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Risk Assessment Research Assembly 7 February 2018

**Update to EFSA Focal Point
meeting – 16 November 2017**

Alisdair Wotherspoon

RARA – why and what?

In an environment of shrinking resources and competing demands:

To promote a dialogue and sharing of ideas, knowledge and approaches which aims to:

build and support the case to be made by EFSA and its partners for future public funding of research in food safety; and which makes best use of resources and meets strategic needs by:

1. raising **awareness** of the importance/impact of public funding for food safety research
2. providing a **platform** for networking (facilitate partnering and funding; ideas to influence opportunities in future food safety research programming; sharing experiences on challenges and opportunities in accessing funding and collaborative working)

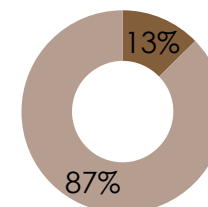
Current Draft Programme

■ Time	■ Item	■ Format / location	■ Speakers
09:30 - 11:00	Registration + Coffee		
11:00 - 13:00	Setting the Scene Opening / Welcome Keynote DG SANTE Keynote "policy" The Case for public funding	Keynote speeches Panel discussion with audience engagement	EFSA Executive Director DG SANTE Deputy Director-General Food Safety Authority of Ireland, Chief Executive EC: DG AGRI, DG RTD, DG SANTE, COST, EFSA, (others tbc)
13:00 - 14:30	Networking lunch & Ideas Showcase		
14:30 - 16:30	Pitches on key research ideas	Break-out sessions	All participants
16:30 - 17:00	Networking Coffee		
17:00 - 18:30	Making it happen: Challenges and Opportunities Wrap-up and concluding discussions	Break-out feedback and Panel discussion with audience engagement Closing remarks	ECHA, EFET (GR), EFSA, Matis (IS), VWA (NL), (others tbc) EFSA
18:30 - 21:00	Networking buffet		

Current position on Registration

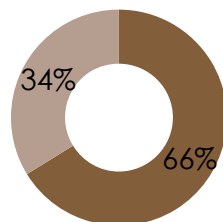
From registration report	Registered participants by category	Registration report (absolute number)
EFSA Panel/WG/Network	12%	19
EFSA staff	4%	6
EU body	2%	3
International organisation	1%	2
National authority	30%	47
NGO	2%	3
Press/media	0%	0
Private sector	9%	14
University/public research institute	36%	56
Other	4%	7
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Audience breakdown



■ Invited by EFSA ■ Open registrations

Outreach rate



■ Recurring participants
■ First-time attendees

Coverage of “pitch” proposals (to be assessed)

- Feed risk assessment
- Food allergy
- Use of big data
- Mycotoxins
- Viruses in fish
- ESBLs
- Next gen sequencing approaches
- Biomonitoring for exposure
- Modelling re chemical residues
- Risk assessment approaches combining domains

Next steps

- Extend registration deadline to 1 December – promotion through social and other channels
- **Role for FPs now** to further promote actively/regularly through all their networks and in support of EFSA channels
- EFSA/AW to review proposed pitch ideas for suitability and to adapt programme as needed to reflect
- Presentation of updated situation to Advisory Forum on 5 December