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# **An ecosystem vision for future partnerships**

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# Current status: A system that works (1/2)



EFSA, Scientific Committee:  
Methodologies, Guidance documents, etc.

Scientific Panel, Working group

Mandate

E F S A

Scientific  
opinion

MS

Grants/  
procurement:  
literature review,  
data collection, etc.

MS

Scientific  
networks

Consultation  
(public,  
stakeholders)

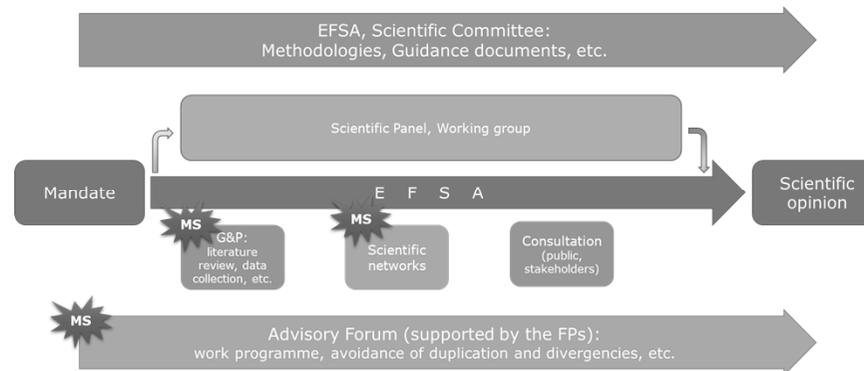
MS

Advisory Forum (supported by the FPs):  
work programme, avoidance of duplication and divergencies, etc.

# Current status: Reflections (2/2)

Responsiveness ?

Duplication of effort ?



Divergent opinions ?

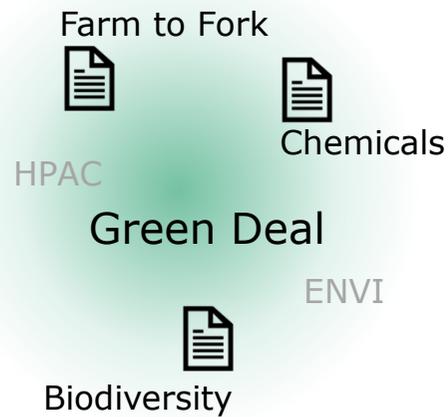
Consistent communications ?

Innovation ?

