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# **Preparedness to implement the revised General Food Law**

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Trusted science for safe food

# 178: Priorities in a nutshell

Transparency &  
Confidentiality



Scientific value



Engagement & Risk  
Communication



Governance





## Transparency & Confidentiality

- Increased transparency through establishment of register of studies and the proactive publication of studies' results
- Centralised confidentiality checks
- Clarification of interplay between public access to document and Aarhus Regulations



## Engagement & Risk Communication

- Inclusive risk communication
- Improve coordination between risk assessors and risk managers to ensure a better communication to stakeholders and the general public.



## Scientific value

- More active role of Member States in building EFSA's pool of experts
- Enhanced flexibility for EFSA scientific production (i.e. staff/MSs)
- Strengthened support to applicants and small/medium enterprises
- Improved assurance of industry studies underlying EFSA scientific outputs




## Governance

- Member States, European Parliament, European Commission, stakeholders' representatives in Management Board

# How we will do it

EFSA's programmes and projects will ensure the actions needed to address the **challenges** and to prioritise resources accordingly.



Strategy to engage Stakeholders: establish a **Sounding Board**

Translating the law  
into procedures  
delivering EFSA's new  
mandate

Managing time-frame  
and expectations

## Translating the law into procedures and solutions delivering EFSA's new mandate



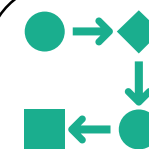
### **Transparency**

and tools for the dissemination of on studies/data upon which risk assessment decisions are based



### **Confidentiality**

Design and implement a new framework, process and IT solutions for handling confidentiality-claims



### **Data workflows, Register of studies and dossiers**

Data format  
Data submission  
Data storage/access  
Data assessment  
Data publication



## Translating the law into procedures delivering EFSA's new mandate



### **Enhanced Engagement & Communication**

Stakeholder engagement participatory process: open dialogue with interested parties at different steps of the risk assessment and communication process

Ensure coherent risk communication strategy together with MSs and EC



## Managing time-frame and expectations

Translate the law into procedures in collaboration with SANTE: data format, processes for data-work-flow, register of studies, transparency, confidentiality...

Prepare implementation (including development of necessary supporting tools)

Start delivering the added value enshrined in the new 178 GFL

2019

2020

2021... and beyond

# Working methodology to address 178 priorities

New decision making on confidentiality for proactive disclosure, reactive transparency under Public Access to Documents, and the new MB composition

Governance

Registry of studies and data life-cycle work-flow for applications. Efficient services to staff and experts supporting the 178 revised processes

Technology and Services

Providing capacity to address 178 priorities and new processes with additional staffing as from 2020

