



# EU-FORA Fellowship Programme

*Building the next generation of food risk assessors*

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## HOW THE INITIATIVE STARTED OFF

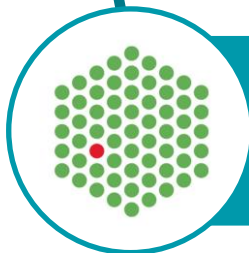


- ❑ A Fellowship scoping paper agreed on with AF
- ❑ Adopted by EFSA Management team in April 2015
- ❑ Terms of reference and mandate given to AFSCO
- ❑ Funds secured in 2016
- ❑ Presented at EFSA Scientific Conference at EXPO

## SIMILAR SCIENTIFIC CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES



Field epidemiology (EPHIET) and Public health microbiology (EUPHEM) organised by ECDC , Sweden



Research fellowships organised by EMBL, Germany



Individual research fellowships funded by JRC, EC

## EFSA STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE#3

***SO3 2020: "Building the EU food RA capacity and knowledge community across Europe"***

***By:***

Attracting 'early career scientists' to become risk assessors

Harmonising RA methodologies & practices

Intensifying cooperation among national food agencies and EFSA

# TARGET AUDIENCE



## THE FELLOW

- ❑ Young scientists
- ❑ Beginning / mid-career professionals
- ❑ Background:
  - Molecular Biology, Biology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Veterinary/Human Medicine
  - Agronomy/Agricultural Science, Environmental Science
  - Food Science and Technology, or Toxicology

# EU-FORA CONCEPT

**15 fellows per 12-month cycle**

- ❑ Learning-by-doing in the fellow hosting sites for 1 year
  
- ❑ Specific and uniform RA training programme:
  - A three-week introductory programme at EFSA
  - three (3) one-week training modules hosted by different national authorities

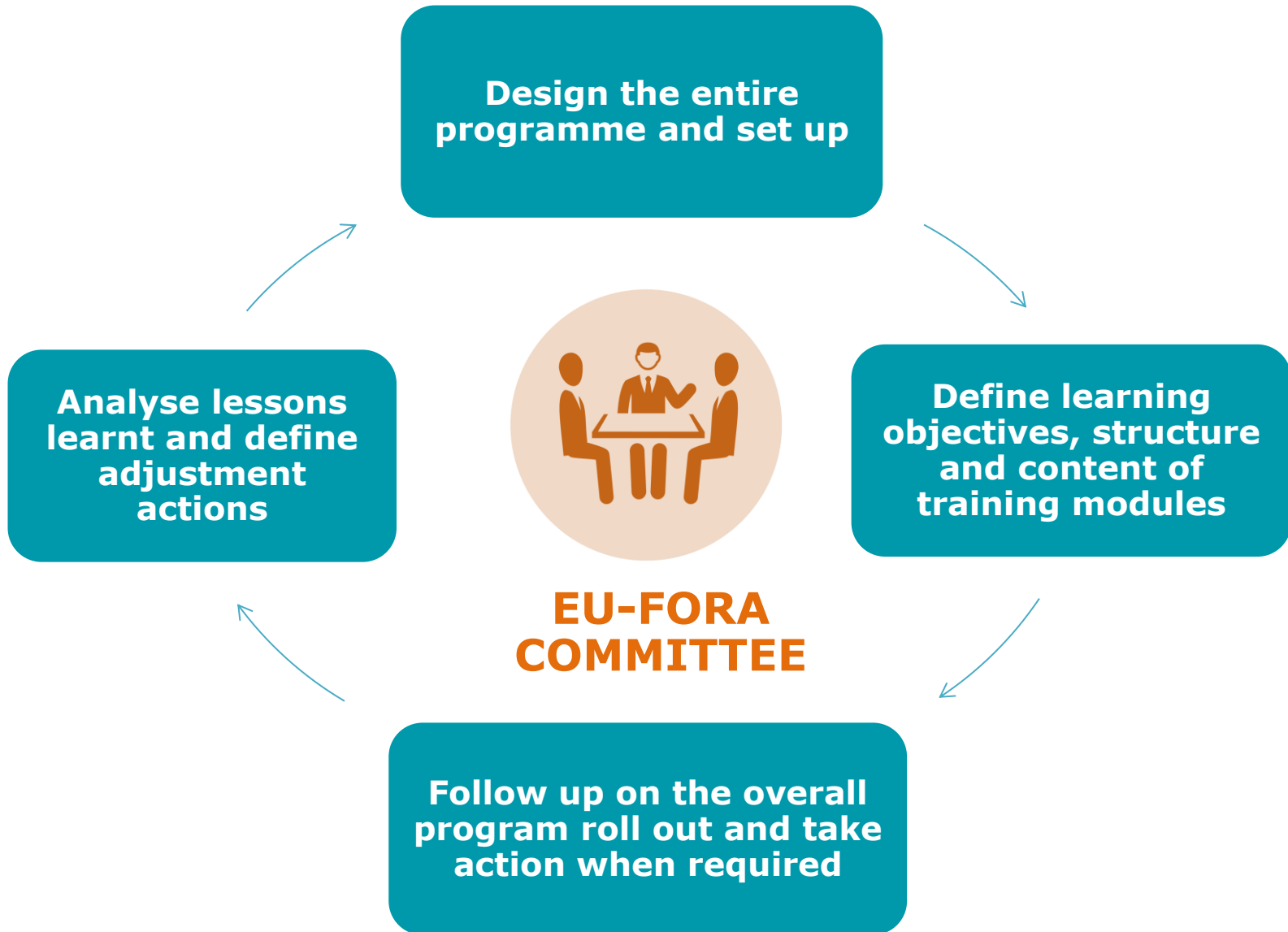
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## EU-FORA COMMITTEE

