

Update on communications and engagement

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Trusted science for safe food

- Media highlights
- High profile communications
- International cooperation
- Institutional calendar
- Engagement opportunities
- Work in progress

Media highlights (July-September 2019)

ZEIT WISSEN

"Dass sich Xyella auch in Nordeuropa ausbreiten könnte, zeigen Computermodellierung."

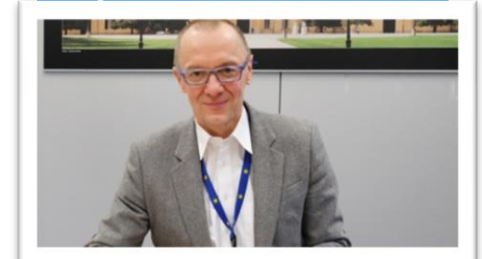
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Europe's food waste is 'a scandal', says agency chief

Deutschlandfunk



Europas Streit um Bienen und Pflanzenschutzmittel

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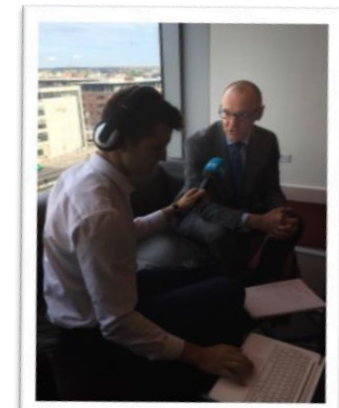
Wie ein Bakterium Südtaliens Olivenhaine dahinrafft



World Conference
of Science Journalists
Lausanne 2019



**EFSA-ECDC debate
"From Evidence to Confidence:
Science and the EU Agencies"**



EFSA's ED: "We have to change our diets, to fight food waste and intensify food production while preserving biodiversity"



High profile communications (July-September 2019)

- Updating **DRVs**: job done, after 10 years and 34 nutrients



- **Guidance on bees and pesticides**: work plan published



- **Chlorpyrifos**: assessment identifies human health effects



High profile communications (July-September 2019)

- Public consultation: **cumulative risk assessment** of pesticides
- Scientific Opinion on appropriate age to introduce **complementary feeding** for infants
- **Sugars** opinion rescheduled to assess wealth of data



International cooperation highlights



05 Sep – USDA

- Pesticides; biotechnology

06 Sep – US EPA

- New approaches on RA; pesticides; cumulative RA; AMR



11 Sep–Pest Management Regulatory Agency

- Overview of PMRA and PMRA's most important challenges and key science policy issues (e.g., methodologies)

11 Sep–Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

- Overview of AAFC; involvement in the International Biotechnology Forum; Research activities

05 Sep–Johns Hopkins University

04 Sep–US FDA

- Overview of CFSAN, CVM activities
- Risk communication & Stakeholder engagement
- EFSA's transparency provisions
- New techniques

03 Sep–World Bank

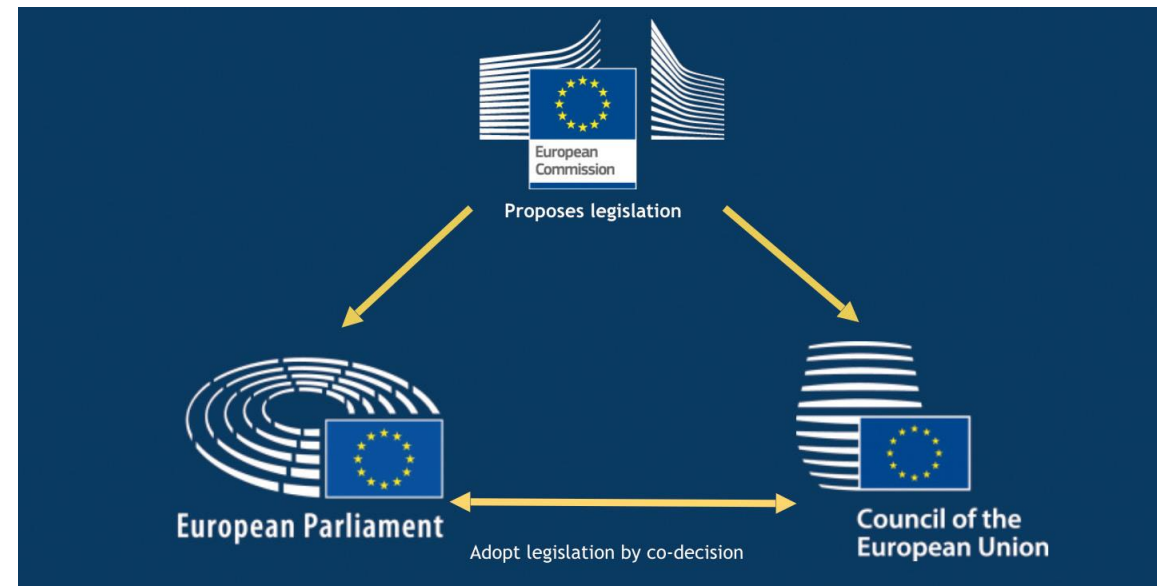
10 Sep–Health Canada

- RA Methodologies
- Data and information exchange
- Innovative techniques

09 Sep–Canadian Food Inspection Agency

- Strategy
- Biological hazards
- RA Methodologies
- Emerging risks

- **July:**
 - Kick-off of new EP legislative term
 - Finland starts 6-months Council Presidency
- **September:** Entry into force of Transparency Regulation
- **October:** BREXIT
- **November:**
 - New Commission to take office
 - ENVI Agencies' Hearing before the ENVI Committee
- **December:** Adoption of 2020 Budget by co-legislators



Upcoming engagement opportunities

- Public consultations on:

- Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food, Launch date; **9 Oct 2019**
- Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of ochratoxin A in food, Launch date; **14 Oct 2019**

- Open Plenary meetings of EFSA Panels;

- PPR Open Plenary, **2-3 October 2019**
- BIOHAZ Panel, **23 October 2019**
- FEEDAP Panel, **12 November 2019**
- GMO Panel, **27 November 2019**

- Bee Partnership Discussion Group meeting, **15 Oct 2019**

- Technical stakeholder event: cumulative risk assessment of pesticides in food, Brussels, **22 October 2019**

- Conference on *Xylella fastidiosa*, Ajaccio, Corsica, **29- 30 October 2019**

- Discussion Group on Emerging Risks, Brussels, **9 December 2019**



- Hot topic calls:
 - 7 October: Scientific report on re-evaluation of selected studies on bisphenol A
 - 14 October: Safety assessment of phthalates
 - 18 November: African swine fever - Risk assessment in south eastern Europe + Epidemiological report
- Micro and nano plastics in food: ongoing preparations for a stakeholder event in June 2020,
- EU FORA - The European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme.





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