



Update on Advisory Group on Data

101st EFSA Advisory Forum meeting

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38TH (PHYSICAL) AND 39TH (ONLINE) MEETING OF AGOD

- Sharing EFSA and COM experience
- Subgroups check-in
- AGoD SG Position Papers
- Follow-up TMAs and data tasks of the Focal Points
- Evaluation of Tailor-Made Proposals 2026
- Discussion on Food Safety Data Space
- 2026 Data Symposium 'People Readiness for AI'



EFSA UPDATES

- DEEP Programme Benefit Snapshot
- Food Composition Database EU
- OpenFoodTox
- CN FoodEx2
- Data Platform on Chemicals
- AI4Science



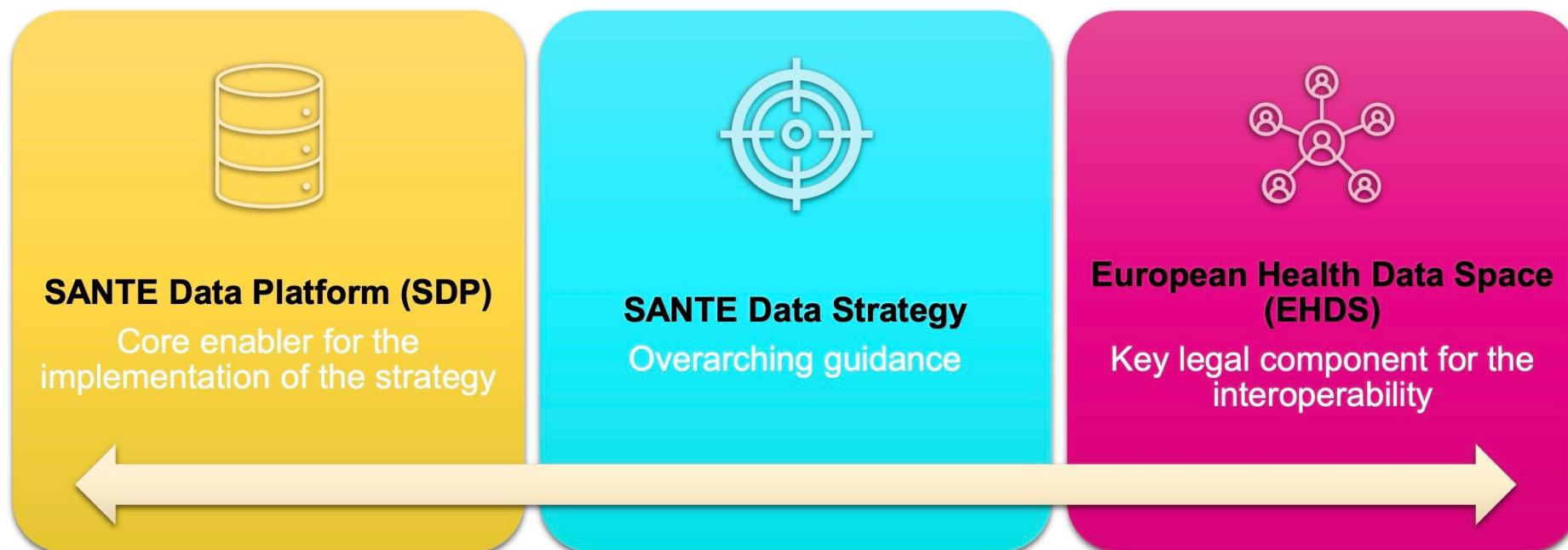
Mission

Deliver Fast & Open Assessment

Acquiring, exploiting and disseminating fit-for-purpose data by building and making available new, innovative and inter-operable data services in collaboration with EFSA partners by means of collaborative/de-centralised data platforms



DATA MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCES IN DG SANTE



SUBGROUPS CHECK-IN & POSITION PAPERS

- SG Data Management: *From Data to Value: Making Interoperability the Foundation of Europe's Food Safety Data Space*
- SG Innovation: *The Use of AI in Food Safety Regulatory Science*
- SG People and Capacity: *Capacity Building in Data-Related Activities: Suggestions for Goals and Structure*
- Next steps:
 - Clarification of authorship, version management and publication arrangements with the EFSA Journal team
 - Member review following circulation of final drafts
 - Publication before the Dublin symposium

AGoD SG
Position papers



AGOD AND SUBGROUPS TOR

- In order to ease the process of inviting AGoD and AGoD SG members to participate other SG meetings, we need to update the AGoD ToR:
- include a wording which **specifically allows for participation across the different subgroups in a manner which is compatible with the business needs i.e. without the need for attendance as hearing experts.**



