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# A FOCAL POINT PILOT YEAR: GETTING READY FOR 2024

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# FP OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK: 2023 AS PILOT YEAR

# Please describe with 3 keywords your impressions on the pilot year

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## FP FRAMEWORK STRATEGIC ORIENTATION



A fit-for-purpose and sustainable network, promoting joint collaborative work among national, regional and EU-wide (including EEA and IPA) relevant actors, in partnership with EFSA, towards a resilient food safety system in Europe

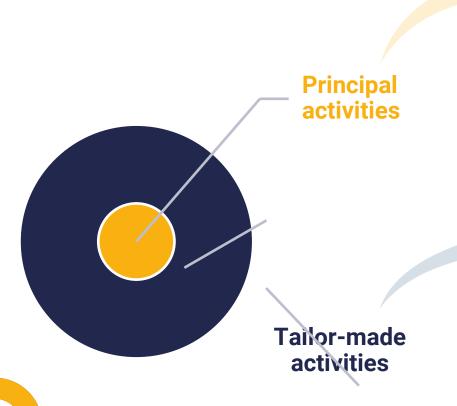






National Focal Points act as connecting hubs within the European ecosystem of actors. Within a changing and increasingly complex environment, FPs address joint needs and priorities, contributing to a cohesive food safety system in Europe, making best use of opportunities brought by the Transparency Regulation and fostering long-lasting partnerships

## FP FRAMEWORK: PRINCIPAL AND TAILOR-MADE ACTIVITIES



Main activities ensure basic functioning of the FP network

**Permanent list of optional activities** available to all FP during framework timeline

Additional activities aimed at addressing specific needs / priorities of MS & EFSA

Identified and proposed by MS and/or EFSA (including competent organisations and EFSA Discussion / Working Groups, Scientific Networks, CEN)

Activities fit under **EFSA remit,** current **strategic cycle** and overarching **areas of FP work** 

Activities bring short- and mid-term benefit to EFSA and the EU food safety ecosystem

Short- or mid-term activities that support long-term partnerships

Activities that **support preparedness** for future risk assessment work

**Inclusive approach**, **choice-driven**, and that can **change** throughout the framework cycle



## TM ACTIVITIES PROPOSALS: SUBMISSION AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS



# PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Brief background information
- Clear description of expected deliverables
- List of objectives and envisaged activities
- Indication for additional partners
- Split of activities among partners
- Information on subcontracting (Art36 org. subcontracted for core and non-core tasks)
- Timeframe for the action
- Estimated budget
- Submission through tool during submission window

**Engagement and External Relations Unit (ENREL)** – quality / technical check and budget monitoring (with support of

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Global Performance Services Unit (GPS) – assessment of proposals based on EFSA strategic objectives, benefits, work-programme and resources availability

Subject Matter Unit (SMU) / PROGRAMMES – assessment based on content, scientific relevance & fitness under EFSA short / mid / long term needs, resource needs vs availability

MS (AF TRIO) – MS advice on proposal(s), bringing MS perspective

decision on proposals based on assessment results and MS (AF TRIO) advice



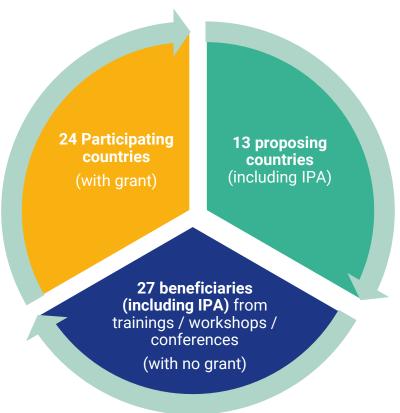
# FP FRAMEWORK 2023: OVERVIEW FROM FIRST YEAR

5 TM activities under Area 1 5 TM activities under Area 2 6 TM activities under Area 3 8 TM activities under Area 4 7 TM activities under Area 5

44 SAs signed for TM activities

6.2 M invested in 2023

29 FPA signed





## PILOT YEAR IMPRESSIONS: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

### Slido from 51st FP meeting





Dedicated **Teams channel** to foster **communication Regular meetings** with FP for targeted **discussions / clarifications Microsite** on FP TM activities for **information sharing** 



**Explanatory document** to **guide implementation** of new framework **Guidelines** and **best practices** to **support** new processes



**Submission tool** as **single point of entry & repository** for all TM activities + **visualisations** to enhance **visibility** on TM activities



No distinction between **collaborative** and **country-specific** activities for process **simplification** 

Amendment to FPA to allow subcontracting of core tasks to Art36 organisations leading to enhanced collaboration



**Network meetings & FP events** to raise **participation** in FP framework



## FEEDBACK FROM SLIDO INPUT

Please describe with 3 keywords your impressions on the pilot year **Exhausting Transparency** adjustable **Overwhelming** Confusing cocreation Trust flexibility stronger collaboration dynamic Simplicity Busy active collaboration partnering rewarding ecosystem building creative ucertainty workload flexible successful pilot involving hoigh workload challenging teamwork valuable applicable networking promising useful exciting new partnerships chaotic progress successfull **Opportunities** hopeful Enjoyable extensive sometimes frustrating challenges challenging, sharing, engaging cooperation challenging, interesting,



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