

Update on Advisory Group on Data

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30TH (ONLINE) MEETING OF AGOD

- EFSA AI & Innovation Board
- Develop connections with other data-related initiatives: PARC
- Progress of Tailor-Made Activities
- Outcomes of the Interagency meeting in Parma
- Subgroups check-in & Joint SG meeting planning



EFSA AI & INNOVATION BOARD: FUNCTIONS









Innovation Driver

- Contact Point for Innovation Proposals
- Advice PoCs
- Foster Innovation Culture
- Track Innovation Impact

Monitoring

- Al Taskforce pilots
- Industrialization channels for Al tools/workflows
- Improvements on existing tools and models
- Key Performance metrics

Governance

- Connection with Al Ethics & DP Compliance Function
- Creation of the Innovation Workflow
- Establish and maintain Al Registry

Networking

- Coordinate with KiCs innovation pathways
- Liaise with internal drivers of innovation
- Liaise with EFSA innovation Ecosystem



EFSA AI & INNOVATION BOARD: MACRO-PLAN OF ACTIVITIES



Al Registry Set-up & Maintenance:

Done according to EDPS + EUAN Guidelines. To be continuously maintained and updated

Redefine Innovation process:

Innovation process includes AI registry workflow + Prioritization pathways:= Technology Transfer.

Al Governance:

The new Governance = new SoPs & WINS. Design phase and should happen in alignment with IDATA SOPs review

Project Execution & Model Support:

Management of Taskforce Smartpilot activities. Develop at least 1 project leveraging Smart Pilot 2 platform.

Business and Scientific Alignment:

Complete a map of SMUs Innovation needs /Improvement for 2026 with proper follow up communicated and monitored.

Communication & Literacy: Support stakeholders along the change management activities, provide communication on activities, collaborate with HUCAP on Literacy training and BBB empowerment

THE PARC PROJECT

PARC Partnership for the Assessment of Risks from

Chemicals

- •A public-public **partnership** under Horizon Europe
- •European Union, Member States and Associated Countries, together with public partners (EU and National Risk Agencies, Universities, Public Research Organisations)
- •Research and innovation activities in relation with the assessment of risk of chemicals.
- •Consolidate and strengthen the EU's R&I capacity for chemical risk assessment to **protect human health and the environment** and contribute to a **non-toxic environment** and a **circular economy**.

Public-Public

Co-Fund Budget

EU/MS,AC: 50/50

400 M€

Started: 01/05/2022

Duration: 7 years

~200 Partners



29 countries

24 Member States: Austria (AT), Belgium (BE), Croatia (HR), Cyprus (CY), Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Estonia (EE), Finland (FI), France (FR), Germany (DE), Greece (EL), Hungary (HU), Ireland (IE), Italy (IT), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Netherlands (NL), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Slovakia (SK), Slovenia (SI), Spain (ES), Sweden (SE)

3 Associated countries: Iceland (IS), Israel (IL), Norway (NO)

2 Non-associated Third countries: Switzerland (CH), United Kingdom (UK)

3 European Agencies:











THE PARC PROJECT

WP7 Activities: facilitate exchange and re-use of data

> FAIR data landscape for chemical risk assessment

- ➤ Major existing and planned databases, repositories, platforms :
 - ➤ Potential to provide relevant data for PARC and/or integrate PARC generated data in a FAIR and sustainable way
 - Assess sustainability Assess accordance with FAIR principles
- ➤ Gap analysis hurdles to access and reuse
- ➤ Map complementarities with the Common Platform on Chemicals Data

▶PARC FAIR data platform

- ➤ Access point(s) to network of distributed data repositories/platforms/databases
- > metadata catalogue
- existing repositories/platforms new "PARC" FAIR repositories
- Providing federated services & tools (search, access, interoperability cross-domain)
- ➤ Integration with computational and analytical tools, models, applications

NR data policy

FAIR awareness capacity building

training,



- ➤ Use case specific data landscape → sustainability FAIR principles gap analysis
- ➤ Use case specific FAIR requirements and tools (community-specific data, metadata standards, and practices (ontologies, data models, controlled vocabularies))

> Harmonisation and standards - (Community) standards - Vocabularies & ontologies





PROGRESS OF TAILOR-MADE ACTIVITIES

- Update on Tailor Made Proposals 2025
- Progress Tailor Made Activities started in 2024
 - Extension of the Risk Assessment Knowledge Integration Platform "RAKIP-Web" (several MS) - postponed
 - Cross member state collaboration and development for improved outbreak investigation, preparedness and sharing of Whole Genome Sequences in the EU (Denmark)
 - Large Language Models analysis for automatic FoodEx2 codification (France)
 - Rebuild Data Framework New Data Ingestion and Management System Member States Recommendations and Enhancing for new functionalities (EFSA)



OVERVIEW - TAILOR-MADE ACTIVITIES PROPOSALS 2025

15 April: Submission finished

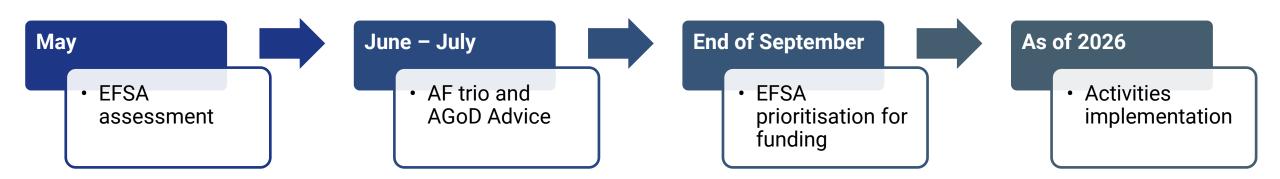
In total: 16 new proposals received (6 - Area: Data)