EVALUATION OF TAILOR-MADE PROPOSALS 2026: PRIORITIZED

Title and link to the proposal	Budget	Participating countries	Duration	EFSA score	AF Trio or AGoD advice	Additional comments
Data Flow Mapping Exercise by EFSA	€195,000.00	RO, DE, ES, AT, NL, HR, IT, DK	12	NA	NA	Internal proposal, IDATA on lead
Implementation of a Data Mapping Tool – Year 3 (2027)	€497,000.00	SE , DE, DK, FI	12	100% (IDATA)	AGoD: 98%	This TMA was approved in 2024 and split it in 3 parts.
Pilot Deployment and Harmonisation of the COHESIVE Platform for One Health Genomic Surveillance in EU Member States	€420,000.00	IT , PT + 3 PARTNERS (TBD)	14	100% (BIOHAW, IDATA)	AGoD: 76%	
Explainable AI to identify holistic drivers in mycotoxin control through atoxigenic mode (XAI for Mycotoxins)	€298,301.00	DK , NL	14	50% (FEEDCO)	AGoD: 49%	Award will include a message to consortium leader for stronger validation of the proposed tools and their integration into RA processes



EVALUATION OF TAILOR-MADE PROPOSALS 2026: NOT PRIORITIZED

Title and link to the proposal	Budget	Participating countries	Duration	EFSA score	AF Trio or AGoD advice	Additional comments
Feed Data Grow	€132,675.00	DE , AT, HR, HU, IT, NO +2TBD	12	33%	AGoD: 61%	Potential duplication of efforts + uncertainty about national relevance and the scalability/ applicability of a MS-specific structure to foreign contexts
Zoonosis Sample data for Monitoring, Action and Response in The EU Member States (ZooSMART)	€296,580.00	DE , NL, BE +1TBD	14	33%	AGoD: 60%	Lacks impact evidence + no clear ecosystem for partnerships + preparedness benefits not clearly defined
EU-TRACEdoc Hub Feasibility and Sandbox Based POC for Harmonised Food Traceability Documentation	€216,305.00	BE , NL, EE, LV, DE	14	33%	AGoD: 53%	Concerns regarding scope, creation of partnerships, risk management versus risk assessment, and EFSA relevance
Updating country-specific food composition databases for soluble fibre, insoluble fibre and phytates to facilitate estimates of dietary intakes and key sources of these plant-based components in European countries	€316,000.00	IE , HR, DK, ES	14	NA	NA	MESE, IDATA: Excluded - Duplication of EFSA effort (EFSA Food Composition Data project)

EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY DATA SPACE



Future visioning exercise in Copenhagen: Food Safety Data Space as the next big thing for AGoD

Roadmap

- Collect use-cases, benefits, stakeholder needs and national initiatives
- Have a clear definition of which data are relevant are which not –map relevant European data domains
- Follow an iterative approach
- Understand other data spaces
- Invite the Data Spaces Support Centre



DATA SPACES SUPPORT CENTRE: SAVVAS ROGOTIS – BIG DATA VALUE ASSOCIATION (BDVA)

Assets (Legacy from the previous project)

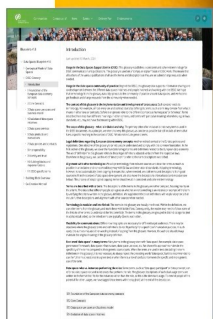
The Glossary



Data space

Interoperable **framework**, based on common **governance** principles, standards, practices and enabling **services**, that enables trusted **data transactions** between **participants**.

CEN Workshop Agreement 18125 (available [here](#)) and Data Spaces Support Centre's Glossary ([here](#))



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The Community of Practice Offering support and co-learning with CEDS



+ Collaboration with Simpl



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The Starter Kit

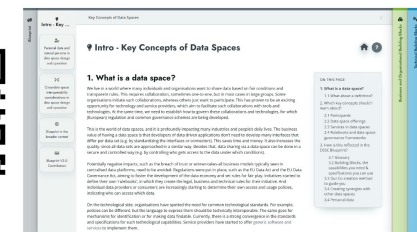
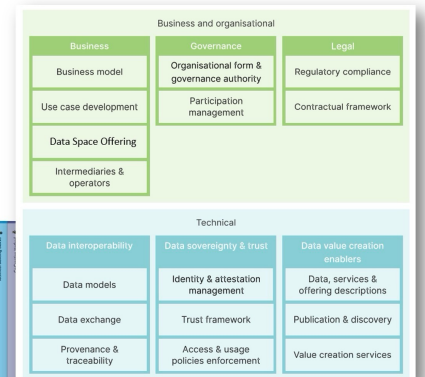
- An easy introduction to data spaces and Data Spaces Support Centre
- Helping emerging data spaces
- For data space designers, data producers, data consumers, providers of intermediary services, or services and business applications.



