

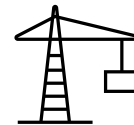


MSCC: UPDATES 62ND FOCAL POINT MEETING

24 SEPTEMBER 2026
FRANCESCA MATTEUCCI



25
countries in 2027



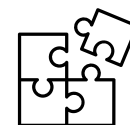
BUILD AND BRIDGE

- Build a national or regional network
- Coordinate and align within MS regions or EFSA



LEARN TOGETHER

- Capacity building



WORK TOGETHER

- Spread information
- Develop content

WORKING TOGETHER: Examples of joint activities in 2027



Meet the Expert

- Format: Online exchange
- Coordinator: AT. Participants: CZ, EE, DE, IE

Planetary Health Diet

- Format: Joint event
- Coordinator: CY. Participants: IT, GR, ES

Lightning Talks

- Format: Training initiative
- Coordinator: IE. Participants: BE, HR, LT, NL

Two dates, two meaning, one safe choice

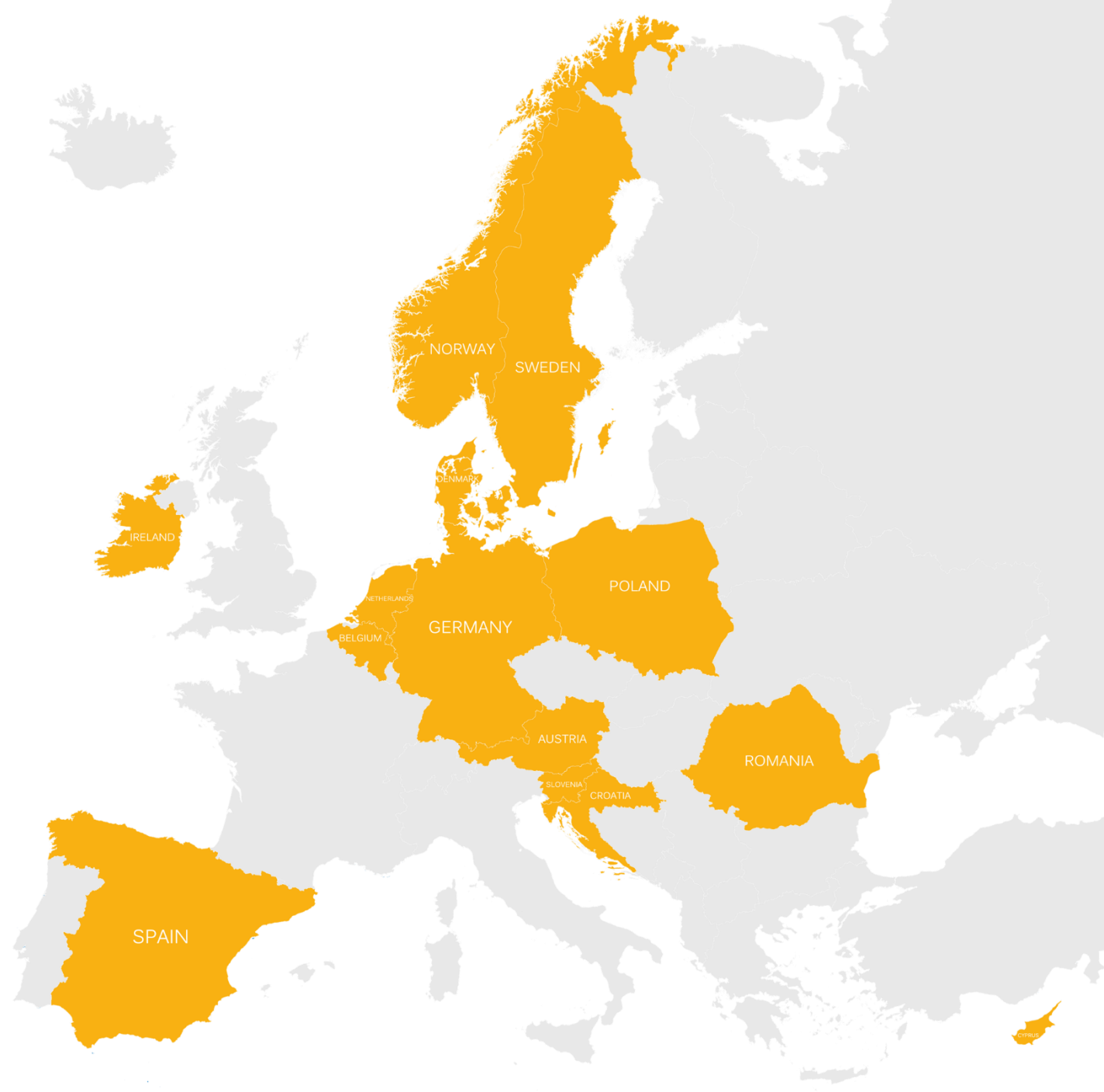
- Format: Infographic
- Project leader: SI. Participants: AT, BE, HR, CZ, GR, IE, PL, PT