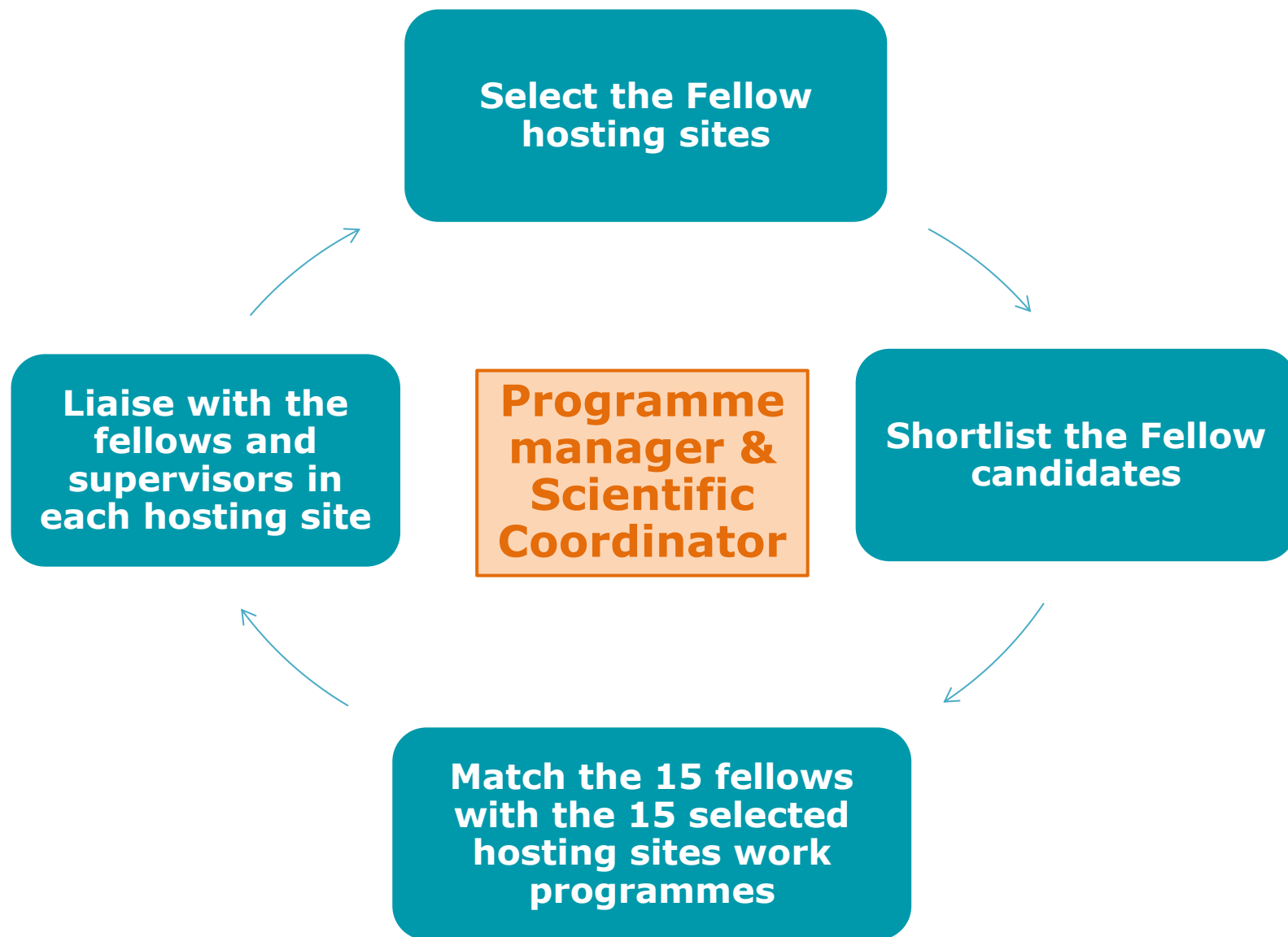
- ❑ Programme coordinator:  
Nicoline Le Gourierec
- ❑ Scientific coordinator: Stelios  
Koulouris
- ❑ 3 EFSA Scientific Programme  
Committee members and  
alternates
- ❑ 3 MS (DE, GR, NO)