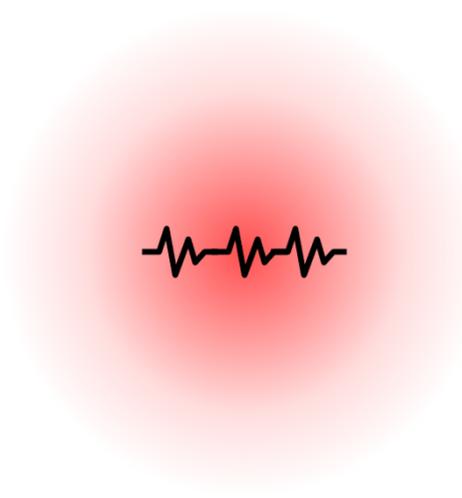
# Drivers for change



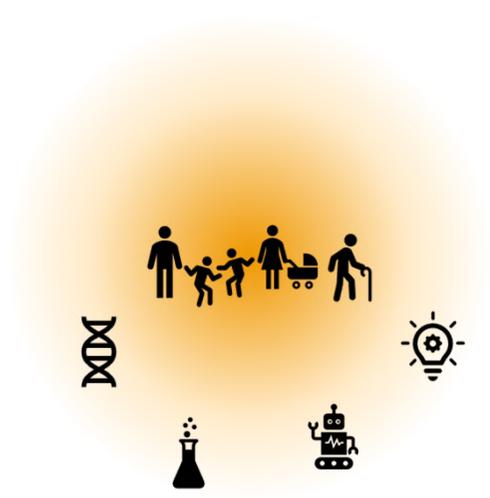
Increasing complexity



New policy aspirations



Crisis preparedness  
& response



Shifting societal  
demands

# The Biological Ecosystem as a blueprint for value creation

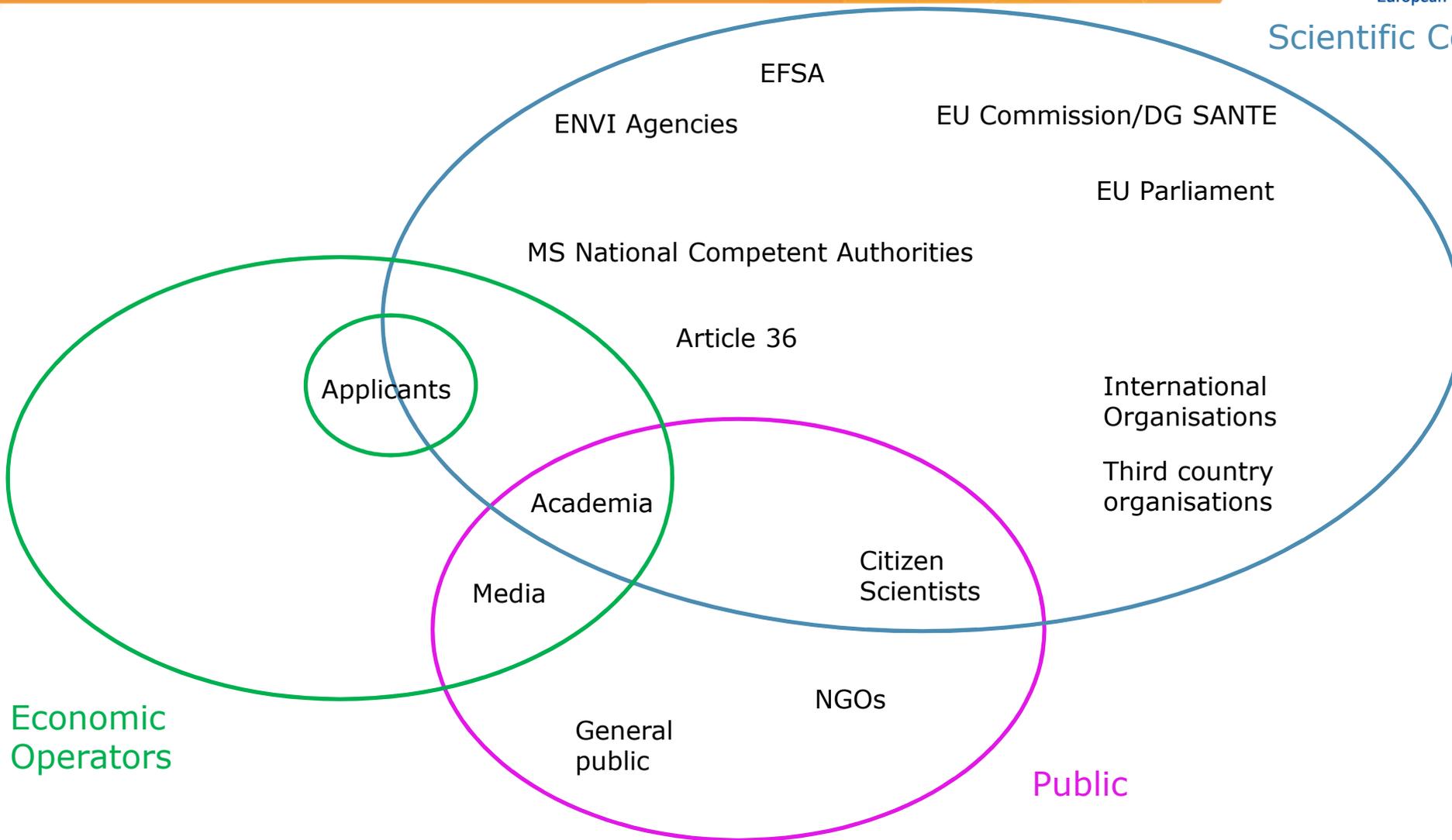


“(Business) Ecosystems are dynamic and co-evolving communities of diverse actors, who create and capture new value through both collaboration and competition”

