

# NOTE TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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## Outline of global cooperation activities

### Background

The presentation to the Management Board will provide an overview of EFSA's cooperation activities in the global context. It will look at EFSA's engagement with the European Commission to secure guidance and alignment on global interaction, how this fits into EFSA's own strategy, and will provide an overview of which organisations we focus on, and the tools we use to cooperate with them.

### Alignment

Central to the EFSA approach on international cooperation is regular dialogue and alignment between EFSA and DG SANTE with, on average, three meetings per year dedicated to updating and exchanging views on bilateral and multilateral activities and discussing EU priorities with third countries and international organisations.

### EFSA's strategy

In line with the [EFSA Strategy 2027](#), EFSA's strategy for global cooperation aims to reach the following objectives in order to:

- provide scientific and technical support to the European Commission;
- widen and align on scientific approaches/methodologies;
- increase international scientific assessment capacity;
- contribute to international efforts aimed at development, validation, implementation and harmonisation of methodologies, tools; and
- increase EFSA's visibility and reputation as a competent and innovative regulatory risk assessment agency operating at the international level.

### Global partners

EFSA's key partners include at the bilateral level (U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSCJ)) and the multilateral (OECD, WHO, FAO, WOA, WTO and CODEX Alimentarius).

### Pre-accession

EFSA's support to the "IPA" pre-accession countries is currently running from 01.08.2023 – 31.07.2026 with a budget of EUR 1.15 million for the three years, provided by DG ENEST.

The beneficiaries are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Türkiye with, as direct target audience, the competent authorities for food and feed safety & the scientific community. Indirectly this work focuses on the general public.

The aim is to foster collaboration at the national, regional and international level, and prepare the IPA beneficiaries for further harmonisation of the own system with the ones implemented in the European Union, to enable them to contribute to EFSA's work before and after accession.