# ROLE OF THE EU-FORA PROGRAMME COMMITTEE





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## RESULTS OF CALLS FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

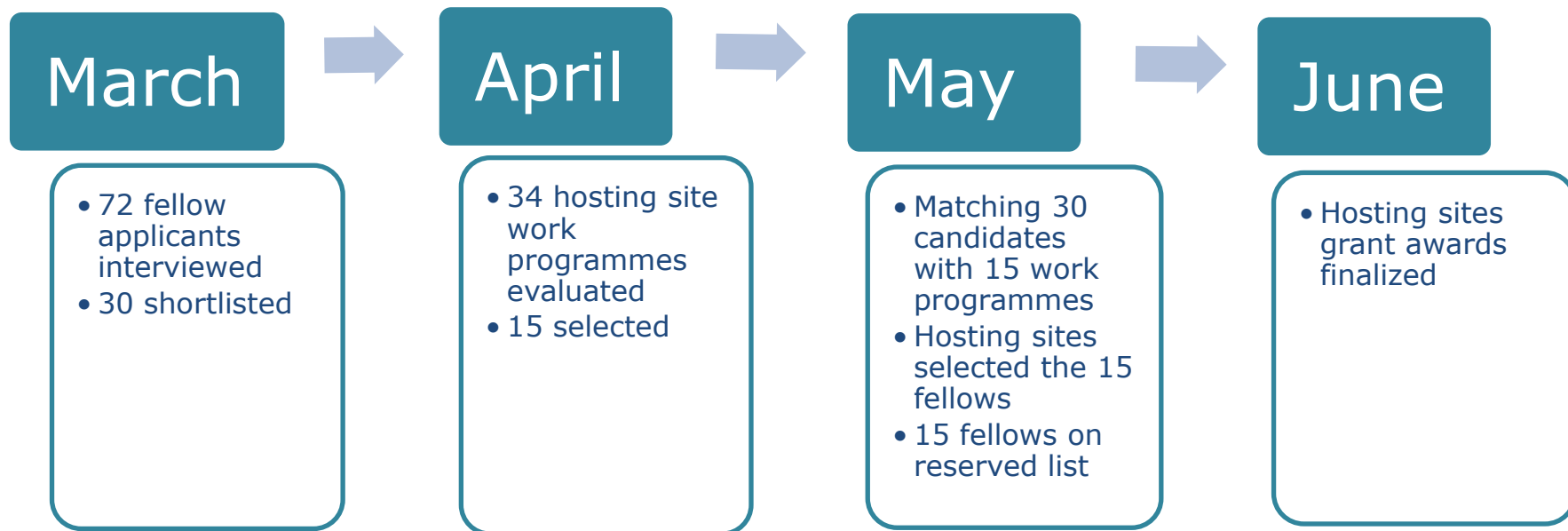
- ❑ **85** fellow candidate applications coming from **21** different member states
- ❑ **34** proposals for becoming hosting site from **18** different member states



