



43rd Focal point meeting
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Support to SPIDO activities

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Science Studies and Project Identification
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Transparency Regulation (EU) 2019/1381
(Art. 32d)

- Establish process to identify **scientific themes**, and develop their **roadmaps for action**, requiring **multi-annual cooperative arrangements** with Member States, EU Agencies and, if relevant, international partners
- **Fill knowledge gaps** that can benefit **regulatory processes/science** to ensure
 - **preparedness** to address possible divergencies on sensitive matters ("verification studies")
 - **preparedness** for future risk assessment requirements due to new scientific developments
- Tools: multi-annual, multi-partner and high-value scientific grants (co-funding) and procurements projects
- Means (planned, pending on MFF 2021-2027): 2021: 8 mio €; from 2022 onwards 16 mio € annually

Background: Process - draft



- Aim: Outline vision, scope, opportunities, cooperation and impact for EFSA and its partners
- **Consultation** (phased approach) **of draft paper with EFSA and a wide range of bodies** such as DG SANTE, **Member States**, EU Agencies, Scientific Committee, international partners
- Serve as basis for roadmaps

- Aim: Gain full understanding on e.g. ongoing activities, knowledge gaps, societal interests/concerns, collaboration opportunities and potential partners
- Provide basis for prioritisation and decision making for project calls (multi-annual, high value) (EFSA/DG SANTE)
- Consultation with Member States, EU Agencies

- EFSA's 2027 strategy
- Future of science themes
- Preparedness for possible verification studies
- Knowledge gaps in EU research projects
- EU strategies
- Alignment with DG SANTE
- Consultation with Member States, EU Agencies and other bodies

- Selected based on previous work (e.g. future of science, EFSA's 2027 strategic developments, EFSA's research needs).
- Themes discussed with Member States at the Advisory Forum.

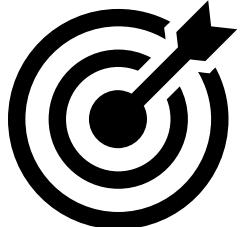


Artificial Intelligence In Risk Assessment (AI)

Multiple Chemicals Risk Assessment (mCRA)

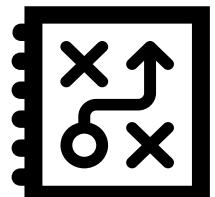
Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA)

New approach methodologies (NAMs): Methodologies for non-animal testing



Aim

- To receive feedback for improving the clarity



Methodology

- EU survey with general questions on vision and scope, opportunity, cooperation and impact for EFSA and its partners
- Specific questions to EU Agencies and Member States
- Each organisation could comment on up to 4 Theme Papers (depending on expertise)
- Phased consultation approach

- Analyse **feedback** received during **phased consultations, finalise theme papers** → September-November 2020
- Launch a **call on roadmaps for actions** related to these four themes (autumn 2020), and aim implementing the roadmaps (project calls) from 2022 onwards.
- In parallel to the ongoing roadmap activities, **first project calls** related to SPIDO activities might be already launched in 2020 (e.g. case study NAMs and chemicals) and 2021.
- **Finalise SPIDO process as outlined in a framework document** with DG SANTE/EFSA (October 2020)
- **Start exploring** new possible themes for SPIDO e.g. bioinformatics, microbiome etc...

How FP can support SPIDO activities



- Liaise with your AF member to seek feedback on SPIDO activities e.g. consultation process, outline of theme paper, etc.
- Disseminate open call(s) for roadmaps
- Outreach on multiannual, multipartner project calls

Additional views and suggestions?





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