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# Joint workshop to strengthen regional networks for crisis preparedness and communication in times of crisis

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# Joint Crisis Preparedness Workshop 2019



Joint simulation exercise/workshop to strengthen regional networks for crisis preparedness and communication in times of crisis

BfR, Berlin, 28th-30th August 2019

#### Participants:

Risk assessors, Risk managers, Risk communicators

- 6 from Belgium
- 4 from France
- 10 from Germany
- 4 from Luxembourg
- 5 from The Netherlands
- 2 from EC
- 4 from EFSA



# Acknowledgements



- BfR team local organizer
- BfR FoodChain Lab team
- BfR Risk Communication team
- BVL Scenario development
- EFSA RACE tool team
- EFSA Communications
- Instinctif Partners Facilitation/ overall concept
- MS experts (BE, DE, FR, LU, NL)



# Objectives



- Strengthening regional networks for crisis preparedness
   & communication in times of crisis
- Gain experience, share insights and further enhance capability in four key areas of crisis response:
  - Use of tools in Risk Assessments
  - Decision-making under Uncertainty
  - Collaboration between MS/ Institutions
  - Risk communication with the public

#### Activities



Day 1

Presentations

Day

Crisis simulation exercise

Day 3 Debriefing Workshops

- feedback and exercise debriefing session
- 2-hour hands-on workshops
  - 1. FoodChain-Lab tool
  - 2. Rapid Assessment of Contaminant Exposure (RACE) tool
  - 3. Communicating uncertainty in risk communication
  - 4. Media/interview training

# Debriefing



# Positive feedback expressed

- ✓organization of the event
- ✓insights in crisis handling structures of other MS
- ✓ networking with colleagues from other countries
- √tools



#### Related contracts





#### **Concept & facilitation**

- EFSA contract on 'Food & feed safety crisis preparedness trainings'
- 9<sup>th</sup> (external) training since 2012

	Rapid risk assessment Data collection Crisis communications End-to-end table-top exercise Food safety-Public health Plant health Coll. with ENVI Agencies Genotyping (ECDC / AGES)	2016 2017 2017 2018
:	Genotyping (ECDC / AGES) Tools (BfR / BVL)	<ul><li>2018</li><li>2019</li></ul>

...to be continued



#### Local organiser

- EFSA Framework partnership
  - Participant management
  - Secretarial support
  - Technical support
  - Meeting facilities
- 4 areas of collaboration:
  - Map & analyse food supply chains: 3 FoodChain-Lab trainings in 2019
  - Food safety model repository: Intern. Workshop in May 2019
  - Uncertainty in RA: Intern. Conference in Feb. 2019
  - Crisis preparedness: Exercise in August 2019

### Next steps



- Publication of event report in EFSA Journal in October 2019
- Feasibility study to re-use the scenario for the federal structure in Germany
- Update of EFSA procedures for responding to urgent advice needs in October 2019, publication in EFSA Journal
- EFSA internal crisis preparedness training 11 Nov 2019 to rehearse EFSA procedures
- Next EFSA external crisis preparedness training mid 2020

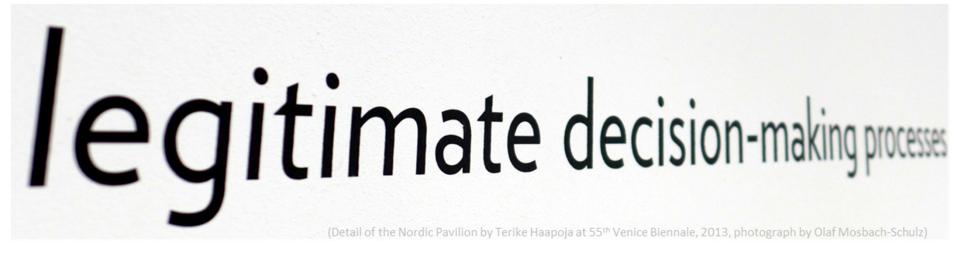
#### Your Feedback



- Interest to host EFSA's joint crisis preparedness event 2020 or to participate in it?
- Topics/capabilities that should be the subject of future joint crisis preparedness activities?

# Thank you for your attention





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