions
  - Consolidation/Adaptation taking into account the FP activities
  - Monitoring and support of up-take
- Within EFSA:
  - Input to the evolution of process relevant to Partnerships, Engagement and Outsourcing
  - Address gaps via new initiatives (e.g., projects, discussion groups, etc.)
  - Learn for the implementation of partnerships and the effort for ecosystem expansion

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- Awareness of the implemented changes and outreach to potential applicants
- Identification of partners with matching interests

Fellow sending organisation	MS	Hosting site	MS
Austrian Agency for Food and health Safety (AGES)	AT	Agence Nationale de Securite Sanitaire de L'Alimentation de L'environnement et du travail (ANSES)	FR
Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology- University of Granada (INYTA-UGR)	ES	Bundesinstitut fur Risikobewertung (BFR)	DE
Havforskiningsinstituttet Norway (IMR)	NO	Aarhus University (AU)	DK
University of Veterinary Medicine Hungary (UVMB)	HU	Universidad Politecnica de Cartagena (UPCT)	ES
Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna (Izsler)	IT	National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)	NL
Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment (BIOR)	LV	Institute of Marine Research (IMR)	NO
Ghent University	BE	National Research Council of Italy- Institute of Sciences of Food Production (CNR-ISPA)	IT
University of Agricultural Science and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca (USAMV)	RO	Universidad Politecnica de Cartagena (UPCT)	ES
Research Institute on Terrestrial Ecosystems- National Research Council of Italy (Iret CNR)	IT	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)	GR
Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology- University of Granada (INYTA-UGR)	ES	Institut National de la Recherche por l'Agriculture L'alimentation et l'Environnement (INRAe)	FR
Trakia University (TrU)	BG	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (UoA)	GR
Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA)	MT	Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI)	GR
Università di Bologna- Department for Life Quality Studies (UNIBO-QU.VI.)	IT	Prof. Wacław Dąbrowski Institute of Agricultural and Food Biotechnology- State Research Institute (IBPRS-PIB)	PL
Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)	LT	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (UoA)	GR
Biologické centrum AV ČR, v.v.i.(BCAS)	CZ	Centro Interdisciplinar de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental (CIIMAR)	PT

- Enhanced visibility to support community understanding:
  - Widely advertised
  - Webinar (>100 participants)
  - Wide Social Media campaign
  - Completely updated and revamped webspace



- Why could this have happened?
  - Deep changes implemented
  - Changes in the focus/leader of the application
  - Campaign more focused on advertising, repeating same message → changes in target audience
  - Late realisation of existing issues

- Challenges in identification of partners
  - Gap in communication
    - Including message reaching non-article 36 organisations
  - Fellow sending organisations not fully aware of the terms and opportunities (but now leaders!!)
  - Partner searching an additional burden for hosting sites
  - Again, late realisation of existing issues

- Lessons learnt:
  - On the spot solution:
    - Excel file
    - FP involvement beyond regular request of dissemination
  - Feedback collected after closure:
    - Reduced clarity in the terms of the call
    - Hosting sites disengaged
    - Missed target in SoMe campaign
  - Gap in target audience – dissemination

- Anticipation of next call (autumn 2022):
  - Pilot call for e-grants
    - Platform for partner searching
  - Jointly ENREL/FIN Webinar
  - Reshaping website and SoMe campaign
  - Amendment of the call, focus back to hosting sites as leaders
  - Excel file, shared with FP and disseminated to Art. 36 organisations and EU-FORA Community
    - One tab for work programmes
    - One tab for fellows



- Anticipate final steps for entry in Art. 36 List
- Maximum customisation of dissemination exercise
- Anticipation of the call by
  - Informing your networks
  - Sharing the Excel file in advance
- Support in the creation of the consortia
- Maximum dissemination of the webinar information once available

*Thank you!*



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