New proposals: **30** countries involved (incl. IPA and countries outside Europe)

At the moment: 49 ongoing and finished TMA



TMA PROPOSALS ASSESSMENT AND ADVICE





Quality and budget check, possible clarifications with proponents



Alignment between AGoD and AF Trio on proposals to be advised by each actor





2025 PUBLIC HEALTH INTERAGENCY WORKSHOP

- Parma EFSA, 10-11 April 2025
- EU health policy agencies and partner EC Directorates General (EFSA, ECDC, ECHA, EMA, DG SANTE, DG ENV, JRC, BVL, DFI, HERA, HaDEA)
- Theme: building unified strategies for data, AI, and it in line with emerging EU legislation



SESSION 1 | DATA STANDARDS AND INTEROPERABILITY

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 How to ensure seamless data exchange while complying with the Interoperability

 Regulation, CSS/1S1A, Data Regulation and European Health Data Space (EHDS)?
 - Presentation: Member State perspective on interoperability, terminologies, & data frameworks (AGoD): a blueprint for partnership (Eva Scharfenberg & Ákos Bernard Jóźwiak)
 - Importance of ontologies and interoperability
 - MS perspective is important
 - Many ontologies is not a problem Ecosystem thinking
 - Data literacy
 - Build on existing work
 - We need to have governance in place if we want interoperability.
 - Instead of inventing a new governance, let's use the already existing governance, like AGoD and work on a Food Data Space.
 - · Also, European Common Data Platform for Chemicals brings a new governance let's design a Chemical Data Space



SESSION 2 | AI POLICIES AND GOVERNANCE

- SESSION 2 | AI Policies and Governance How do we create shared AI governance frameworks addressing ethics, risk, and quality under the AI Act and leverage HPC and AI sovereign programmes of the EU
- Validation is essential for building robust and trustworthy AI-enabled applications
- But also time consuming -> LLM-as-a-Judge: automated and scalable validation
- Works (slightly worse but far cheaper), however, the learning during validation is not replacable
- Risk categorization of Al
- Driver's licence idea: training modules
- Use of AI is in many cases focused on everyday AI, and less breakthrough AI

Risk categorisation of AI capabilities

Informed approach: guidance for user judgement

Concern Level per dimension in the AI context	DATA Input Data	PEOPLE Target / end population	PROCESS Business process
3 levels	What type of data will AI use?	Who will benefit from the AI use?	In what context will AI be used?
Medium Low	Categorisation: • Apply the EMA document classification policy 0081 categories to determine level of concern for data	Categorisation: • Level of interface with other actors • External • Internal • Individual	Categorisation: • AI ACT risk level categorised activities • Level of interface with external processes/organisations • Communication vs decision: with/without human oversight

SESSION 2 | AI POLICIES AND GOVERNANCE

- Big obstacles:
- can't use the data we need (confidentiality, access, etc.)
- how we share data (API is not the best)
- employees (return-on-employees)
- Al is moving faster than the traditional way of project management in Agencies → agile model for project management introduced now at EFSA
- cautious approach of agencies



SESSION 2 | AI POLICIES AND GOVERNANCE

- Possible solutions:
- building an AI champions network and also AI ambassadors (policy people)
- Al catalogue
- Risk based approach: not all tools require the same attention
- Basic layers of data management are not valid any more
- Maintenance of datasets
- Value of open-source models is still there
- Learn from MS institutions or more agile/flexible institutions
 - There is a huge potential to get this done in the MSs, involving Academia, through the Horizon program, for example.
- Changing the process, and find the places for humans in the loop
- People, capacity, literacy



2025 PUBLIC HEALTH INTERAGENCY WORKSHOP

- Discussions & outcomes relevant for AGoD:
 - Use of agility and resources of MS research institutions promoted
 - Awareness raised on MS perspectives and the necessity to engage with MS
- Interoperability is (still) the key (e.g., RASFF vs EFSA terminology)
- Discussion on creating a food data space
- Discussion on setting up an inter-agency expert group on data



SUBGROUPS CHECK-IN

- Feedback on Subgroup activities
- Joint meeting of AGoD Subgroups (11th June 2025)
 - AGoD roadmap, priorities
 - Connection between AGoD, SGs, Focal Points, Tailor Made Activities, Networks
 - Discussion on cross-cutting topics



Bringing down pies from the sky Impressionist AI, 21st century, mid-2

ADVISORY GROUP ON DATA: MEETINGS IN 2025

22 January 5 March 28 April 9 Sept 5 Nov 2 Dec online **Poland** online online online Denmark Subgroup check-in **Progress TMT Progress TMT Progress TMT Progress TMT Progress TMT Progress TMT Progress TMT** AI: AI: AI: AI: AI: AI: EFSA use cases AI:AI Act **Annual Report** Revision of FP Tailor Roadmap Checkpoint 2 Outcomes of data flow Set up inter-agency Update on EC data EFSA/BfR traceability Made proposals mapping in MS initiatives expert group on data projects Develop a relationship diagram for Food Interagency MS presentations on Safety entities presentation What are Outputs of Common European Develop connections Roadmap Checkpoint 1 national initiatives with other data-related (conference in 2026?) SGs and AGoD Data Model - discussion initiatives Interagency **EBTC** presentation European common presentation data platform for Interagency Chemicals

presentation

