



New Thematic Grants Proposing Topics

Advisory Forum Meeting
Jurmala, 11-12 June 2015

CONCEPT/IDEA

Principle

- EFSA defines **broad thematic areas** to co-finance large, **innovative networking projects**
- Article 36 organisations define **topics** and submit **specific project proposals**

Pilot Project

- Launched: Nov. 2014 – closure of call: end April 2015
- 6 applications received
- 37 organisations from 15 countries



SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION

Broad thematic areas

- Suggested by the AF Discussion Group on Future Needs in Research for Risk Assessment
- Consulted with AF, SC, EFSA
- Prioritised and topics selected for Pilot Thematic Grant (launched 2014)
- Pose the basis for new consultation with AF, SC and EFSA's Scientific Units for next Thematic Grant (to be launched in 2015)

SUGGESTED THEMES

- RA capacity building
- Harmonisation of RA methodologies
- Further developing the RA process
- New trends in identifying and characterising hazards
- Environmental RA
- Dietary exposure
- Animal health issues
- Human nutrition
- Risk communication strategies
- Increasing safety food contact materials
- Strategies for prevention & reduction of chemical contaminants
- Data collection

Theme of pilot Thematic Grant



NEXT STEPS

2015

June

Presentations to AF, SC, Scientific Units & Start of consultation



14 July

End of consultation with AF, SC, Scientific Units

September

Identification of thematic area(s) for next Thematic Grant

November

Launch of call for proposal for next Thematic Grant

2016

April

Deadline for submission of proposals

