



**FoodSafety4EU**

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PLATFORM  
FOR FOOD SAFETY IN EUROPE

# Involvement of risk assessors in research projects

## *The FoodSafety4EU Experience*

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H2020 Coordination and Support Action:  
**a policy driven call**

A **collaborative space**, where food safety authorities and risk assessors meet scientists, food business operators and citizens to share knowledge and resources, to interact and network, to create new partnerships and joint activities

The **FS4EU approach** → **dynamic participatory process** intended to:

- ✓ structure a network of FSS actors
- ✓ inform and mobilize the actors within the FS system
- ✓ host and facilitate the co-creation of input for future FS policies

**Ambition: to become a Knowledge/Competence Centre for Food Safety in Europe supporting the transformation towards a SAFE and SUSTAINABLE food system**

# Levels of Cooperation

## FS4EU & EFSA - Food Safety Agencies - Risk Assessors



**FS4EU advisory board**

*Periodical meetings for alignment  
Participation in project FSOLabs (structured living labs)*



**CZECH AGRICULTURE AND  
FOOD INSPECTION AUTHORITY**



**FS4EU partners**

*Implementation of project actions*



**REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS**



**Netherlands Food and Consumer  
Product Safety Authority  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Nature and Food Quality**



**НАЦІОНАЛЬНИЙ УНІВЕРСИТЕТ  
БІОРЕСУРСІВ І ПРИРОДОКОРИСТУВАННЯ  
УКРАЇНИ**



**AGENCIJA ZA SIGURNOST HRANE BOSNE I HERCEGOVINE  
АГЕНЦИЈА ЗА БЕЗБЕДНОСТ ХРАНЕ БОСНЕ И ХЕРЦЕГОВИНЕ  
FOOD SAFETY AGENCY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**



**NACIONALINIS MAISTO IR VETERINARIJOS  
RIZIKOS VERTINIMO INSTITUTAS**



**agencia  
española de  
seguridad  
alimentaria y  
nutrición**



**Ministero della Salute**



**INRAE**



**STATE SERVICE OF  
UKRAINE ON FOOD SAFETY  
AND CONSUMER  
PROTECTION  
SSUFSCP**



**FS4EU supporting partners**

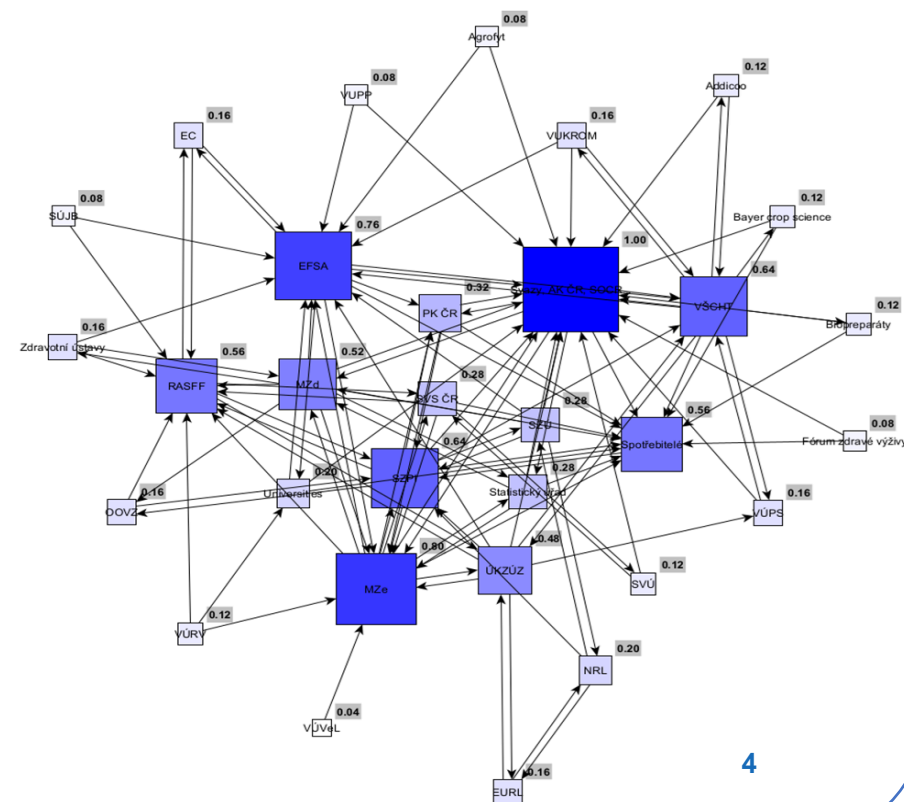
*Information  
Consultation  
Implementation of project actions*



## DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM

**Four types of linkages were assessed**

- Legally required information sharing
- Voluntary information sharing
- Public communication
- Requesting new data





