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# RISK ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

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# MS RISK ASSESSMENT PLANS OF INTEREST TO EFSA

Member State	Domain	Title	Thanks to share info with
Germany	Nano	A common European approach to the regulatory testing of nanomaterials	<a href="mailto:MariaChiara.ASTUTO@efsa.europa.eu">MariaChiara.ASTUTO@efsa.europa.eu</a> (MESE) <a href="mailto:FEEDCO@efsa.europa.eu">FEEDCO@efsa.europa.eu</a>
	NAMs	ADME4NGRA: Implementing the EFSA NAMs roadmap through advancing toxicokinetic knowledge in chemical risk assessment	<a href="mailto:FEEDCO@efsa.europa.eu">FEEDCO@efsa.europa.eu</a> <a href="mailto:Chantra.ESKES@efsa.europa.eu">Chantra.ESKES@efsa.europa.eu</a>
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	Pesticides Residues	Second Update of the EU Database of Processing Factors for Pesticide Residues (FPA GP/EFSA/AMU/2020/02 Specific Agreement 09)	<a href="mailto:PREV@efsa.europa.eu">PREV@efsa.europa.eu</a> <a href="mailto:PLANTS@efsa.europa.eu">PLANTS@efsa.europa.eu</a>
	Nutrition	Principles for assessing plants and plant ingredients in food	<a href="mailto:NIF@efsa.europa.eu">NIF@efsa.europa.eu</a>



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Czech Republic	Contaminants	Microplastic contamination in Czech drinking water: insights from comprehensive monitoring	<a href="mailto:FEEDCO@efsa.europa.eu">FEEDCO@efsa.europa.eu</a>
Germany	Nutrition	Proposal regarding the setting of maximal amounts of vitamins and minerals in food supplements	<a href="mailto:NIF@efsa.europa.eu">NIF@efsa.europa.eu</a>
Germany	Other	Insect protein allergenicity	<a href="mailto:NIF@efsa.europa.eu">NIF@efsa.europa.eu</a> <a href="mailto:Estefania.NORIEGAFERNA@efsa.europa.eu">Estefania.NORIEGAFERNA@efsa.europa.eu</a>



# EFSA MANDATES OF POTENTIAL MS INTEREST

Unit	Subject	Reception date	RA Deadline
FEEDCO	Request for <u>rapid risk assessment</u> on Acute Reference Dose (ARfD) of cereulide in infants and information on acute consumption of infant formulae	27/1/2026	30/1/2026
FEEDCO	Request for the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to issue a scientific opinion on the health risks posed by microplastics in food, water and air	25/11/2025	31/12/2027

# BOVAER (3-NITROOXYPROPANOL)

## Background

- Bovaer® 10 is a feed additive used to reduce methane emissions from dairy cows. It works by inhibiting a specific enzyme in the cow's rumen;
- EFSA previously concluded that Bovaer® 10 is efficacious and safe for dairy cows at recommended levels.

## New assessment

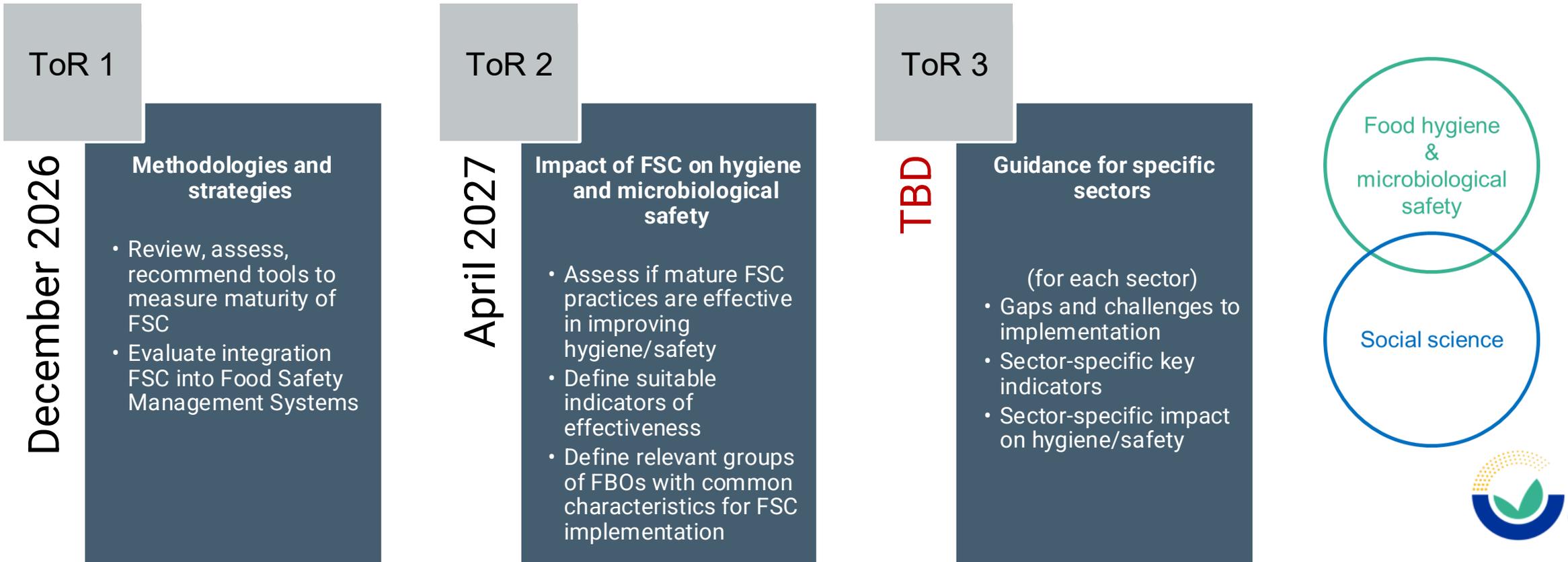
- Triggered by reports from Denmark (Oct 2025) of digestive/metabolic disorders in cows.
- New safety reassessment launched on January 2026 focusing on dairy cows and cows for reproduction.
- A call for data is underway; Scientific opinion due by 30 June 2026.
- Findings will inform whether the EU authorisation should be maintained, amended, suspended, or revoked.



