Established in 2008, the Focal Point (FP) Network consists of representatives from the national food safety authorities of the Member States (MSs), Iceland and Norway, as well as observers from Switzerland and EU candidate countries. FPs act as connecting hubs and operate in a multiannual, flexible and tailor-made system, focussing on different areas of work.

**STRATEGIC ORIENTATION**

**VISION**

A fit-for purpose and sustainable network of national FPs working together to contribute to a resilient food safety system in Europe.

**MISSION**

- FPs to act as connecting hubs between EFSA, national actors and relevant actors from other countries.
- FPs to address EFSA’s and national needs and priorities for a cohesive food safety system in Europe.
- FPs to foster the creation of partnerships.

**AREAS OF WORK**

- Knowledge and information management and support to scientific production
- Engagement, collaboration & partnership
- Capacity building
- Data
- Risk communication

**TYPES OF ACTIVITIES**

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

- Core activities of the network that define the functioning of the role of FPs
- Are the same for all FPs and remain constant throughout the lifecycle of the framework
- Facilitate information exchange, networking and partnerships, as well as operational support to AF

**TAILOR-MADE ACTIVITIES**

- Activities addressing specific priorities of MSs and EFSA
- Proposed by MSs and/or EFSA, including their communities
- Fit with EFSA’s remit and strategy
- Bring short- and mid-term benefits to the EU food safety ecosystem
- Support the establishment of long-term partnerships
- Support preparedness for future risk assessment work
- Follow an inclusive and choice-driven approach

For more detailed information on EFSA’s cooperation with Member States, please check the EFSA webpage on EU Member States and in the infographic How EFSA works with EU Member States.

For more details on Competent organisations in Member States please see the EFSA webpage here.