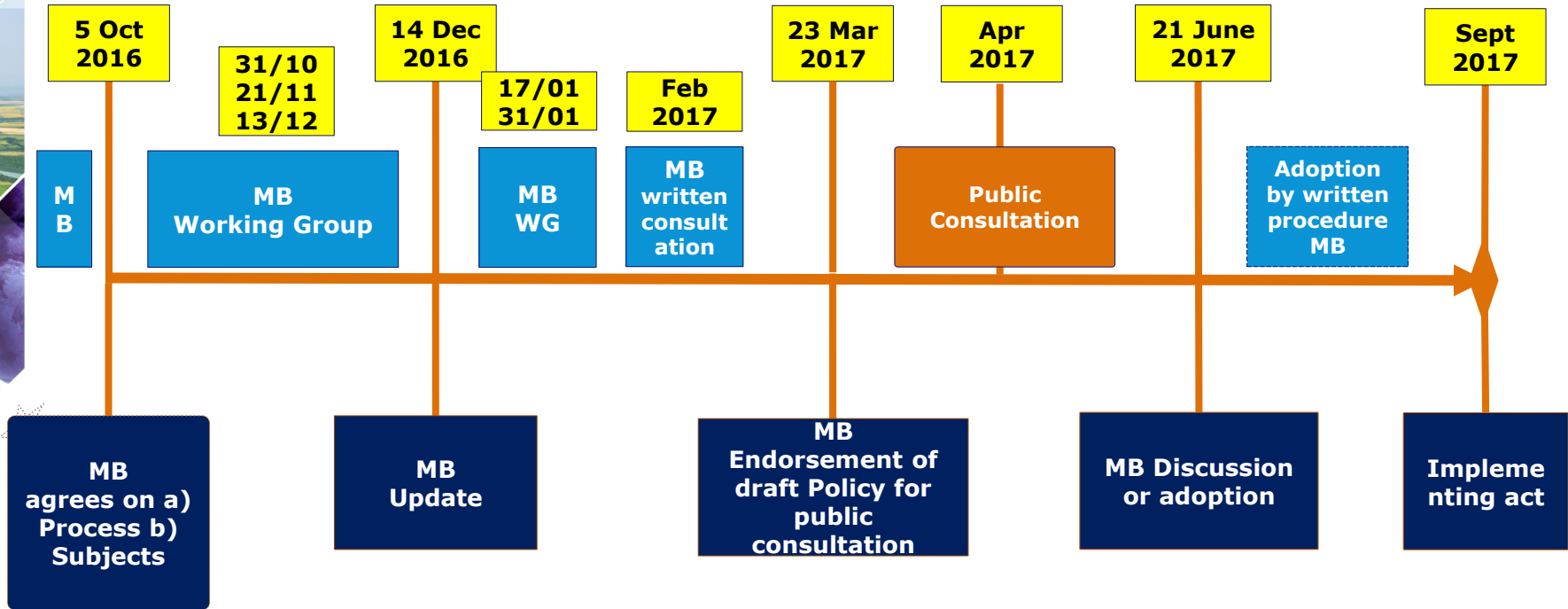




Independence Policy review A comparative approach

Advisory Forum
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PROCESS



PLANNING UNTIL DECEMBER BOARD PLENARY

1° WG Mtg

Key CoI
prevention
principles for
EFSA scientific
experts

2° WG mtg

Key CoI
prevention
principles for
MB and AF
members, staff,
contractors

3° WG mtg

Transparency
related
measures
and discussion
of first draft

Report
to
MB
plenary

SCOPE - TARGET POPULATION


Individual independence

- EFSA external scientific experts
- EFSA staff (scientific and non scientific)
- MB members
- Advisory Forum members
- MSs experts and representatives
- Contractors



RISK BASED APPROACH – AS IS

Currently

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- Application of “Triangle approach”: the Authority takes measures preventing CoIs the extent that the activities identified as leading to a situation of conflict overlap with the matters discussed in the EFSA scientific group(s) where the expert is expected to serve.
 - Attendance of discussion on specific items on agenda prevented or limitation on experts’ role

"COOLING OFF" PERIODS – AS IS

Currently

Member of management entity non FSO	Scientific Committee, Panels and Working Groups	
	Chair and Vice Chair	
PAST	not allowed when interest ended within two years prior to DoI submission.	

Employment & Occasional consultancy non FSO	Scientific Committee, Panels and Working Groups	
	Chair and Vice Chair	Members
PAST	not allowed when interest ended within past five years prior to DoI submission	

RESEARCH FUNDING – AS IS

Currently

- CoI when an expert is benefiting, either alone or as member of a research group, of research funds from the private sector when the proportion of the private funds exceeds 25% of the total research funding at the moment of the screening; and
- The calculation is made with exclusive regard to the funding used for researchers on the same matter under consideration by the EFSA scientific group.