

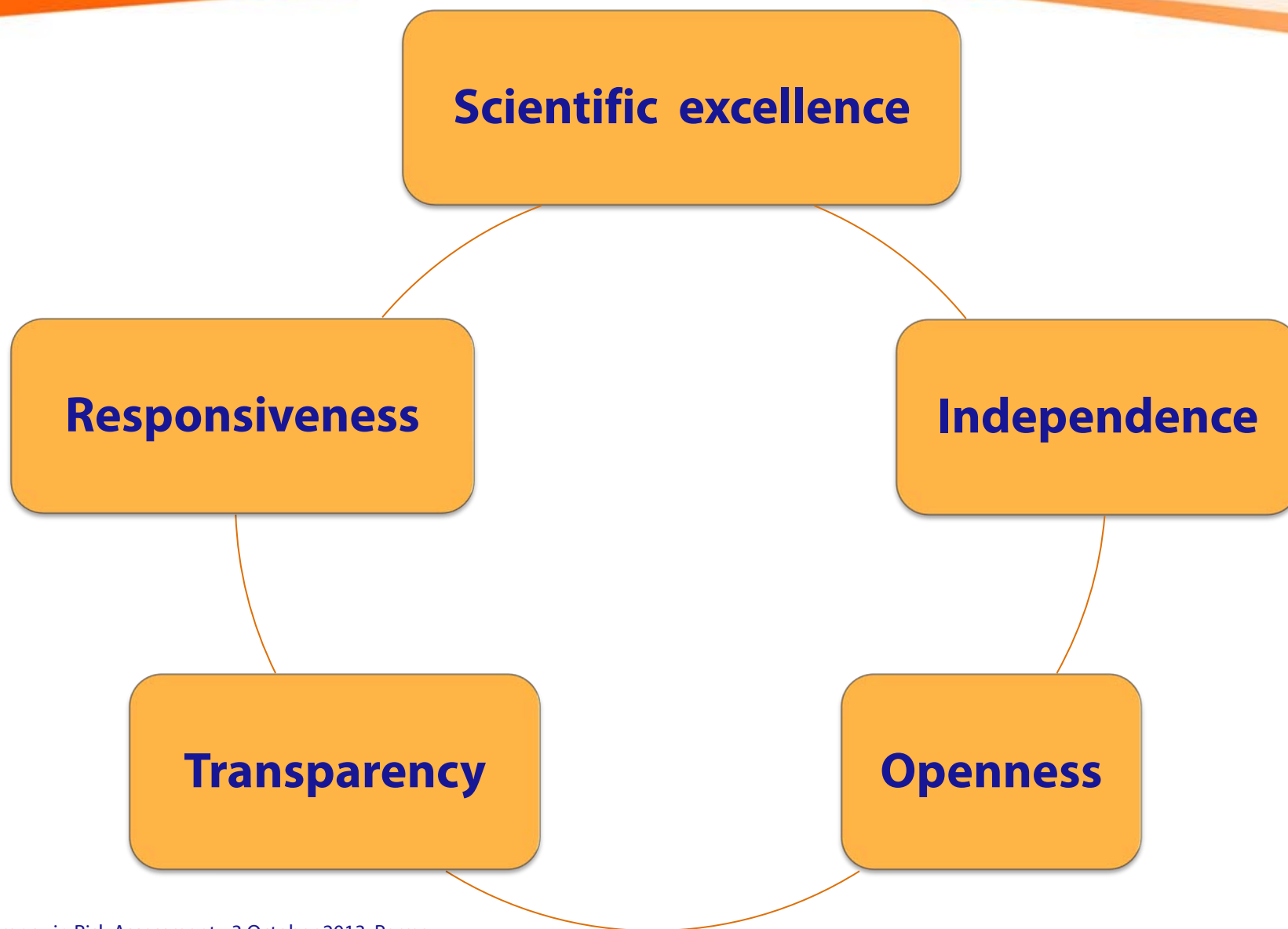


TRANSPARENCY IN EFSA'S SCIENTIFIC DECISION MAKING PROCESS

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Why transparency ?

- **TRANSPARENCY IS A PRINCIPLE INTEGRATED IN EUROPEAN LAW**
- Regulation (EC) No 178/2002
 - Article 10: Public information in case of risk on public health
 - Article 22: EFSA's mission: to become a point of reference by virtue of the *transparency* of its procedures and methods of operation (covers risk communication and risk assessment)
 - Article 38: Publication without delay of a number of documents related to EFSA's decision-making process
 - Article 40: Communication
 - Article 41: Access to documents
- 2003: EFSA's approach to "Openness, Transparency and Confidentiality" = Public access to documents at EFSA
- 2012: Management Board recommendations following EFSA's external evaluation

Transparency Initiative

Discussion on Access Information & Process Transparency	POLICY ON TRANSPARENCY	End 2014
Discussion on the access rules for Member States owned data	RULES ON DATA ACCESS	Mid 2015
Discussion on review of EFSA's engagement with stakeholders in the scientific-decision making process	POLICY ON STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION NEEDS	2016
Explore /address stakeholders' information needs on risk assessment process to inform EFSA's Communication Strategy		
Gather feedback from institutional stakeholders for fit-for-purpose and format of scientific outputs	REVISED FORMAT FOR EFSA SCIENTIFIC OUTPUTS	2014

