



# Stimulating cooperation: Executive Director visits to MS update

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# SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION: EFSA'S CORE VALUE

## Scientific Cooperation Roadmap 2014-16 Working together to ensure food safety

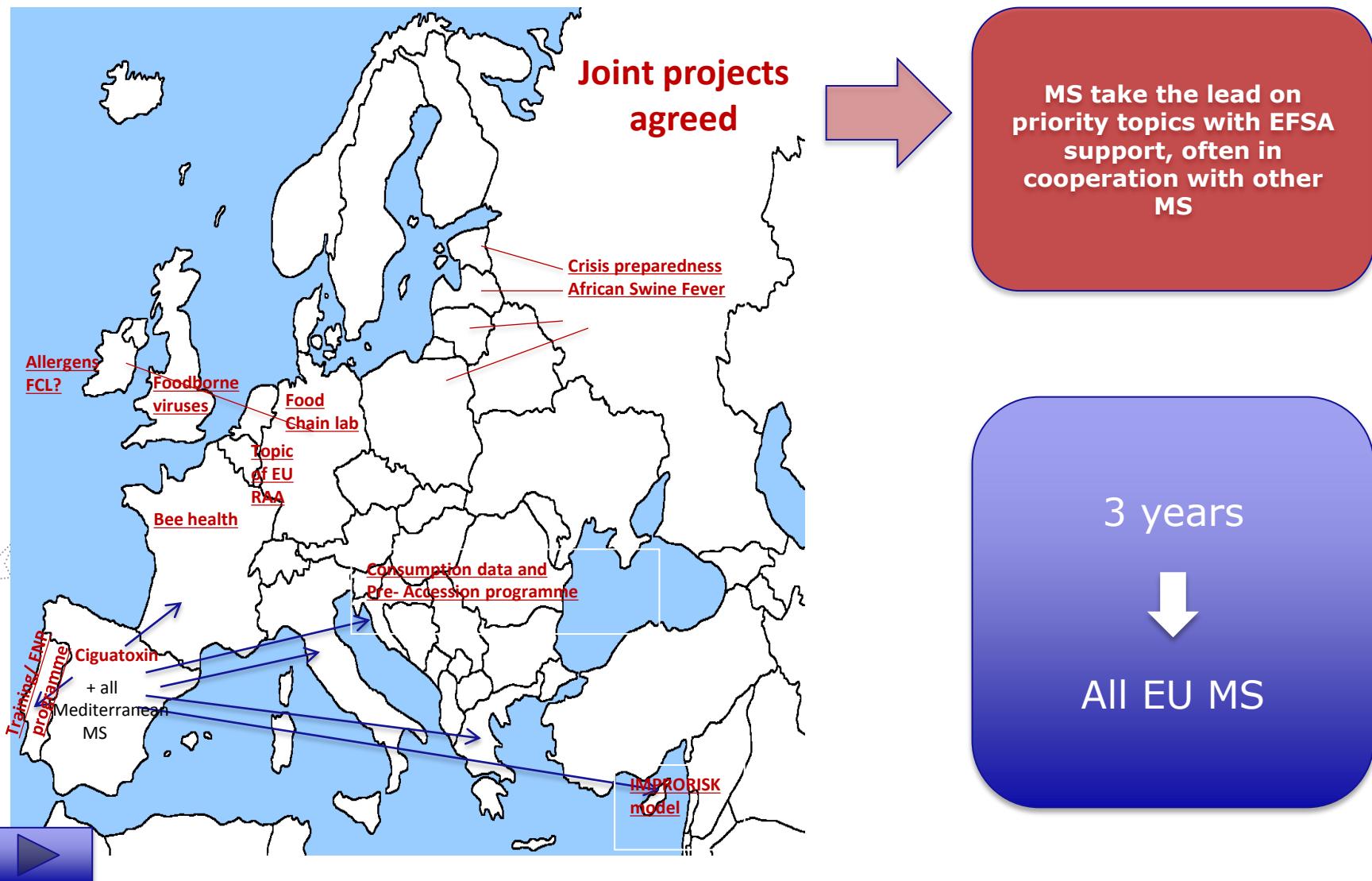


## towards a common Risk Assessment Agenda

## through

- Partnership
- Joint projects
- Share expertise

# FOSTERING COOPERATION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISITS TO MEMBER STATES





# UNITED KINGDOM

## International workshop on foodborne viruses

- Aim:

- to identify gaps in the current knowledge that need to be tackled by future shared research and surveillance programmes.

