

91ST ADVISORY FORUM
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ASSESSMENT OF 2023 FOCAL POINT TAILOR MADE PROPOSALS

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**Overall
outcome of
assessment
process**

9 out of 15 tailor- made proposals prioritised

- ✓ AF Trio brought MS interest, expertise and priorities into the process
- ✓ EFSA and AF Trio aligned on all proposals
- ✓ Identified best practices to inform 2024 assessment



AF TRIO ADVICE

1st meeting EFSA - AF trio

- Presentation of EFSA preliminary feedback
 - Discussion on approach for proposals not prioritised
 - Clarifications on AF Trio advice input
- 14th December 2023

EFSA's organisational support for AF trio advice

3rd meeting EFSA-AF trio

AF trio advice for 2nd group of proposals
10th January 2024

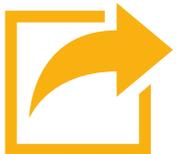


EFSA/AF Trio agreed procedure and criteria
October – December 2023



2nd meeting EFSA - AF trio

AF Trio advice for 1st group of proposals
20th December 2023

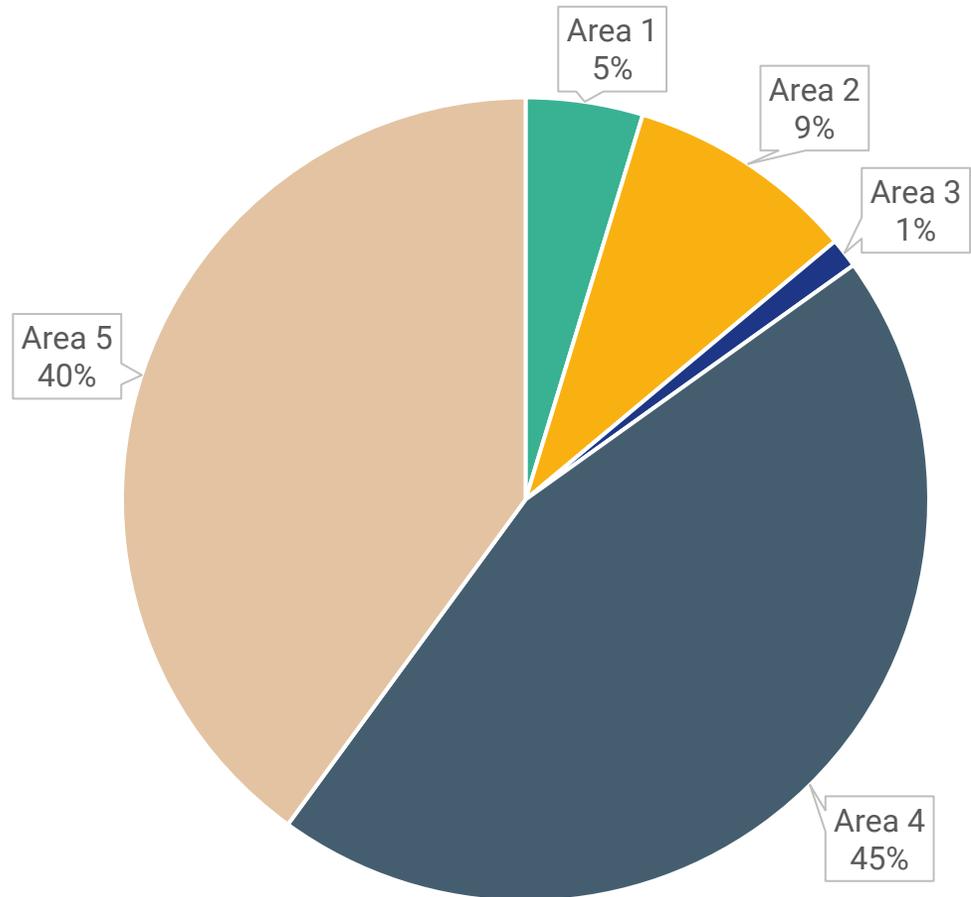


EFSA's communication of results to AF and FP
24th January 2024

PRIORITISED PROPOSALS

Area of work	Proposing entities	Title of proposal
1) Knowledge and information management and support to scientific production	EFSA, Scientific Network	Identification of emerging risks associated with food supplements, other than vitamins and minerals (new activity)
2) Engagement, collaboration and partnerships	EFSA, former AF Discussion Group	(2024) Foster joint planning and partnerships on RA activities (follow up 2023 activity)
	EFSA, former AF Discussion Group	(2024) Knowledge transfer and networking across the RA community (follow up 2023 activity)
	FR, HR, DK, DE, IT, NL, NO, SE, Switzerland	Initiative Group on PFAS (new activity)
