Welcome to the TG TOOLS kick-off meeting

We will start at 9.30

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General introduction

Bénédicte VAGENENDE

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Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
09:00 – 09:30	Check-in	
09:30 – 09:45	Opening and welcome address Virtual Tour de Table	Bénédicte Vagenende All
09:45 – 09:50	Adoption of the agenda	Bénédicte Vagenende
09:50 – 10:30	Overview of technical Group TOOLS	Alessia Amodio
	The target IT architecture supporting EFSA 2027	Paul Devalier
	Overview of digital enhancements and tools supporting material since 27 March 2021	Bénédicte Vagenende
	How user feedback is collected in EFSC by DG SANTE	Jeremy Cabon
10:30 – 10:45	***Break***	

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	Part 1: Connect EFSA	
10:45 – 11:40	**Connect.EFSA – General introduction**	Gisèle Gizzi
	Deep dive into: Connect.EFSA's work - Account registration	Elisa Siméoni
	- Notification of studies and Pre-submission advice	Tomas Rovesti, Sara De Berardis
	- Public Consultations	Piera Pozzatti
	- AskAQuestion	Luisa Abrahamayam
11:40 – 12:10	**Feedback from TG TOOLS' members**	
	- FEFANA (10')	Alicia Juárez Pallarés
	- CropLife Europe (10')	Maica Martinez Parrilla, Lauren De Carbonnel
	- Bundesamt für Verbraucherschutz und Lebensmittelsicherheit (BVL) (10')	Judith Nardmann
12:10 – 12:40	**Q&A / discussion round**	

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12:40 – 13:40	***Lunch break***	
	Part 2: Open.EFSA	
13:40 – 14:00	**General introduction to Open.EFSA and public dossiers**	Jacopo Alabiso Domenico Azzollini
14:00 – 14:50	**Feedback from TG TOOLS' Members** - FEFANA (10') - EU Specialty Food Ingredients (10') - CropLife Europe (10') - Bundesamt für Verbraucherschutz und Lebensmittelsicherheit (BVL) (10') - AMFEP (10')	 Alicia Juárez Pallarés Maryse Hervé Maica Martinez Parrilla Lauren De Carbonnel Judith Nardmann Céline Benini
14:50 – 15:10	**Q&A / Discussion round**	
15:10 – 15:25	***Break***	

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Part 3: Confidentiality request and Submission Builder		
15:25 – 15:35	**Introduction to Portalino as an e-submission portal for confidentiality assessment**	Gunda Kriz
15:35 – 16:05	**Feedback from TG TOOLS' Members**	
	- FEFANA (10')	Alicia Juárez Pallarés
	- Pen & Tec consulting S.L.U. (10')	Eliana Henriquez Rodriguez
16:05 – 16:30	**Q&A / discussion round**	
16:30 – 16:45	AOB and wrap-up Next steps	Bénédicte Vagenende
16:45 – 17:00	Closing remarks	Bénédicte Vagenende
End of meeting		

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Overview of the Technical Group - TOOLS

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Overview on Technical Group TOOLS

- **WHY:** EFSA is establishing a dedicated forum for technical exchanges on the use of tools related to the application of the Transparency Regulation

- **Objectives**
  - To enhance interaction
  - To gather feedback on the usability of the tools, available manuals and/or training materials
  - To collect suggestions for improvement
  - To present to users the latest improvements

- **TOOLS included**
  - CONNECT.EFSA within the following business applications: account registration, notification of studies, pre-submission advice, public consultation, AskAQuestion;
  - OPEN.EFSA and public dossier;
  - Confidentiality request and Submission Builder

Overview on Technical Group TOOLS

- **Working method**
  - 2 virtual meetings per year chaired by EFSA
  - Questions between meetings: Use the channel AskaQuestion
- **Outcome meeting**
  - Announced on EFSA website
  - Publication: agenda, participant lists, presentations, short summary discussions and action lists
- **Composition**
  - Registered Stakeholders: category Business and Food Industry (max 15)
  - Other categories of EFSA Registered Stakeholders (max 6)
  - Member States (max 8)
  - Laboratories/facilities (max 2)
  - European Commission as observers

Overview on technical group TOOLS

- **Timeline**
  - **November 2022**: creation of the EFSA Technical Group on TOOLS;
  - **November 2022**: 1st meeting (kick-off meeting);
  - **March 2023**: 2nd meeting;
  - **October 2023**: 3rd meeting;
  - **March 2024**: 4th meeting;
  - **October 2024**: 5th meeting (closure meeting).