- Focus on three main viruses:

- Norovirus, Hepatitis A, and Hepatitis E.

- Organised in three parallel themes:

- Epidemiology and public health; Methods; and Control options; with a final plenary session

- When: 23-25 February 2016



# GERMANY

## Food Chain Lab – FCL

- unique software tool on back & forward tracing in outbreak investigations
  - Owner: BfR
  - Free and open source
- Organising a training of MS on FCL tool
  - via the EFSA FPs
  - 12/13 November 2015 in Berlin.
- EFSA:
  - supports the workshop financially
  - contributes with case studies and on data collection section.

# BALTIC STATES

## Analysis of spatial distribution of African Swine Fever (ASF) virus in Baltic States and Poland

- A workshop is being prepared on the subject on 'African swine fever: harmonisation of data collection'
  - 23-25 November 2015 in Parma

## Crisis preparedness training

- to build capacity in the Baltic countries on crisis preparedness for a food crisis.
- to stimulate intersectoral collaboration needed during outbreak investigations.
- 15-17 March 2016 in Riga.





# FRANCE



## Bee health

- EFSA initiated a multi-annual project (MUST-B) to develop an integrated risk assessment framework of multiple stressors in honeybee colonies.
- For the field survey and data collection, EFSA will establish a Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA)
  - Involvement of the ANSES/EURL and MS in the FPA



# SPAIN



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seguridad alimentaria y nutrición

## Risk characterization of ciguatera food poisoning in Europe

- Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA)
- Multiannual project (4 years)
- Multinational project (10 countries)
- aims:
  - to determine the actual incidence of ciguatera in Europe and the epidemiological characteristics of cases
  - to assess the presence of ciguatoxin in food and the environment in Europe
  - to develop and validate method for the detection, quantification and confirmation of the presence of ciguatoxin contaminated specimens and human samples.



# CYPRUS



## IMPRORISK model

- CY involved as partner on 'Ciguatera fish poisoning' project
- Workshop on the Risk analysis framework (ENP programme)
- Experience on exposure assessment & IMPRORISK model:
  - EFSA supports further developments of the IMPRORISK model to make it accessible freely to all EU MS
  - CY to provide training in MS on how the model works.
  - EFSA's future ENP and pre-accession programmes could support the use of the model



# CROATIA

## Consumption data and Pre- Accession programme

- Croatia will be a partner on the ciguatera fish poisoning joint project led by Spain
- Risk assessment conference on the occasion of its 10th anniversary HAH organised with EFSA's support (FP agreements)
- Active role in EFSA's new pre-accession programme that started on 1 October:
  - Croatia's experience in food consumption data collection

## IRELAND

- Shared strategy objective of strengthening partnership and expanding knowledge base to underpin risk assessment
- FP activity development: Allocation of additional staff resources; First Art 36 meeting planned for early 2016
- Investigation of further potential involvement in Food-Chain Lab; possible further project in area of Allergens (threshold levels – VITAL system)



# PORTUGAL

- key partner on the ciguatera fish poisoning joint project led by Spain
- active role in the new EFSA's ENP programme with Morocco and the other Mediterranean countries
- use EFSA's guest scientist scheme and PhD exchange programme
- FP agreements funding: activities in disseminating/translating EFSA's material to PALOP and Universities



# LUXEMBOURG



- EFSA encouraged Luxembourg to apply to EFSA procurements of food consumption data
- Luxembourg could take the lead on one of the 28 priorities of EU Risk assessment Agenda (EU RAA)



# 2016 PLANNING

## 2016 visits (confirmed)

Date	Country
<b>17 March</b>	Denmark (DK)
<b>7 April</b>	Norway (NO)
<b>14 April</b>	Greece (EL)
	Sweden (SE)
<b>23-26 May</b>	Finland (FL)
<b>7 June</b>	Netherlands (NL)
<b>28 June</b>	Belgium (BE)
<b>27 September</b>	Slovakia (SK)
<b>20 October</b>	Austria (AT)
<b>the week of 7-11 November</b>	Hungary (HU)



## 2017 VISITS

### 2017 planned visits

Date	Country
<b>Dates to be confirmed by July 2016</b>	Romania (RO)
	Bulgaria (BG)
	Poland (PL)
	Italy (IT)
	Malta (MT)
	Slovenia (SI)
	Czech Republic (CZ)
	Iceland (IS)