



Stimulating cooperation: Executive Director visits to MS update

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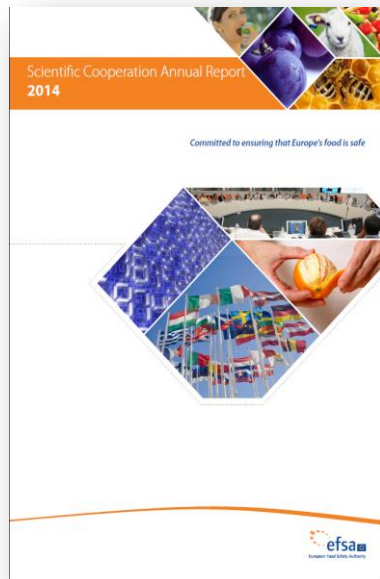
***26th Meeting of the
Focal Point Network***

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION: EFSA'S CORE VALUE

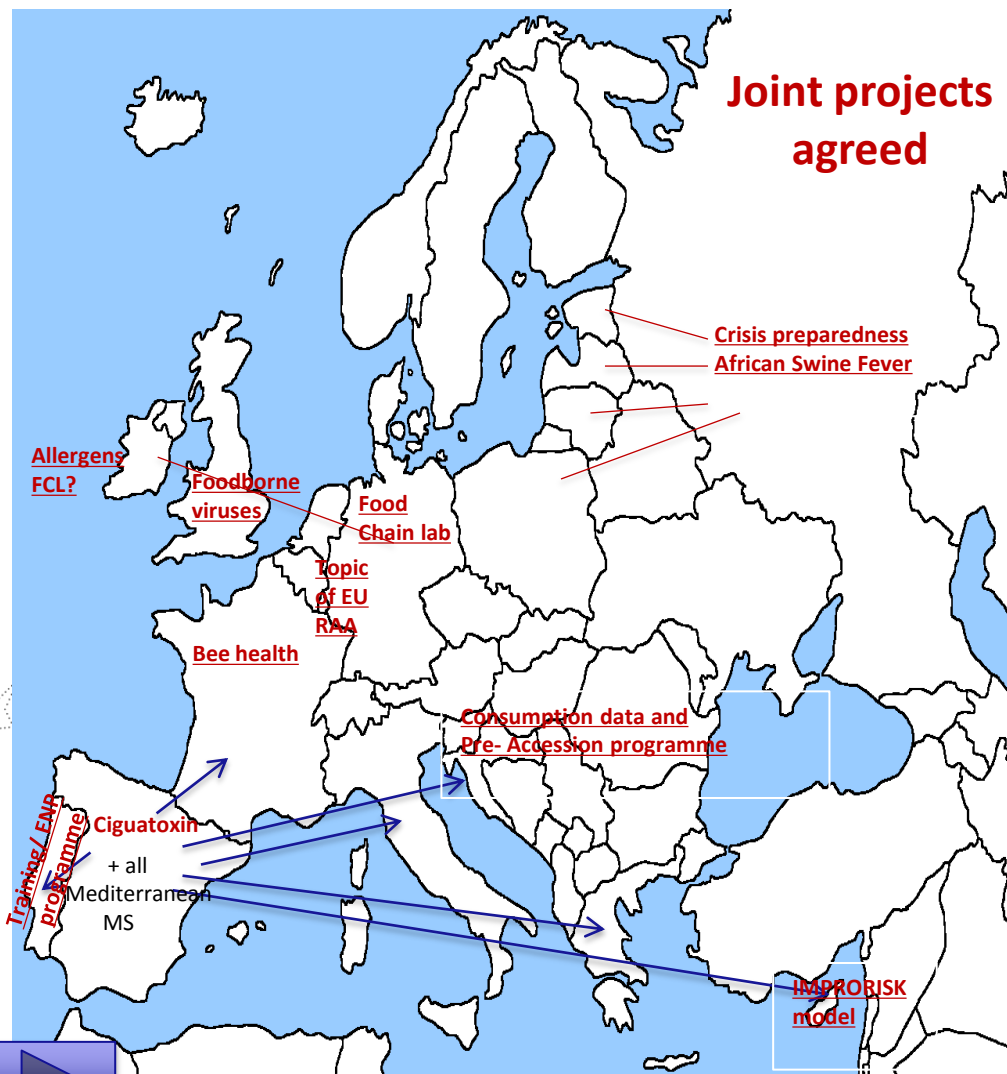
Scientific Cooperation Roadmap 2014-16 Working together to ensure food safety

towards a
common
Risk Assessment Agenda
through

- Partnership
- Joint projects
- Share expertise



FOSTERING COOPERATION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISITS TO MEMBER STATES



Joint projects agreed

MS take the lead on priority topics with EFSA support, often in cooperation with other MS

3 years



All EU MS



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

2017 VISITS

2017 planned visits

Date

Country

**Dates to be
confirmed by
July 2016**

Romania (RO)

Bulgaria (BG)

Poland (PL)

Italy (IT)

Malta (MT)

Slovenia (SI)

Czech Republic (CZ)

Iceland (IS)