Introduction to Dico2

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OBJECTIVES

- Give an **introduction** to Dico2

- Report on **ongoing activities**

- Report from the **TM Area 2 meeting**

- **Plenary discussion** on the proposal

DICO2 PROJECT: INTRODUCTION

The Digital Collaboration 2 (DiCo2) project goal is to **extend EFSA's remote collaboration capacity to some of its stakeholders.**
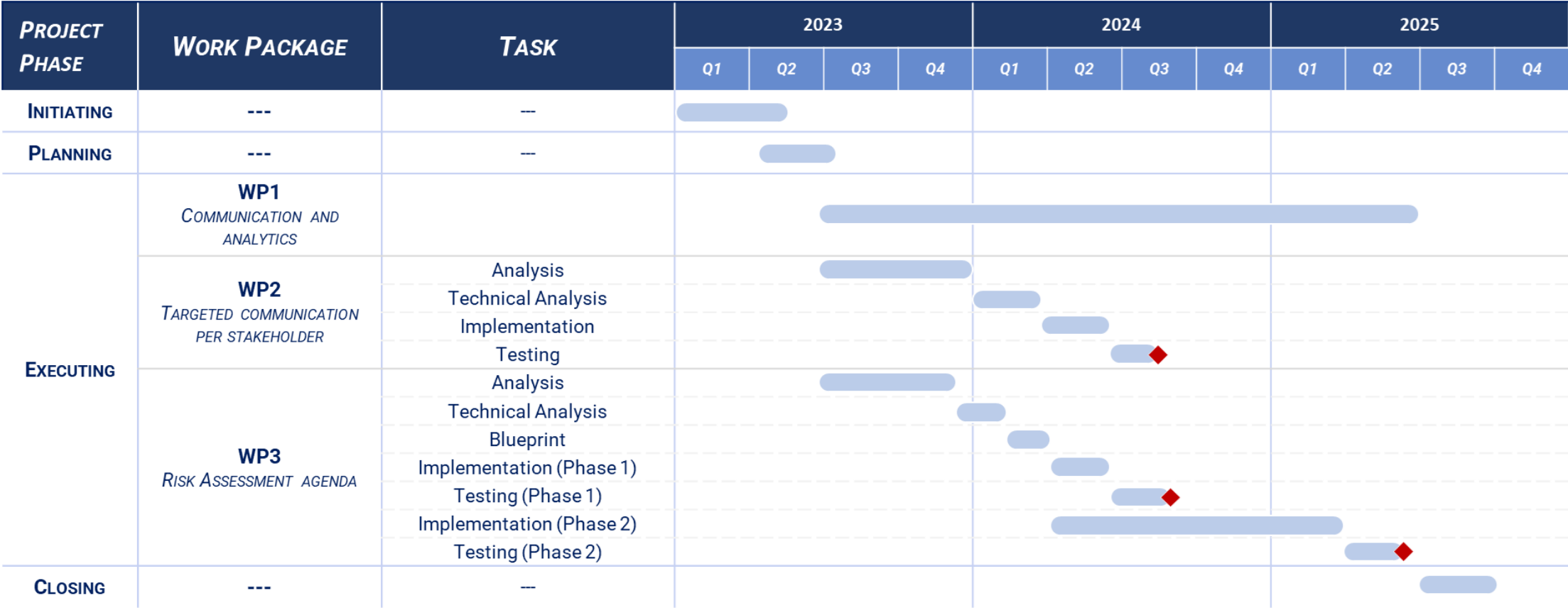
WORK PACKAGE 2

Improve the user experience and the **overview of the information** disseminated via digital means to the **EFSA Registered Stakeholders**.

WORK PACKAGE 3

Develop a platform to identify common priorities areas of work for information, and foster collaboration among **EFSA and Member States**.