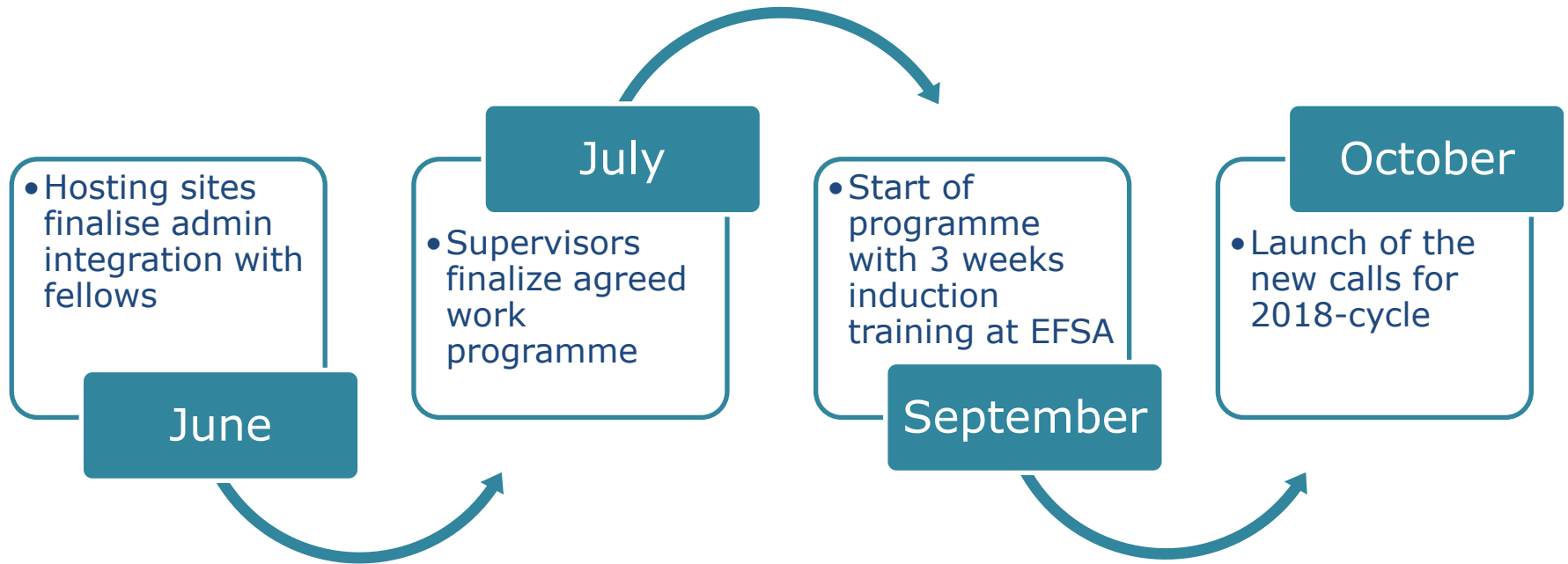
Close to **100% of the Member States** have expressed interest



# EU- FORA FELLOW SET UP PHASE



# EU-FORA FELLOW NEXT STEPS



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