# NEW MANDATE BIOHAZ FOOD SAFETY CULTURE AND ITS MICROBIOLOGICAL FOOD SAFETY IMPACT IN THE EU

**Food safety culture:** “Food safety culture is the learned and shared values, beliefs, and norms that affect attitudes and behaviors towards food safety throughout an organization. It is how everyone from all levels and functions in an organization thinks and acts in their daily job to make sure the food they make or serve is safe to eat.” (a definition from an NGO)

**Concept included in:** Codex (2020), EC Regulation 852/2004 (2021), EC guidance Commission notice 2022/C 355/01 (2022)



# AVIAN INFLUENZA

## EFSA's prior assessments

- EFSA assessed influenza risks to cattle in 2025, including virus spread in US cattle and mitigation measures for H5N1 among EU dairy cattle and poultry.

## Recommended mitigation measures

- If an outbreak in cattle would occur, EFSA advises coordinated actions such as restricting cattle movement, avoiding shared resources between farms, enforcing biosecurity, and strengthening mammal surveillance to control avian influenza outbreaks



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## Human health risk

- **No confirmed human A(H5N1) cases** have occurred in EU/EEA; ECDC assesses risk as low for the general public and low-to-moderate for exposed workers, emphasizing protective measures and monitoring for those in contact with infected animals.

## Milk safety and spillover risk

- No live virus found in milk; pasteurization effectively inactivates the virus, making **dairy products safe**.
- Despite increased animal infections raising spillover concerns, current human risk assessments remain unchanged, with continued recommendations for biosecurity and outbreak preparedness.



# EFSA'S ONGOING CONSULTATIONS

Food domain	Subject	Deadline
<b>Pesticides MRL</b>	Data collection, hazard characterisation and establishment of cumulative assessment groups in view of the cumulative risk assessment of pesticides for reproductive function including fertility	09/03/2026
<b>Plant Health</b>	Draft scientific opinion on the direct control of insect vectors of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>	10/04/2026
<b>Methodology / Pesticides</b>	Draft guidance on critical appraisal of evidence for food and feed safety assessments	23/04/2026



# EFSA'S ONGOING CONSULTATIONS

Food domain	Subject	Call Status
<b>Methodology</b>	Draft scoping paper for the development of a guidance on ADME/PBK	Launching soon – open for 8 weeks
<b>Methodology</b>	Draft revised guidance on default values	Launching soon – open for 8 weeks



# EFSA'S ONGOING CALLS FOR DATA

Call for data	Deadline for submission of data
Call for data on the use of 3-nitrooxypropanol in ruminants	31 March 2026

Call for data for finalising the risk assessment for bees linked to outdoor uses of thiacloprid

20 April 2026

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/calls/data>



# EFSA'S UPCOMING FORESEEN PUBLIC EVENTS

## 2026

Info session on PARNUTs  
| [ONLINE](#) | **13 March 2026**

Stakeholder meeting on  
Efficacy of silage additives |  
[ONLINE](#) | **19 March 2026**

Webinar on updated Food Additives  
GD | [ONLINE](#) | **15 April 2026**

Webinar on Hydroxycitric | [ONLINE](#) |  
**21 April 2026**

Webinar on Berberine plant  
preparations | [ONLINE](#) | **22 April 2026**

Webinar on CBD  
statement | [ONLINE](#)  
**April 2026**

Webinar on  
Enzymes | [ONLINE](#)  
**May 2026**

Webinar on Microplastics  
| [ONLINE](#) | **May 2026**

Conference on  
Xylella | **HYBRID**  
**23 – 25 June 2026**

Science meets policy | **HYBRID**  
**2 – 3 September 2026**

Implementation EC Roadmap  
on phasing out animals in  
pesticides and biocides  
| **HYBRID**  
**21 – 22 October 2026**

Stakeholder Forum | [ONLINE](#)  
| **November 2026**

EFSA Symposium on People  
Readiness for artificial intelligence  
| **IN-PERSON** | **30 November**  
**2026 & 1 December 2026**

*All activities have been/will be notified individually to the MS in due course.*



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