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MB DISCUSSION ON PARTNERSHIP

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Presentation

- State of play of cooperation
 - Framework and instruments
 - Financial investment (2014-2023)
 - Learnings (operational and strategic)
- From cooperation to partnership
 - The concept (AF definition)
 - Making it happen: the roles of AF (coordinate), FP (facilitate), MB (advocate)
 - Partnership opportunities: selected areas

Expenditure in grants and procurement



Selected areas for partnership



Pesticides



Novel Foods



Enzymes and additives



Animal Health



Plant Health



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Principles and concepts:

- Partnerships as a key for the sustainability of the EU RA system
- Priority is preparatory tasks for RA through grants
- Need for more engagement by national authorities and art. 36 orgs. (strategic alignment, joint planning and resources, capacity building)
- Political will is essential.
- MB members can advocate to risk managers and policy makers
- Advocacy approaches may differ
- Need for close interaction between MB members, AF members and FP at national level

Questions for discussion:

- **1.** Any considerations on the **opportunity** of expanding partnerships in preparatory tasks for RA?
- 2. How can the MB members contribute to **advocating** for partnerships and how can EFSA support such efforts?
- 3. How should the **follow-up** of this discussion be structured?



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Takeaways from the discussion

- MB Endorsement of partnerships as the way forward for the EU RA system
- 2 key levers for organisations' involvement:
 - Long term strategic planning (alignment of priorities, funding predictability)
 - Expand / further engage with art. 36 organisations, mapping expertise
- MB members to step up and take on a connecting role, interacting with AF, FP and art 36 list orgs.
- Advocacy/political efforts:
 - Develop a win-win narrative towards MS
 - Overcome national administrations' fragmentation
- Follow-up:
 - Written consultation with MB members
 - Possible dedicated meeting / working group
 - Identification of specific areas, formats, and estimated efforts with MS



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