Scientific outputs : workflow

Information Access

Engagement of stakeholders

Better understanding of risk assessment Process

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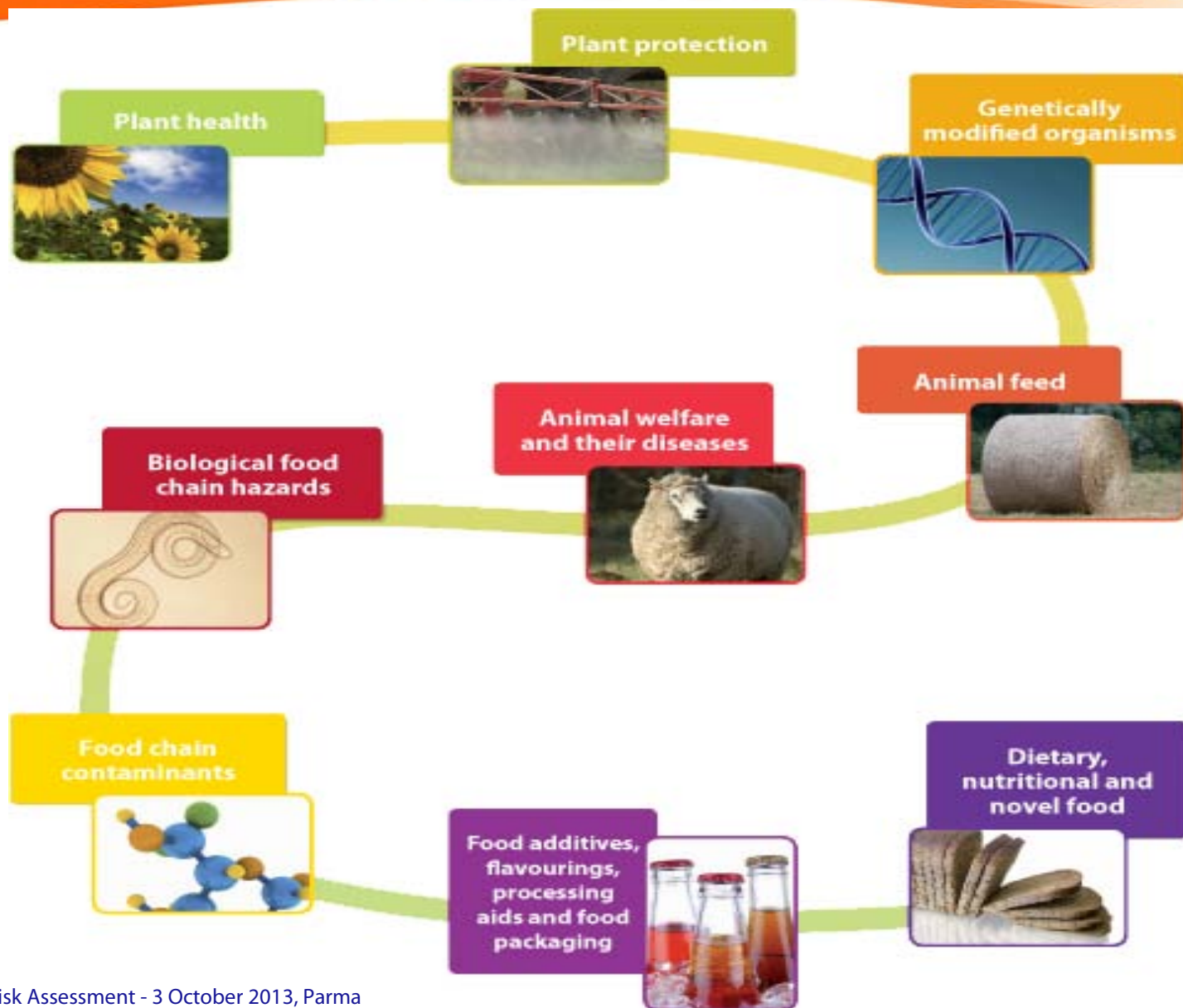


**Assessment
and scientific
development**



**Adoption
and
communication**

SCOPE: scientific advice throughout the food chain



Receipt of request and start of scientific work

Information Access

- Register of Question: Request, Acceptance, ToR, Summary applications..
- Public Access to Documents
- EFSA Application Help Desk and related information packages

Engagement of stakeholders

- Public consultation on key mandate, prior to acceptance
- Scientific colloquia
- Meetings with applicants and NGOs

Better understanding of risk assessment Process

- Panel members selection: rules and criteria published
- Working Group member selection: rules and criteria published
- Dols of experts: Policy, rules, criteria, decision and outcomes published
- Names and biographies of panel experts published
- Workflow of applications explained and published

Assessment and scientific development

Information Access

- Public calls for tender for data and information published
- Reports on data gathered published
- Technical reports on public consultations published
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Engagement of stakeholders

- Public consultations on Guidance's and selected Opinions
- Scientific Colloquia
- Technical hearings with stakeholders
- Stakeholder Consultative Platform and its Discussion Groups
- Network meetings with Member State representative scientists

Better understanding of risk assessment Process

- Agendas and minutes of Panel plenary and Working Group
- Scientific Committee Guidance on Risk Assessment (RA) process
- More harmonised description of uncertainties, limitations
- Observers at Plenary meetings

Information Access

- Prenotification before publication to notifier
- Timely publication of all scientific outputs
- Explanation of literature/data selection – Inclusion/exclusion
- Public Access to Document

Engagement of stakeholders

- Conferences (e.g. Annual stakeholder conferences, Implementing Rules of Independence Policy)
- Web/audio cast Management Board and of other technical meetings
- Ask EFSA

Better understanding of risk assessment Process

- EFSA Journal
- Explanation of risk assessment process on EFSA's website
- Timely publication of communications related to scientific outputs,
- Understanding Science video, EFSA Channel on YouTube,
- Focus in EFSA's website Topic A-Z

Timeline Phase 1