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The target IT architecture supporting EFSA 2027

Paul Devalier

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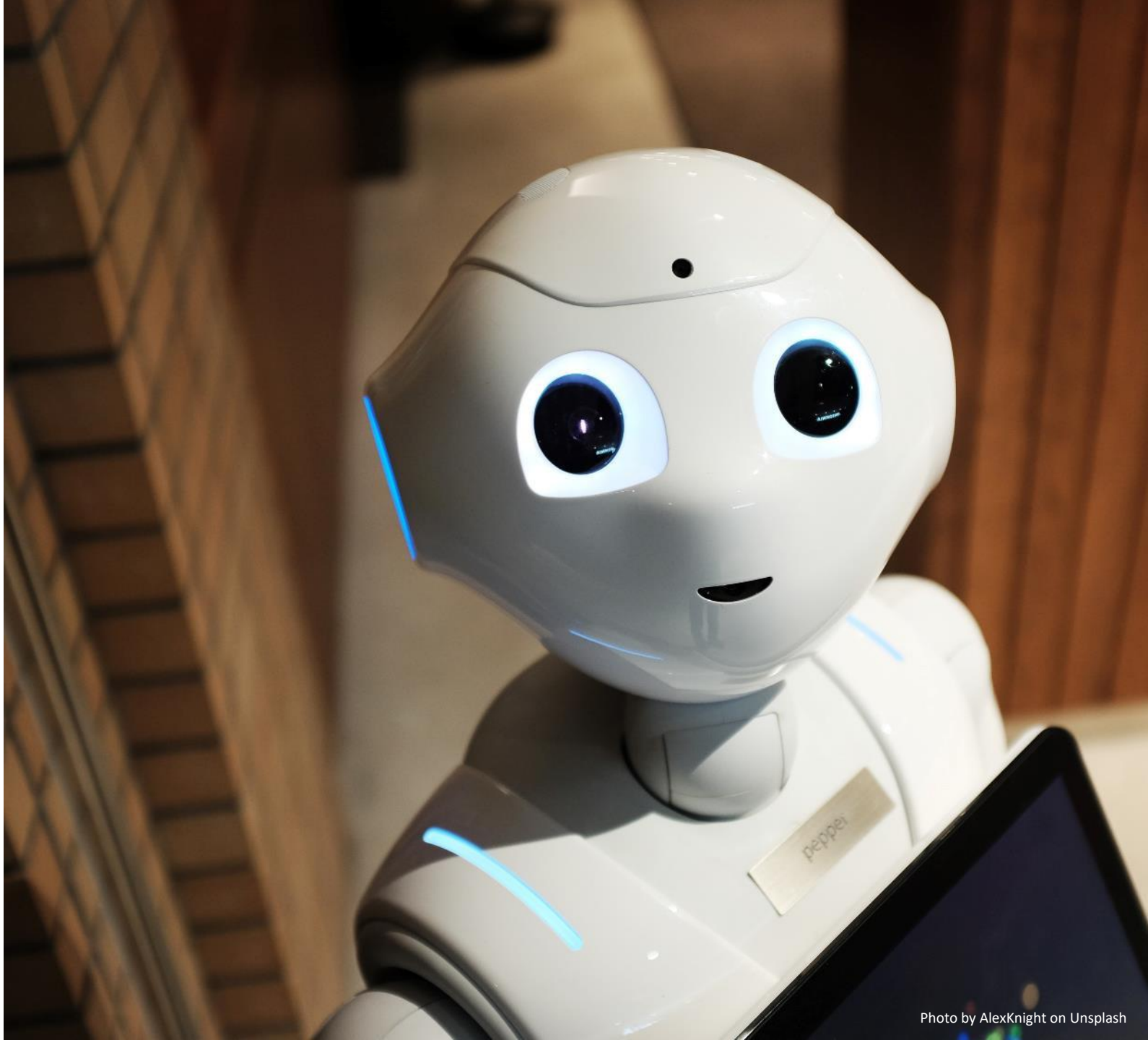
Understanding digital and its cultural dependency