Assets (Legacy from the previous project)

The Blueprint

- A building block = required capability for a data space
 - Business & organisational
 - Technical
- Common specifications



BUILDING A DATA SPACE | DSSC CHECKLIST

Data Spaces Start-up Checklist



DATA SPACES
SUPPORT CENTRE

- 1
 - Business
 - How does the data space create value?
 - Who are the active stakeholders or participants of the data space?
 - What is the business and governance model of the data space?
 - What are the individual and collaborative business models (Incentives) for actors in the data space?
 - Legal
 - What legal aspects are relevant to navigate when setting up a data space?
 - What are the legal requirements and challenges?
 - What are the legal dimensions of data governance?
 - How can data spaces ensure the full uptake of EU values?
 - Operational
 - What is the operational governance framework for the data space?
 - What day-to-day activities and processes are essential for sustaining a data space?
 - Functional
 - What core functionality should a data space offer?
 - What are the essential building blocks that make up each functionality?
 - Technical
 - What are the formal and de-facto standards that should be followed when deploying a data space?
 - What software requirement specifications to use as references when implementing a data space?
 - Which open source software implementations are compliant with the recommended standards and specifications?



Q1 – WHAT MANDATE SHOULD THE DATA SPACE HAVE?

Voluntary under existing law

Faster to mobilise
Relies on incentives



MORE FLEXIBLE · FASTER

Hybrid

Pilot first
Escalate if gaps persist



Dedicated legal basis

Stronger obligations
Longer policy path



MORE CERTAIN · BINDING

Discussion questions

- 1 Is a voluntary coalition realistic?
- 2 What is the minimum legal basis needed per use case?
- 3 Which aspects would require legal change?
- 4 What can we do now?

Discussion outcomes:

- Sustainable participation dependent on resources, incentives and a clear value proposition.
- Pilot and proof-of-concept activities as intermediate implementation steps.
- Integration with existing reporting obligations, datasets and infrastructures.



Q2 — Cartography project to identify the scope?

Cartography project: Map systems, data, owners, flows, gaps, and overlaps

- 'As is' analysis of current situation
- Last exercise was done in 2019

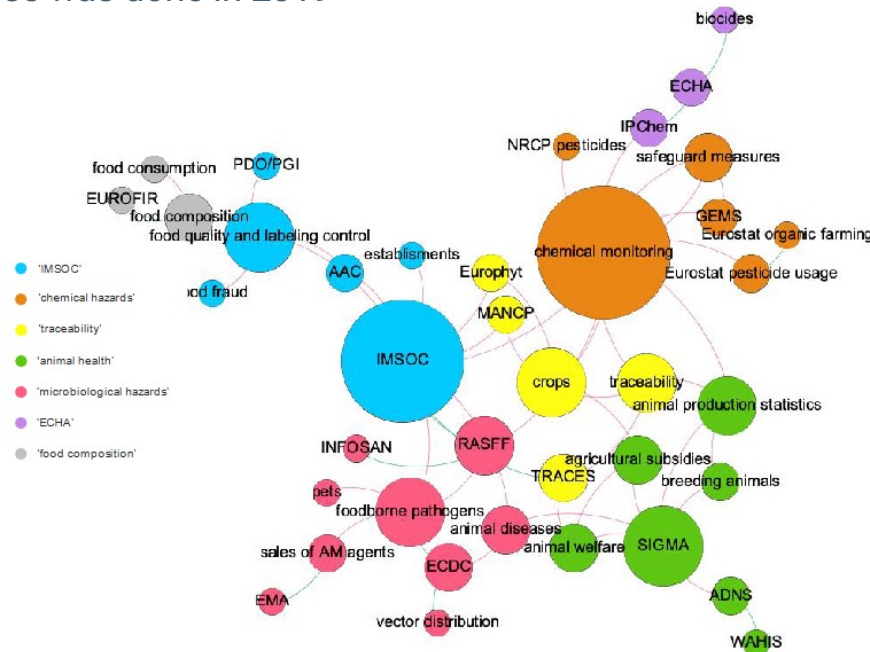


Figure 2: Identified domain communities of the reporting tasks

Discussion outcomes:

- Strong support for an updated mapping of European food-safety data assets.
- Focus on datasets, ownership, metadata, reporting flows and interoperability requirements.
- Identification of overlaps and duplicated reporting activities.



