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MICROBIOME DATA FOR RISK ASSESSMENT: UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

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FROM AGREEMENT TO ACTION: PROGRESS

DEC 2025

- 1 Launch EFSA project calls
- 2 Establish MS-EFSA collaboration mechanism
- 3 Organise technical meeting/workshop

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JUN 2026

- ✓ Both calls published (€1.55M)
- ✓ Knowledge Community invitation sent to FPs
- ✓ Workshop confirmed



STATUS DASHBOARD

EFSA PROJECT CALLS

- ▶ €1.55M Total Investment
- ▶ Biomarkers: €300K (15 mo)
Deadline: **11/06/2026**
- ▶ Metagenomics: €1.25M (24 mo);
Deadline: **12/08/2026**

✓ PUBLISHED

KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

- ▶ 15-25 MS Experts Target
- ▶ Selection based on technical and scientific merit
- ▶ Call for Interest: Q2-Q3 2026
- ▶ Inaugural Meeting: Q4 2026

IN PROGRESS

MICROBIOME WORKSHOP

- ▶ **Date: 23-24 November 2026**
- ▶ **Location: Brussels**
- ▶ Scope: Gut (human and animal) Microbiomes
- ▶ Focus: Xenobiotics + Products
- ▶ Programme & Registration: Q3 2026

✓ CONFIRMED



TIMELINE



Q2-Q3 2026

- Call Application Deadlines
- Knowledge Community Formation
- Workshop Registration Opens

Q4 2026

- Knowledge Community Inaugural Meeting
- Microbiome Workshop
- Active Collaboration Begins

2027 Onwards

- Projects Deliver Results
- Regular Community Meetings
- EU Regulatory Science Preparedness Achieved



HOW MEMBER STATES CAN ENGAGE

1

APPLY TO CALLS

Who: MS institutions with microbiome science expertise

What: Biomarker and Metagenomics Calls

How: Open competitive Procurements

Benefit: Shape EU regulatory methodologies

2

JOIN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Who: 15-25 experts at the regulatory-microbiome science interface

What: Knowledge exchange, coordination

How: Send Expression of Interest to EFSA by **July 3**

Selection: based on scientific and technical merit; Q3 2026

Benefit: Shape EU microbiome regulatory science landscape

3

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

Who: MS experts, researchers

What: Assess maturity, define actions

When: 23-24 November

How: Registration opens Q3 2026

Benefit: Co-decide priorities setting directly





Thank You

Questions & Discussion

*Joining Forces for Regulatory
Preparedness*

