

A PROPOSED NEW APPROACH FOR CLOSER COOPERATION WITH THE AF COMMUNITY

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DRIVERS FOR CHANGE AND OBJECTIVES

Drivers

AF's feedback

EFSA and MS ambition towards Partnerships

New Focal Point Framework



Objectives

Shared values and strategies to amplify impact through interaction

Working towards joint programming and execution

Building together a EU RA system that is fit-for-purpose, responsive, sustainable, resilient and trusted



PROPOSALS FOR ENHANCED EXCHANGES AT AF MEETINGS



Structure and content of the AF agendas

Revised standing agenda items

- No standing agenda items for Implementation of Transparency Regulation and Engagement and Communication – to be covered across different Agenda items
- AF Discussion Groups, e.g. DG on DATA, integrated in FP standing item
- RA activities (incl. annual report from Scientific Committee Chair)

New priority topics

- Progress on FP Operational Framework
- Partnerships
- Connecting AF and Management Board (and if appropriate HoA), when relevant



Format of AF meetings

EFSA/MS co-chairing

(e.g. Council Presidency)

Innovative formats (e.g., breakout sessions, focus groups) and professional moderators (as needed)

Active participation from MS through agenda items focused on MS-EFSA & MS-MS interactions



Meeting minutes

More concise minutes with:

- summary of main points discussed and key interventions
- Clear reference to action points

Recordings made available in restricted AF Teams space



PROPOSED GOVERNANCE: AF AGENDA SETTING & FP FRAMEWORK



Who?

Volunteer trio of MS

MS hosting the past, current and future Presidency of the Council of the EU, upon agreement

How long?

Mandate of 18 months (covering 6 AF meetings each)

What?

Main tasks:

- Co-creation of meeting/Agendas
- Advisory body assessment of FP tailormade proposals (new FP operational framework 2023-2027)





TIMELINES AND NEXT STEPS

Today

87th AF

to agree on the proposed approach

By end of March

Preparing for the new approach

MS proposed for 2023-2024 to confirm their involvement in the MS trio

April / May

Implementation of the new approach

MS trio involved in:

- co-creation of draft Agendas/meetings
- Advice on FP tailor-made proposals



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ANNEX I

Year	Starting Semester	Countries	
2023	1st semester	CZ* SE ES	
	2nd semester	SE* ES BE	
2024	1st semester	ES BE HU	
	2nd semester	BE HU PL	
2025	1st semester	HU PL DK	
	2nd semester	PL DK CY	
2026	1st semester	DK CY IE	
	2nd semester	CY IE LT	
2027	1st semester	IE LT GR	
	2nd semester	LT GR IT	
2028	1st semester	GR IT LV	
	2nd semester	IT LV LU	
2029	1st semester	LV LU NL	
	2nd semester	LU NL SK	
2030	1st semester	NL SK MT	
	2nd semester	SK MT	

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