NATIONAL NETWORKS CONNECTING RISK ASSESSORS & MANAGERS

15 countries involved

Austria · Belgium · Croatia ·
Cyprus · Czechia · Denmark
Germany · Ireland · Netherlands ·
Norway · Poland · Romania ·
Slovenia · Spain · Sweden



CROSS-BORDER NETWORK GROUPS



DANUBE

Austria · Croatia · Czechia · Hungary · Slovenia



BALTIC

Estonia · Latvia · Lithuania



NORDIC

Denmark · Finland · Norway · Sweden

REQUEST FROM THE AF IN DEC 2025

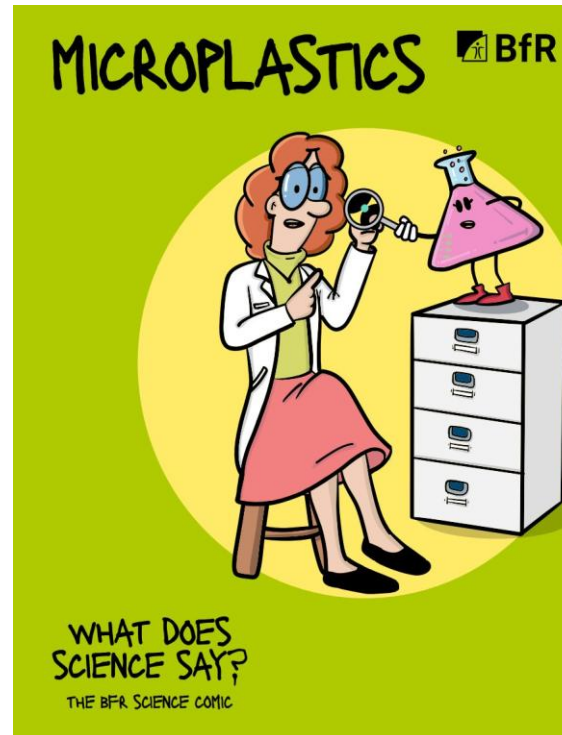
EFSA to work with the Communication Expert Network and MS Communication Coordinators (possibly via a ***volunteer group*** from interested countries) to develop **lines to take** and **communication materials** addressing commonly asked questions on ***local contamination incidents*** and ***general concerns***.



MSCC ACTIVITIES: MUME / EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS (2026)



