

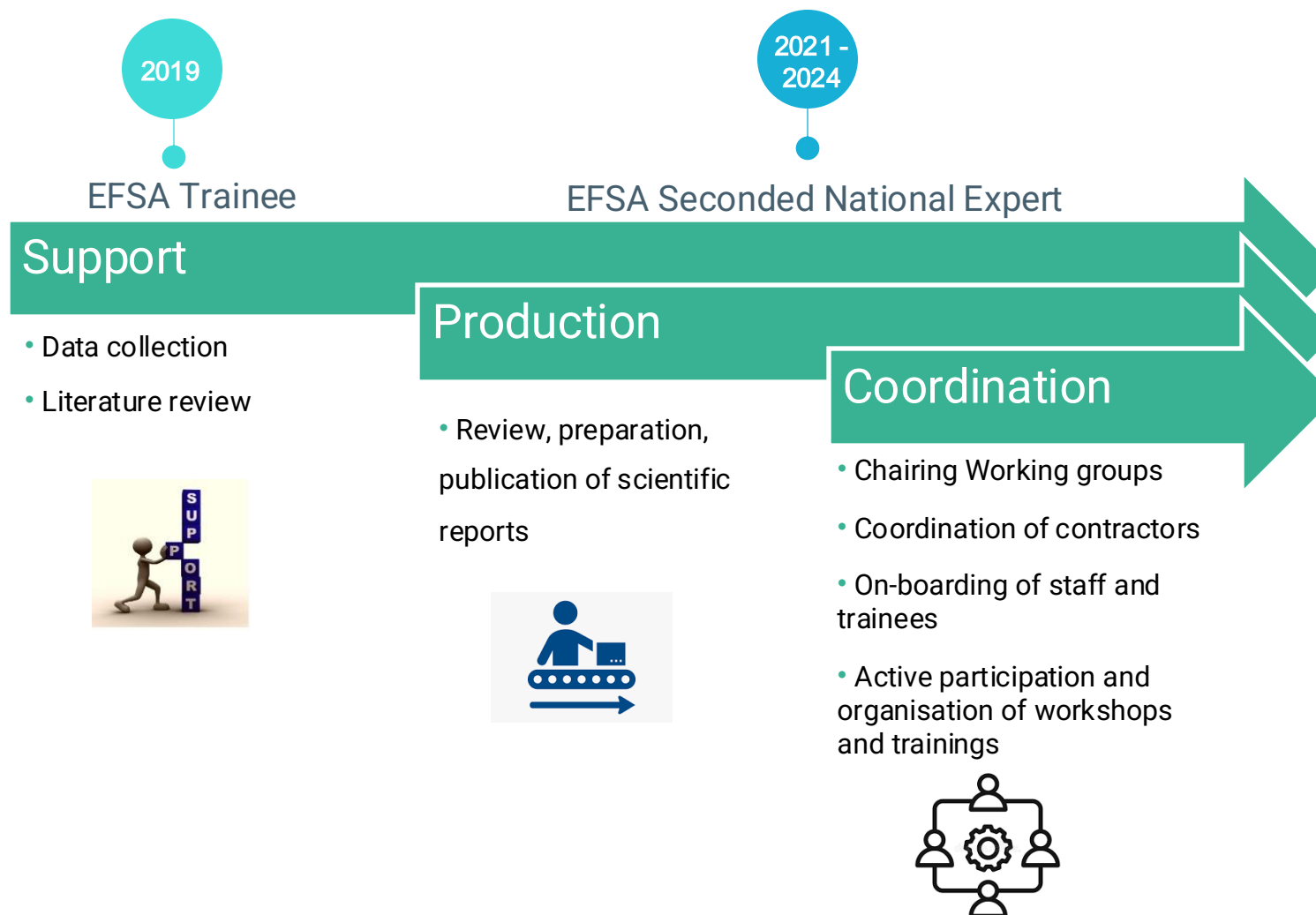
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MALTA'S SNE EXPERIENCE

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EFSA AND MALTA'S NATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION ORGANISATION (NPPO)

- Workshop on Crisis Preparedness for *Phyllosticta citricarpa* organized between Malta's NPPO and EFSA in 2018 through grant agreement



HOW DID MALTA'S ORGANISATION BENEFIT FROM SNE?

1. Reflected on the priorities and specific concerns for Malta's NPP0



2. How can EFSA help in addressing these priorities and concerns?



REAL-LIFE CASES

Case 1: Addressing a plant health crisis relevant for Malta's NPPO

- Detection of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) in Malta in 2021
- Lack of scientific knowledge, public awareness and understanding
- Conflicts with various stakeholders (farmers, nursery owners)

Workshop in Malta in 2022

- Malta's NPPO staff (inspectors, laboratory technicians, policy makers, resource managers)
- External stakeholders – farmers, nursery owners, farmer's associations



Case 2: Meeting regulatory requirements for *Xylella fastidiosa*

- Lack of resources (knowledge, financial, human)

Training in Malta in 2023

- Malta's NPPO staff (inspectors, laboratory technicians, policy makers, resource managers)



CAPACITY BUILDING

- Access to scientific advice and expertise for ToBRFV and *Xylella fastidiosa*
- Network of Experts for potential future crisis
- Training on EFSA methodologies and tools for designing statistically and risk-based surveys

Case 1

Practical documents – Pest Survey Card for ToBRFV (for guiding inspectors and laboratory technicians)

Support to Malta's NPP0 survey design and crisis preparedness by contingency plans (for policy makers)

Public awareness and improving the relationships between all stakeholders

Increased trust in the work being conducted by the NPP0

Case 2

Evaluated the current work being conducted by the NPP0 and discussions with all NPP0 staff OVERDOING!

Efficient and better use of the available resources



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