3) Capacity building	Croatia	Programming, deployment and maintenance of the European Excellence Label website (follow up activity)
4) Data	EFSA, AGoD	Business Rules Engine: Participate (prioritised in 2022)
	EFSA, AGoD	FoodEx2 Smart Coding App (prioritised in 2022)
	DE + DK-FR-NL-FI-ES-MT-HU	Extension of the Risk Assessment Knowledge Integration Platform “RAKIP –Web” (new activity)
	AGoD, Netherlands, Austria	Inspections and Samples: risk based versus random – phase 2 (follow up activity)
5) Risk Communication	EFSA, CEN	MS Communication Coordinators (follow up 2023 activity)
	Netherlands	Summer school Risk Communication BuRO - EFSA, nr 2 and 3 (follow up activity)

DRAFT BUDGET OVERVIEW PRIORITISED PROPOSALS



- Main investment areas – **DATA and Risk Communication.**
- Some proposals fit **more than 1 area**, only “**main area**” used in chart
- **Budget** overview may be subject to **adjustments** based on **additional participating countries** and on **budget availability**
- **Any updates**, including on budget availability, is **regularly communicated** to AF and FP

- 1) Knowledge and information management and support to scientific production
- 2) Engagement, collaboration and partnerships
- 3) Capacity building
- 4) Data
- 5) Risk Communication



BEST PRACTICES

IMPLEMENTED

- ✓ **Revision of proposals' template** to facilitate the assessment against EFSA's internal criteria
- ✓ **Anticipation of EFSA's primary quality / technical check and fit under EFSA strategy** as soon as a proposal is received
- ✓ **EFSA preliminary feedback** on proposals shared with AF trio
- ✓ **AF Trio activities supported by EFSA** (e.g. via templates, meetings, clarifications, etc.)

ONGOING

- **AF Trio high-level criteria to be revised** to streamline advice
- **AF trio consultation with national experts** for more robust advice and for avoiding possible conflict of interests