HU: educational package on food safety and food waste



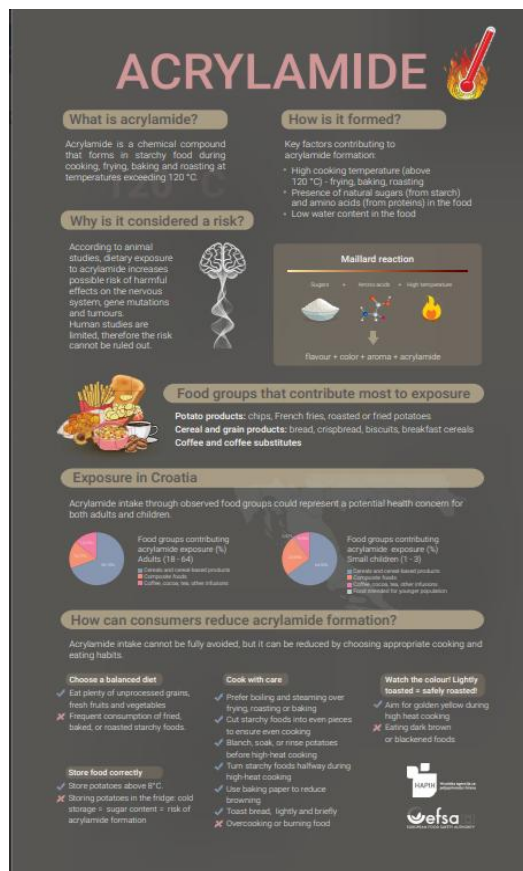
DE: microplastics comics



NO, FI; SE: video on the risk assessment process



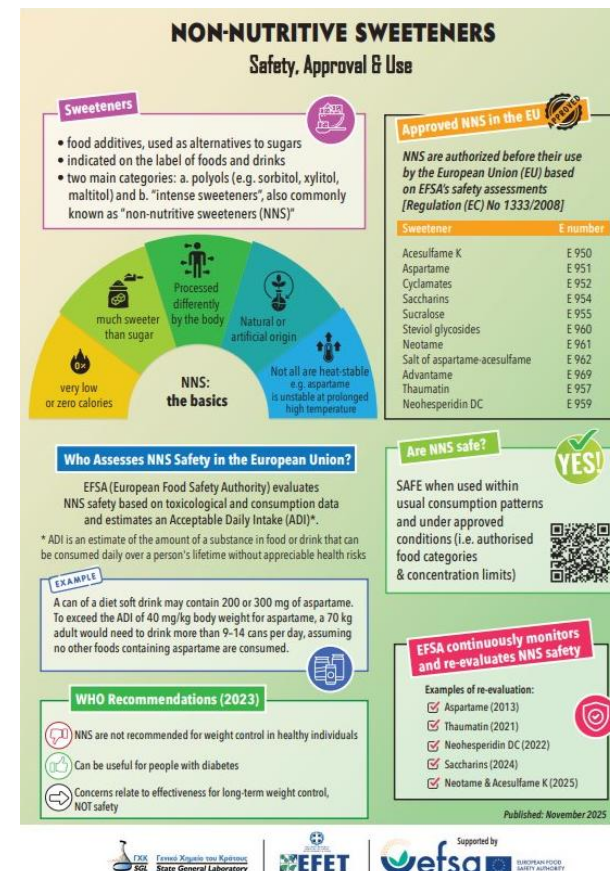
MSCC ACTIVITIES: JOINT INFOGRAPHICS (2026)



HR, SI: acrylamide



CZ, PL, HR: Power outages and food safety



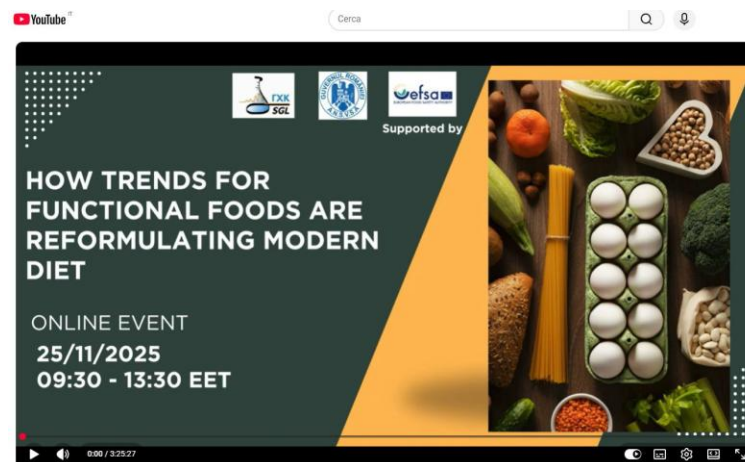
CY and GR: infographic on non-nutritive sweeteners



MSCC ACTIVITIES: JOINT EVENTS (2026)



AT, DE: joint events on
microplastics



CY and RO: online event on
functional foods



LT, LV, EE: Conference and joint
media activity on food
supplements



MSCC ACTIVITIES: LEARN TOGETHER (2026)



**NL: training courses for other
MSCC, videos on risk
communication**



ES: capacity building initiatives



Two campaigns, Many local voices



GROWING PARTICIPATION

- **Safe2Eat (Food safety)**
 - 9 → 23 countries (2021–2026)
 - 18 EU + 5 IPA countries in 2026
- **Plant Health 4 Life (Plant health)**
 - 12 → 33 countries (2023–2026)
 - 27 MS + 6 non-EU countries



STRONGER RESULTS

- **Safe2Eat**
 - Awareness: **19% → 45%**
 - Clear to **71%** | Liked by **63%**
 - **80%** link it to EFSA's scientific role
- **Plant Health 4 Life**
 - Clarity: **79% → 82%**
 - Likeability: **69% → 74%**
 - **79% trust EFSA**, aligned with national authorities



IN ONE WORD: THE MSCC NETWORK IS...



UPDATE ON MSCC GRANT CYCLES (2025-2028)

2025 – 2026 cycle

- MSCC reporting completed; almost all Specific Agreements paid.
- MSCC and Focal Point reporting remain separate processes.

2026 – 2027 cycle

- Cycle runs until December 2027.
- Workplan assessment ongoing; individual feedback being provided; expected to be completed by end of October 2026 (around 50% approved to date).
- Once the workplan is approved, you will receive the Specific Agreement for signature.
- Early-signature countries have been prioritised: signatures on track.

2028 cycle

- Funded through CEN member organisations;
- All participating organisations must be Article 36-listed;
- Framework Partnership Agreements (FPAs) to be signed during 2027.
- Annual Specific Agreements to be signed in January 2028.
- Information session for CEN and MSCC planned for October 2026.



Thank you!