DICO2 PROJECT: TIMELINE

Project Phase	Work Package	Task	2023				2024				2025			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Initiating	---	---												
Planning	---	---												
Executing	WP1 Communication and analytics													
	WP2 Targeted communication per stakeholder	Analysis												
		Technical Analysis												
		Implementation												
		Testing												
	WP3 Risk Assessment agenda	Analysis												
		Technical Analysis												
		Blueprint												
		Implementation (Phase 1)												
		Testing (Phase 1)												
		Implementation (Phase 2)												
		Testing (Phase 2)												
Closing	---	---												

Legend: ■ Timeline ◆ Go-Live

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Dico2: Ongoing activities

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DICO2 – EU RISK ASSESSMENT AGENDA AND RISK ASSESSMENT PLANS DATABASE

The Digital Collaboration 2 (DiCo2) project aims at extending EFSA's remote collaboration capacity to some of its stakeholders

MSs' sharing risk assessment priorities and building an EU Risk Assessment Agenda relies on legacy tools in maintenance-only mode (R4EU)

The scope remains: identifying common priorities areas of work for information and around which collaboration between EFSA and MSs (and among MSs) can occur

Both databases complement each other

+ potentially Focal Points tailor-made tasks tool

THE PRESENT – MEMBER STATES RISK ASSESSMENT PLANS DATABASE
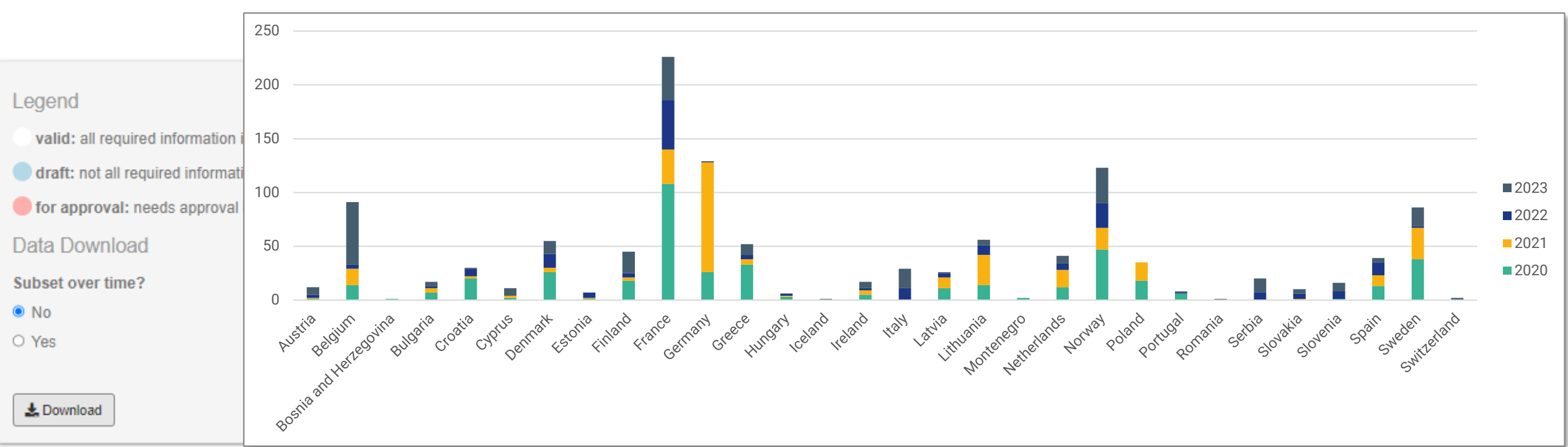
Legend

○ **valid:** all required information i

○ **draft:** not all required informati

○ **for approval:** needs approval

Data Download

Subset over time?

● No

○ Yes

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Legend years: ■ 2023 ■ 2022 ■ 2021 ■ 2020

Countries: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland

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Date of Entry	Date of Edit	Country	Organisation	Main Area	Title	Description
		,	All	All	All	All

THE PRESENT- EU RISK ASSESSMENT AGENDA

287 entries
- 92 under "generic"
- 56 under "microbiological"
- 66 under "environmental"
- 47 under "chemical"
- 26 under "nutrition"

WORK PACKAGE 3 – WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

Project charter, with definition of the business case, scope, impact and needs.