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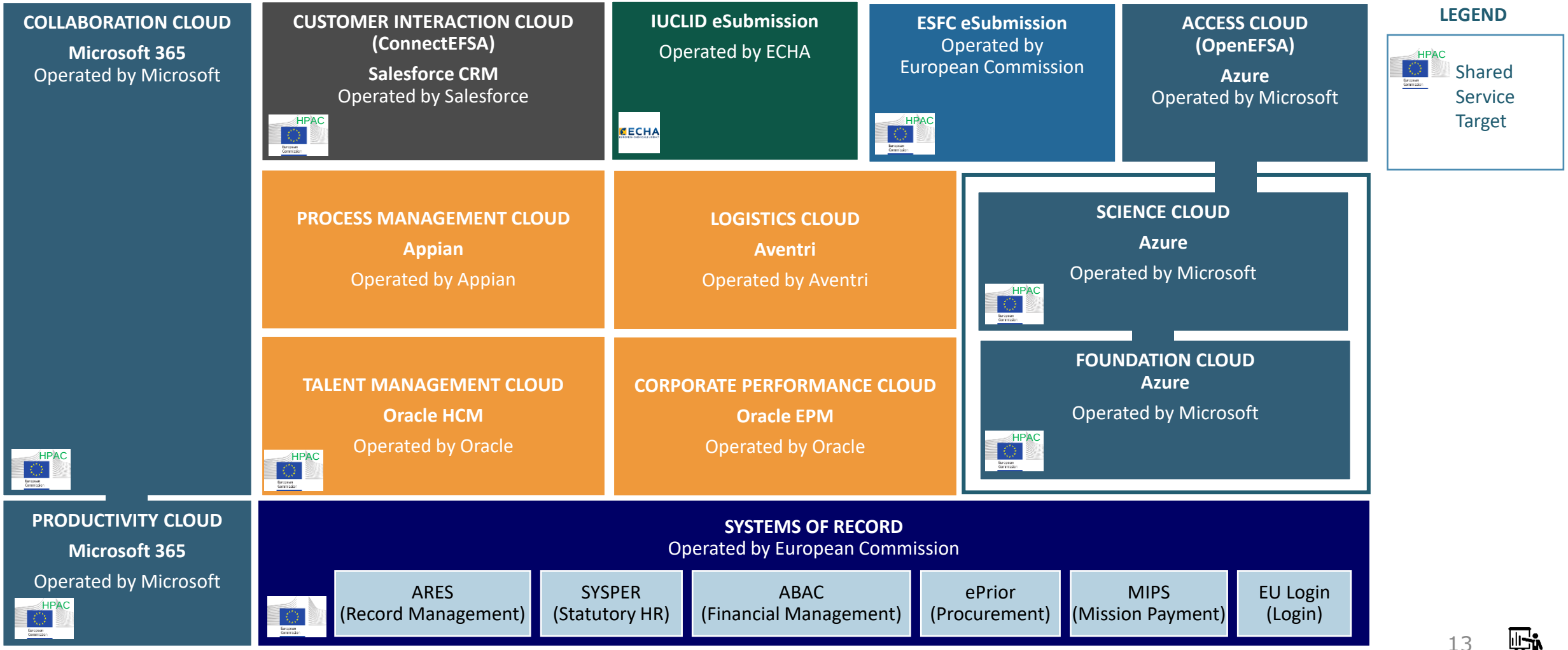
The architecture supporting EFSA 2027

The future architecture has been delivered. The challenge is to identify across the EU landscape the common data platforms and the common processing platforms for sharing.