Organisational Design



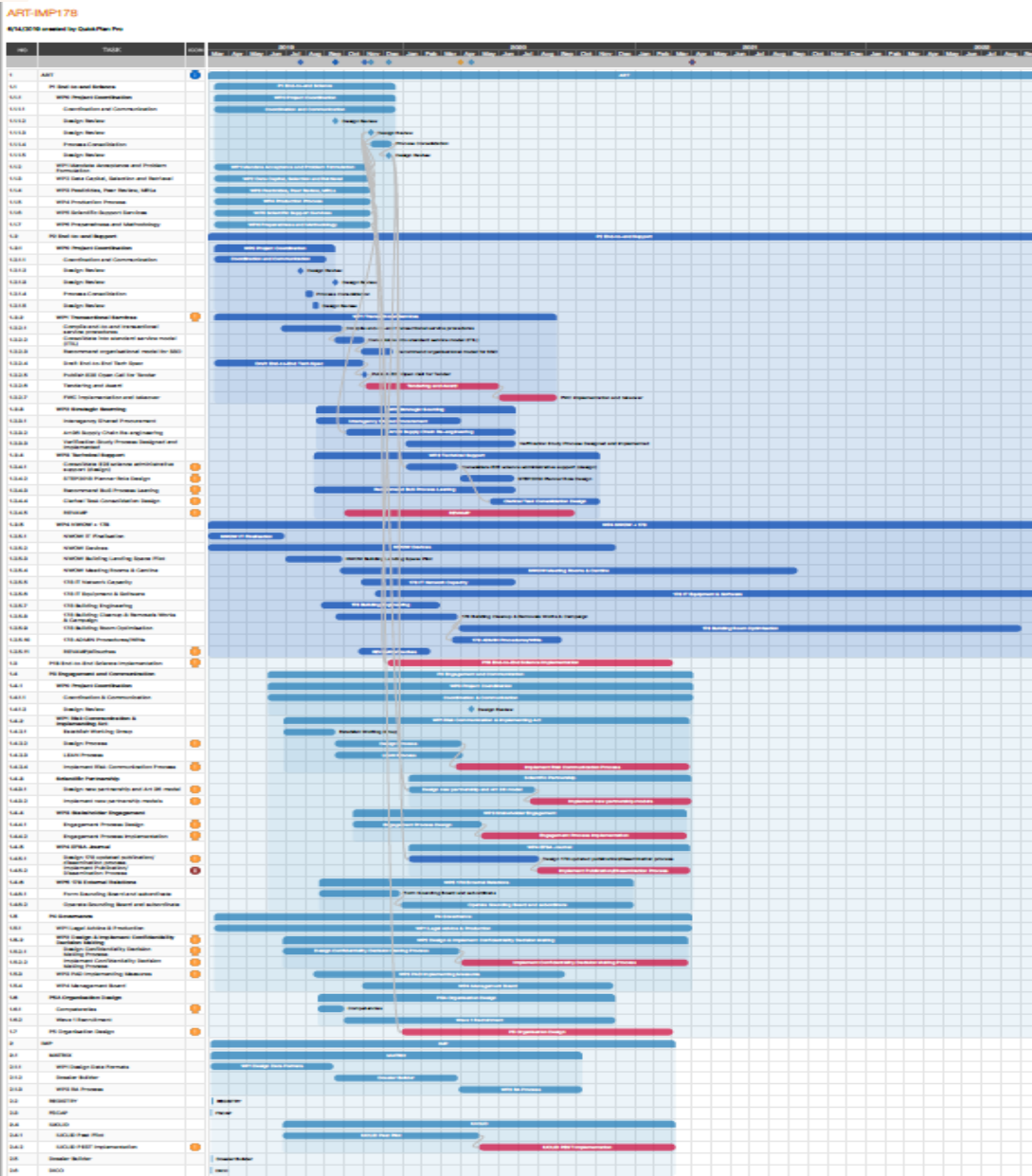
Science

New science processes -including adaptation/revision of related guidance documents - ensuring integration of 178 requirements

Engagement and Risk Communication

Engagement and partnering with EFSA's stakeholders, in support of the science processes and contributing to a general plan for Risk Communication

# Management Plan



A **management plan** with all dependencies among EFSA's programmes, projects and work packages is being developed to coordinate and monitor all activities, resources and deliverables

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E2E support

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Organisational Design



E2E Science

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Engagement and Risk Communication

Engagement and partnering with EFSA's stakeholders, in line with the new science processes and the implementation of a general plan for Risk Communication

## Engagement and Risk Communication Project

### WP1

#### RISK COMMS

- Review of communication products;
- Develop best-practice to optimize outreach activities;
- Support EC in development of General plan

### WP2

#### SCIENTIFIC PARTNERSHIP

- MSs ensures sufficient expertise to meet the EU risk assessment system
- Establish of new processes to allow Article 36 competent organisations to be able to prepare draft scientific opinions

### WP3

#### STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

- Enhanced mechanisms to allow a participatory and open dialogue
- Enhance processes allowing for consultation of third parties

### WP4

#### EFSA JOURNAL

- Publish and link additional documentation associated with the revised 178 requirements
- Develop a Panel "peer review" system

### ART Transversal WP5

#### EXTERNAL RELATION ON 178 IMPLEMENTATION

- Establishment and coordination of Stakeholder Sounding Board
- Ensures alignment of expectations from internal and external stakeholders
  - Single point for 178 advocacy efforts
  - Single point for 178 external communication

Sounding Board

Discussion Groups

Transparency

Data Management

Technical Committees – as needed

## Scope

- Keep stakeholders informed about different stages of the implementation process
- Gather stakeholder feedback on progress
- Manage expectations

## Composition

- Stakeholder Bureau Member plus Alternate/or another appointed member representing a specific stakeholder category
- Advisory Forum Representatives of Member States (approx. 3 members)
- European Commission (DG SANTE)



## Scope

Transparency  
Consultation on  
implementation

Data Management  
Data life-cycle  
management

## Composition

- Stakeholders' representatives
- Member States' representatives
- European Commission
- EU Agencies' representatives

# Next steps (2019)

**Jul**

- **Setting up of the Sounding Board**

**Sep**

- **Discussion Groups kick-off**

**Nov**

- **74 AF mtg – dedicated session for MS input**

**Until  
2021**

- **AF meetings with standing item on GFL implem.**

Thanks for your attention!