# Co-creation of roadmaps for risk analysis of circularity - related food safety issues

Harmonisation  
and integration in  
risk analysis

**FSOLab 1**



**PILOT**

Harmonized approaches  
for circularity related  
food safety issues:

- 1) Food contact materials
- 2) Mycotoxins

MICRO

MESO

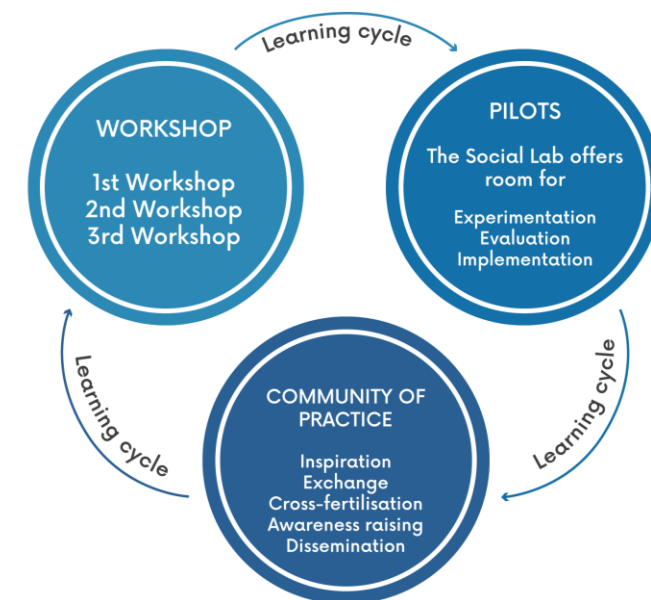
MACRO

## FOOD SAFETY OPERATIONAL Labs (SOCIAL Labs)

participants from:

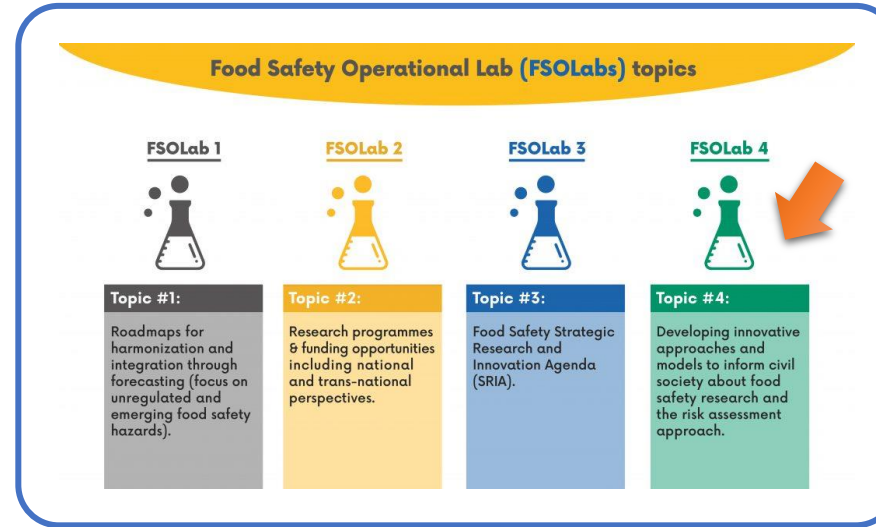
- ✓ Academia
- ✓ consumer organizations
- ✓ companies
- ✓ food safety agencies (ASAE, AFSCA, FFA, AKU, INSPPA, FSA BA)
- ✓ risk assessors (INRAE) companies
- ✓ JRC EURL
- ✓ EC DG Health and Food Safety

***Dialogue within and between the FS system levels***



# Food Safety4EU proposal for SRIA

**CO-CREATION**



**FS4EU Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (Dec 2023)**

**EC Initiative:  
Sustainable food  
systems**  
Proposal for regulation  
to be adopted by the EC in  
the third quarter of 2023

**PUBLIC  
CONSULTATION**



**Have your say!**

<https://foodsafety4.eu/fsolabs/fsolab-3-sria/>

*The main issues to be addressed by the new SRIA are:*

- 1. What are the future research needs to be addressed to ensure a SAFE transition towards sustainable food systems under the edge of the new sustainability regulation?*
- 2. What tools, methodologies, knowledge do we need to address food safety hazards and risks (re)-emerging in circular, biobased, sustainable food systems of the future?*

## Lessons Learned

The FS4EU experience showed **an uneven picture** of the **EU Food Safety System** as a whole.

With respect to **risk assessors/FSA involvement in the implementation of project actions**, some differences emerged in:

- flexibility of their tasks/mandate,
- resources (time, staff, facilities),
- background including the socio-cultural context

**To “facilitate” the risk assessors and FSA contribution to research activities** we need:

- To put efforts to **build a common background** and to understand and valorize diversities
- **Be smart**: design activities to be implemented in short time, f.i. using digital tools and on line meetings
- **Train/drive researchers in supporting regulatory science: *there is innovation in standardization and enforcement too!***