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Overview of digital enhancements and tools supporting material since 27 March 2021

Benedicte Vagenende

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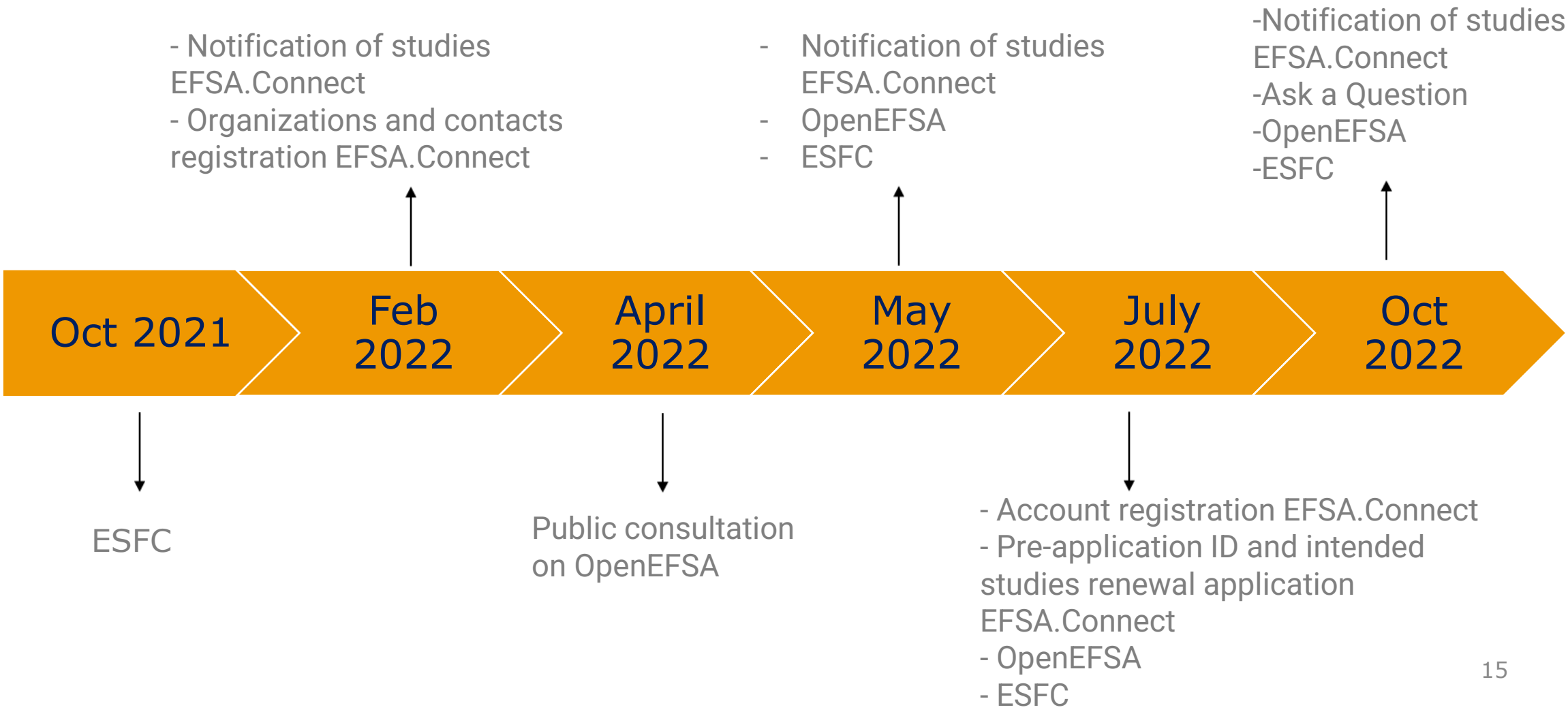
What changed since we started on 27/3/21?

- Reference page for all tools and manuals: Applicant toolkit page
- Continuous work to improve the tools: Digital enhancement windows



What comes next?

- Further improvements planned through releases in Jan 23, March 23, June 23, Aug 23, based on user feedback, analysis of recurrent issues and EFSA's experience handling post-TR applications

- Your feedback on the Tools and supporting materials is welcome through Ask a Question

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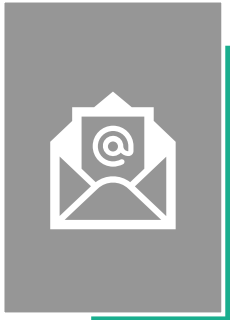

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