*"Business ecosystems come of age", Deloitte University Press, 2015*

# A map of our regulatory world

Scientific Community



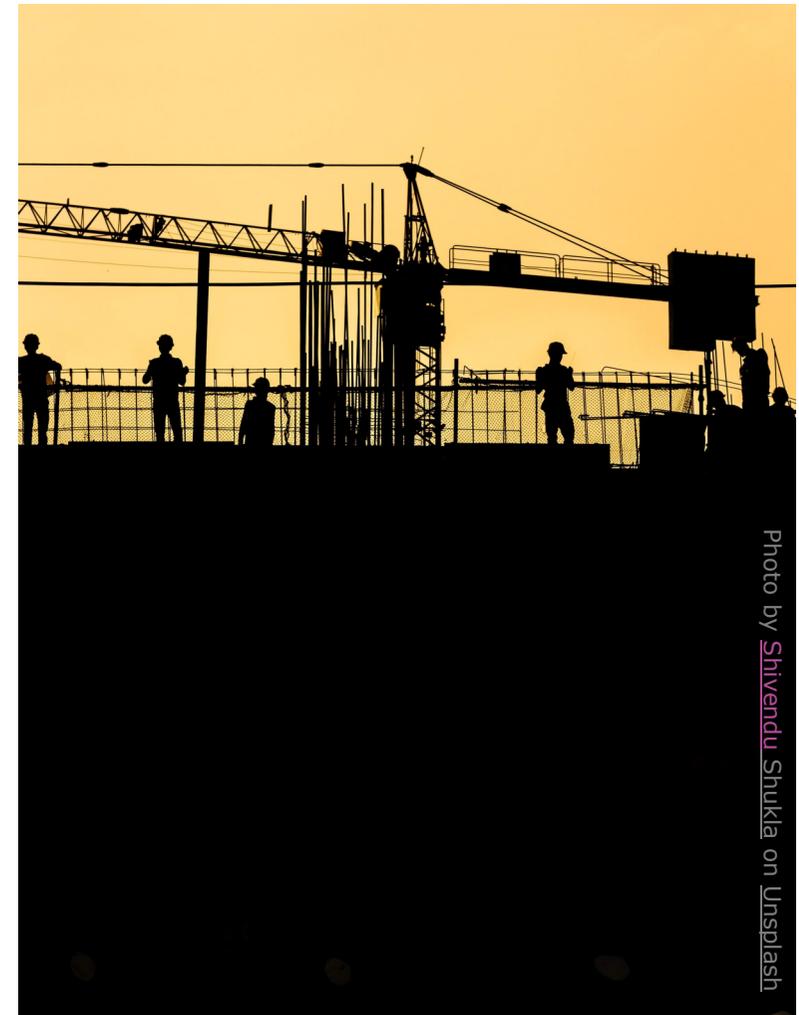
Economic Operators

Public

# The ecosystem culture)

## Ingredients for success:

- Long-term partnerships, as part of our strategies
- Reciprocity: through initiatives from EFSA and the MS, multi-participatory in nature
- Platforms (e.g., data)
- Trust



# Platforms: enabling ecosystems to thrive

Scientific  
Data  
Platform

Algorithms  
Platform

Scientific  
Opinion  
Platform

Public  
Opinion  
Platform

## What are platforms?

A means that enables interactions, supported by a governance structure and collaboration standards.

## Expected Benefits:

- Connection
- Exchange of knowledge
- Sharing of resources
- Openness
- Flexibility and Preparedness

# An example: the AF vision on data



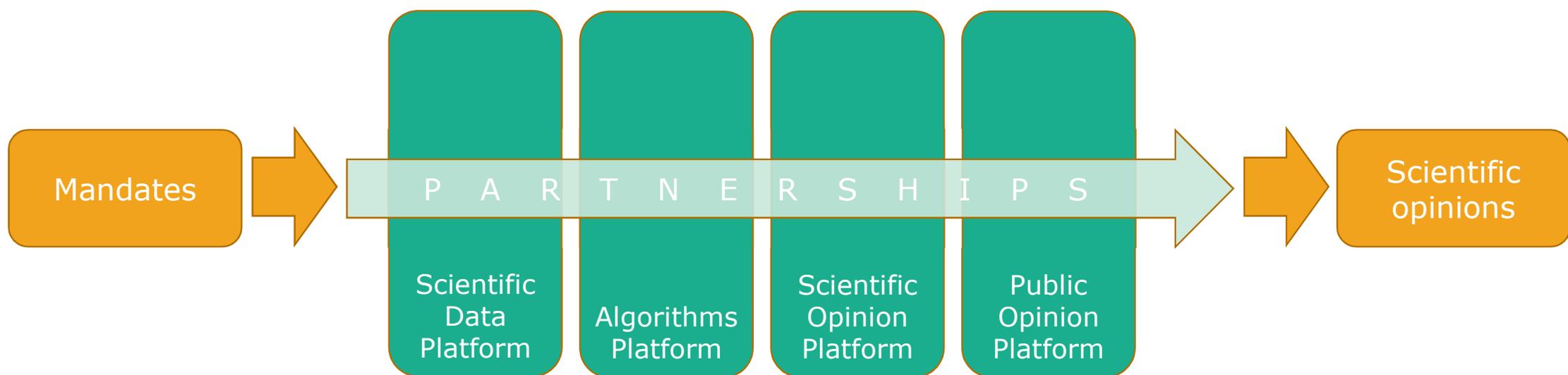
## Advisory Forum Vision (2027):

The **EU food safety system** will be a network of highly digitalised, secure, connected and interoperable food safety systems (i.e., a **digital ecosystem**) able to

- Access **real-time data**
- Access data from **official controls, industry** and **science**.
- Data will be made available with **metadata**
- Support the identification of **emerging risks** and **fraud activities**
- Ensure **alerting systems** and **crisis management**

improving **official controls, risk assessment** and **risk management**.

# A partnership approach



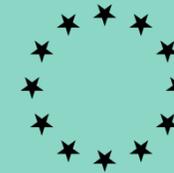
# What is possible already now



Increase pool  
of experts



Increase collaboration  
with organisations



Build a common  
EU culture for  
Risk Assessment

**N E W P A R T N E R S H I P S**

# What do these all mean for RA organisations?

- **Partnerships** remain key for our RA work
- Investing in the creation and expansion of **Platforms**:
  - Supports the work of Partnerships
  - Enables other actors to contribute or engage
- Platforms will enable all RA partners to interact at **Ecosystem** level leading to (more) opportunities for:
  - Applying existing skills, where they are needed
  - Exchange of knowledge, data sharing, etc.
  - Development of new capacities, tools or services
  - Identifying actors that can help with their mission
- The proposition does not set a bar for entry (but the added value will reflect the joint investment!)

# Let's make it happen!



- Innovation
- Co-creation
- Responsiveness
- Resources

# Stay connected



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