Internal consultation to better define the requirements for both Databases.

External consultation

- With selected MS for one-to-one interviews (AF & FP)
- Meeting with tailor-made tasks tool Area 2 MS

INTERNAL CONSULTATION - OUTCOME

Single entry point

Possibility to open it beyond AF and FP

More user-friendly interfaces

Categorisation of entries

Clear indication of the maturity stage of the ideas (EU Risk Assessment Agenda)

Clear indication of nature of cooperation requested and implementation path (EU Risk Assessment Agenda)

Gradually increase the info available on ongoing projects

ONE-TO-ONE INTERVIEWS – PRELIMINARY COMMENTS

Member States Risk Assessment plans is considered very useful

- The diff. nature of the entries reflects the diff. approach at MS level and diff. interpretation of risk assessment plan/activity

EU Risk Assessment Agenda is considered to have potential but currently not useful

- Outdated
- Static nature
- Misaligned expectations (e.g. funding)

Categorisation of entries would be very useful

- Harmonised across databases
- Max. one or two levels of mandatory categorisation
- Scroll down menu to avoid typos + free text for voluntary info

Improved/enhanced interfaces

FOCAL POINT

FP input from TM Area 2-Engagement, Cooperation & Partnership

Gorgias Garofalakis

FP ACTIVITIES – AREA 2 MEETING

- **Why?**
  - Partnership-focused tailor-made activity, with regular group meetings to discuss practices, challenges, ideas, etc.
  - 13 FPs (AT, BG, FI, FR, GR, HR, HU, IE, IT, LV, NL, NO, RO)
  - Limited only overlap with the FPs selected for focused interviews
- **How?**
  - 1-hour meeting
  - 3 questions + open to additional ideas:
    - Do you promote the databases to third parties?
    - What has your experience been with both databases from technical/operational point of view?
    - How would you value the following changes: Better categorisation; Clear indication of idea maturity; More information on interactions with interested parties

AREA 2 MEETING - OUTCOME

- **Existing databases:**
  - Member States Risk Assessment Plans database: Very useful and content of interest to the national risk assessment audience, but:
    - varied use across countries (volume of information, types of activities included as RA-relevant)
    - challenging user interface.
  - EU Risk Assessment Agenda database: There is potential but, currently, small "uptake" by the audience, among others because of:
    - Static content. Fields not filled in consistently across the database
    - Categorisation of entries is not very helpful
    - Contacts on existing entries not always reachable
    - Unclear objective. The database doesn't meet the (false) implied expectation of facilitating the identification of suitable funding
  - Browsing, filtering or searching across the entries is challenging. The option to extract the information mitigates the issue.

AREA 2 MEETING - OUTCOME

- **Things to improve:**
  - Categorisation/tagging of entries, e.g., by Panel relevance, by regulated product domain, etc.
  - Clear instructions for users on what information each field holds, to help consistency
  - Clear indication of the type of activity described or proposed, e.g., risk assessment vs. research to create evidence for risk assessment (MS Risk Assessment Plans database)
  - Clear indication of the idea maturity, including clarity on what is being proposed or requested and information on any resources already secured or sought for. (EU Risk Assessment Agenda database)

- **Important to consider:**
  - Target audiences to directly benefit from the databases and functions to be supported
  - Access level (e.g., AF/FP, Art. 36, Scientific Networks, the public)

- **Ideas for future evolution:**
  - Gradually increase the info available on ongoing projects, as this helps networking
  - Make it easier to identify gaps in concluded RA outputs, which could benefit from future work

Plenary discussion

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DISCUSSION*

1. **What do you think about our proposal?**

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2. **Are we missing something here?**

3. **Which other audiences (if any) should have direct access to the databases?**

*N.B.** This exercise is meant to be a brainstorming exercise. Any actual decision will depend on the results of the business analysis.

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