Q3 — Feasibility study?



Discussion outcomes:

- Support for a phased approach based on mapping activities, evidence gathering and pilot implementation.



FOOD SAFETY DATA SPACE: NEXT STEPS

December 2025 – Top-down future visioning on Food Data Space

March 2026 – Bottom-up investigation of collected use cases by thematic categories

April 2026 - Validation of Workshop outcomes by SGs

June 2026 – Presentation Data Space Support Centre

September 2026 - Draft a high-level plan for further action

Next - Exploration of opportunities to launch a cartography exercise
Continued discussion of governance and implementation options



2026 DATA SYMPOSIUM 'PEOPLE READINESS ON AI'

30 November – 1 December 2026
Dublin, Ireland - Venue Gibson Hotel

Format: 1.5/2-day in-person conference

- Plenary + Parallel Sessions
- Subgroups Workshop (half day)
- Networking Cocktail

Participants: 100/120 attendees

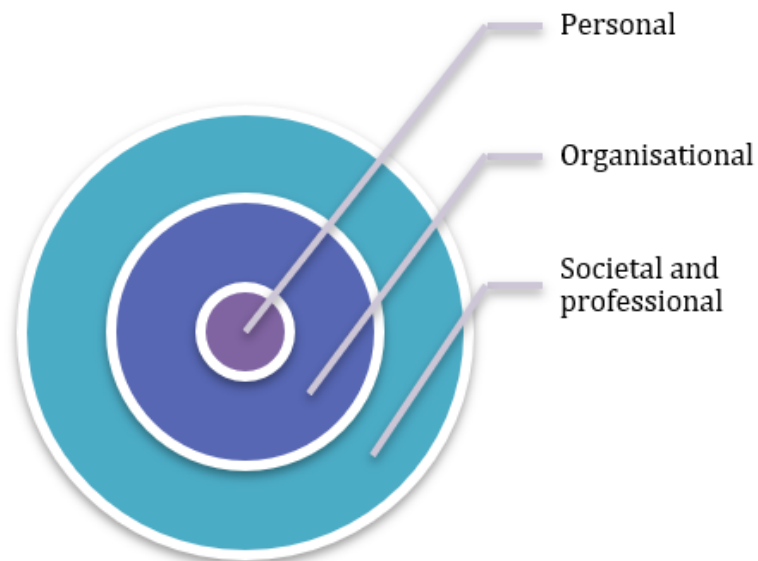
- AGoD & Subgroup members
- Advisory Forum members
- Network representatives

Timeline:

- **May 2026** → *Save-the-Date* Announcement
- **End of August 2026** → Draft Agenda finalisation
- **Early September 2026** → Web announcement & opening of registrations



2026 DATA SYMPOSIUM 'PEOPLE READINESS ON AI'



3. Behavioural change
4. Transformational leadership

1. Governance and strategy
 - a. Risk management and decision-making framework
 - b. Digital sovereignty
 - c. Strategic foresight
2. Capacity building
 - a. Training success stories
 - b. AI & digital literacy
3. Culture and leadership
 - a. Transformational leadership and organisational change

1. Institutional trust
2. Ethics, legitimacy, transparency,

2026 DATA SYMPOSIUM 'PEOPLE READINESS ON AI'

30/11

DAY ONE

- Morning session: SG meeting
- Welcome
- Plenary – Keynote
- Coffee break
- Plenary – People Readiness and the EU Agencies
- Networking cocktail + demo opportunity

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DAY TWO

- Plenary – a glimpse at all dimensions
- Coffee break
- Parallel sessions 1
- Lunch break
- Parallel sessions 2
- Coffee break
- Wrap-up
- Panel discussion
- Closing



AG ON DATA: MEETINGS IN 2026

15 January
online

03 March
Cyprus

22 April
online

16 June
Parma

16 Sept
online

20 Oct
online

01 Dec/November
Ireland

Subgroup check-in
Progress TMT

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AI for science @EFSA

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Update on National AI
initiatives

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Sharing MS experience

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Data Symposium 2026

Presentation on Data
Space Support Center

Status of Food Data
Space Cartography

Agri Data Space

TMT proposal
evaluation

Project progress TMTs
based on a template

Annual Report

Data Space Discussion
Part 2

Data Symposium 2026

Presentation by newly
starting TMTs

Data Symposium 2026

Data Symposium 2026

Project progress TMTs
based on a template

Data Space Discussion
Part 3

Evaluation of TM
project progress based
on written reports
(template)

Data Platform on
Chemicals

ECDC working group on
data

AGoD Annual Report
2025 AF endorsement

Presentation EMA