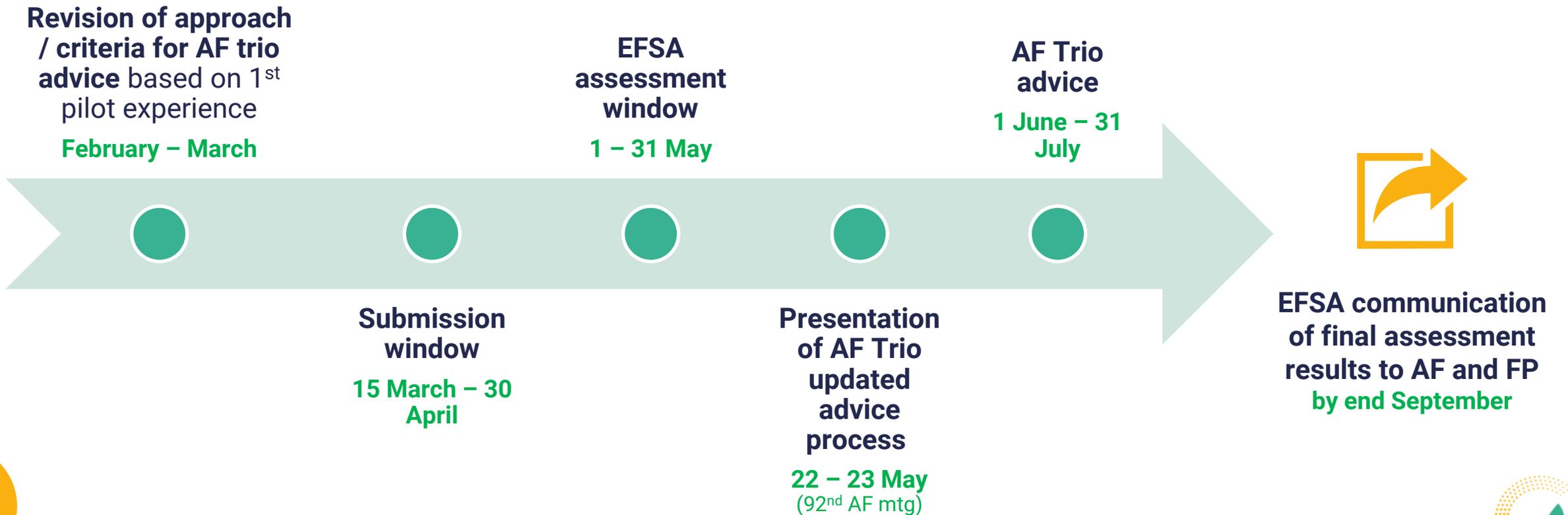
FOR DISCUSSION

- ❖ **AF trio consultation with AF members** on whether proposals address food safety / risk assessment needs and priorities
- ❖ **AF trio consultation with AGoD** for data-related proposals
- ❖ **AF trio consultation with proponents** for possible clarifications



NEXT STEPS

2024 AF Trio composition: ES, DE and HU



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ANNEX I - NOT PRIORITISED PROPOSALS

Area of work	Proposing entities	Title of proposal	EFSA feedback	AF TRIO advice
2) Engagement, collaboration and partnerships	Netherlands	Animal Welfare Risk Assessment Methods Network	Duplication with the existing EFSA AHAW network	Agree with EFSA feedback
	Netherlands	Setting up an international “food chain biobank”	Missing next steps and actions as well as communication of the results to EFSA and AGoD.	Not a priority for most of MS
	France	Promotional infographic for organisations of interest to include on the EFSA list of competent organisations (Art. 36)	Duplication with the existing Focal Point principal activities	Agree with EFSA feedback
4) Data	Denmark, Austria	Exploration of official international food control data	Out of FP remit and of EFSA strategic priorities	Agree with EFSA feedback
	AGoD, Austria	Data harmonisation and a data analysis approach to assist in food fraud detection	Out of FP remit and of EFSA strategic priorities	Agree with EFSA feedback
	AGoD, Denmark	Standardization of epi-descriptive statistics and their related quantitative risk assessments	Uncertainty about the comparability of the data with EFSA dataset and their representatives	Interesting idea but several recommendations to be taken into account

ANNEX II - RETROPLANNER 2024

Activity	Steps	2024												2025	
		Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			O1	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
Tailor- made activities	Submission of the proposals through the dedicated tool				Submission Window (including primary technical feedback from EFSA)										
	EFSA assessment (results to be communicated to AF Trio)					Assessment Window EFSA (ENREL, FIN, GPS, SMUs)									
	AF Trio advice (timely notifications on proposals received)						AF Trio Advice								
	Planning exercise for activities in which additional partner search is envisaged or Eol if needed						Planning and/or Eol activities (raising visibility of activities)								
	Signatures of specific agreements of prioritized TM activities	Signature Window (for proposals prioritized year n-1)											Signature Window (for proposals prioritized for year n+1)		
	Reporting and visibility activities of the results, benefits		Reporting on activities year n-1												
Principal activities	Planning for subsequent year										Planning (Oct- beginning Nov)				
	Signatures of specific agreements for subsequent year											Signatures (until beginning of December)			
	Reporting	Reporting on activities year n-1												Reporting on activities year n-1	

