

# DEMETER: sharing data, knowledge and methods on emerging risks in a rapid and effective manner

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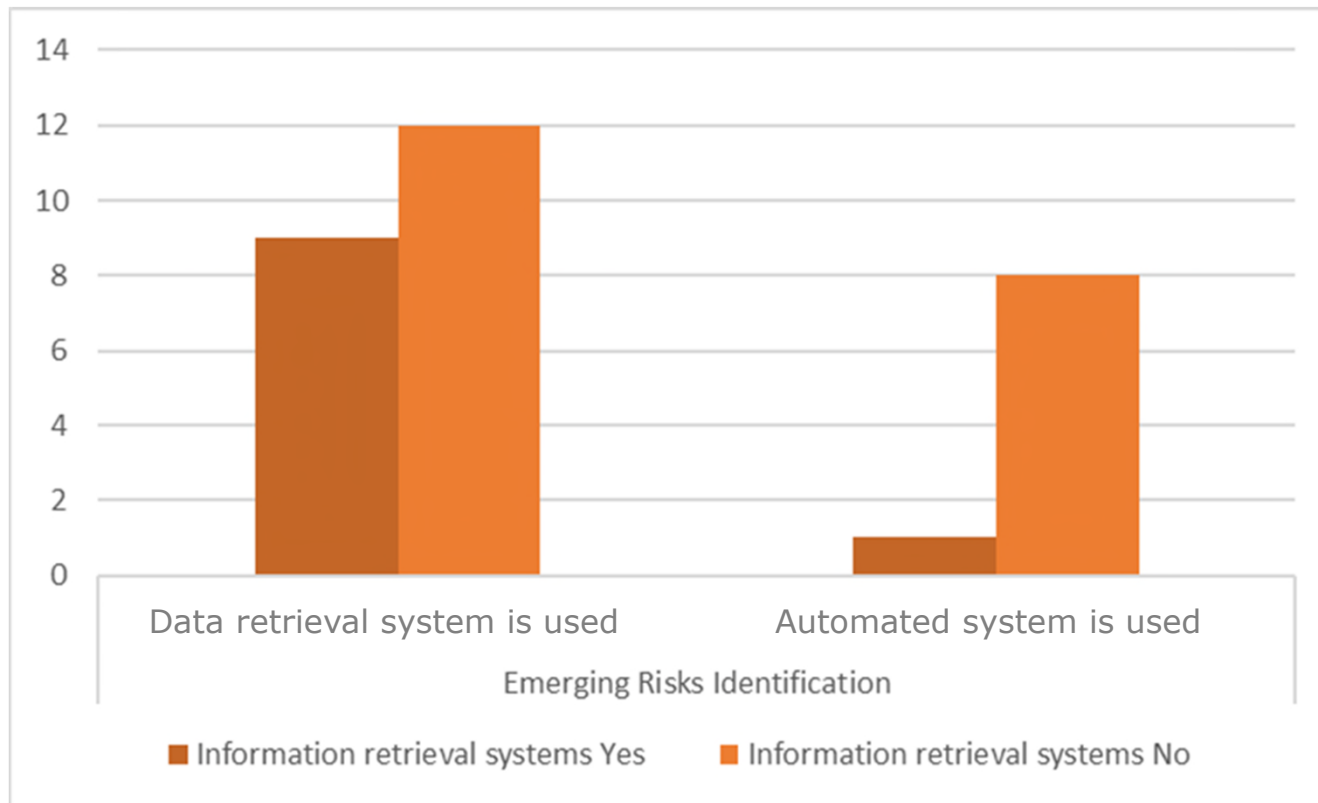
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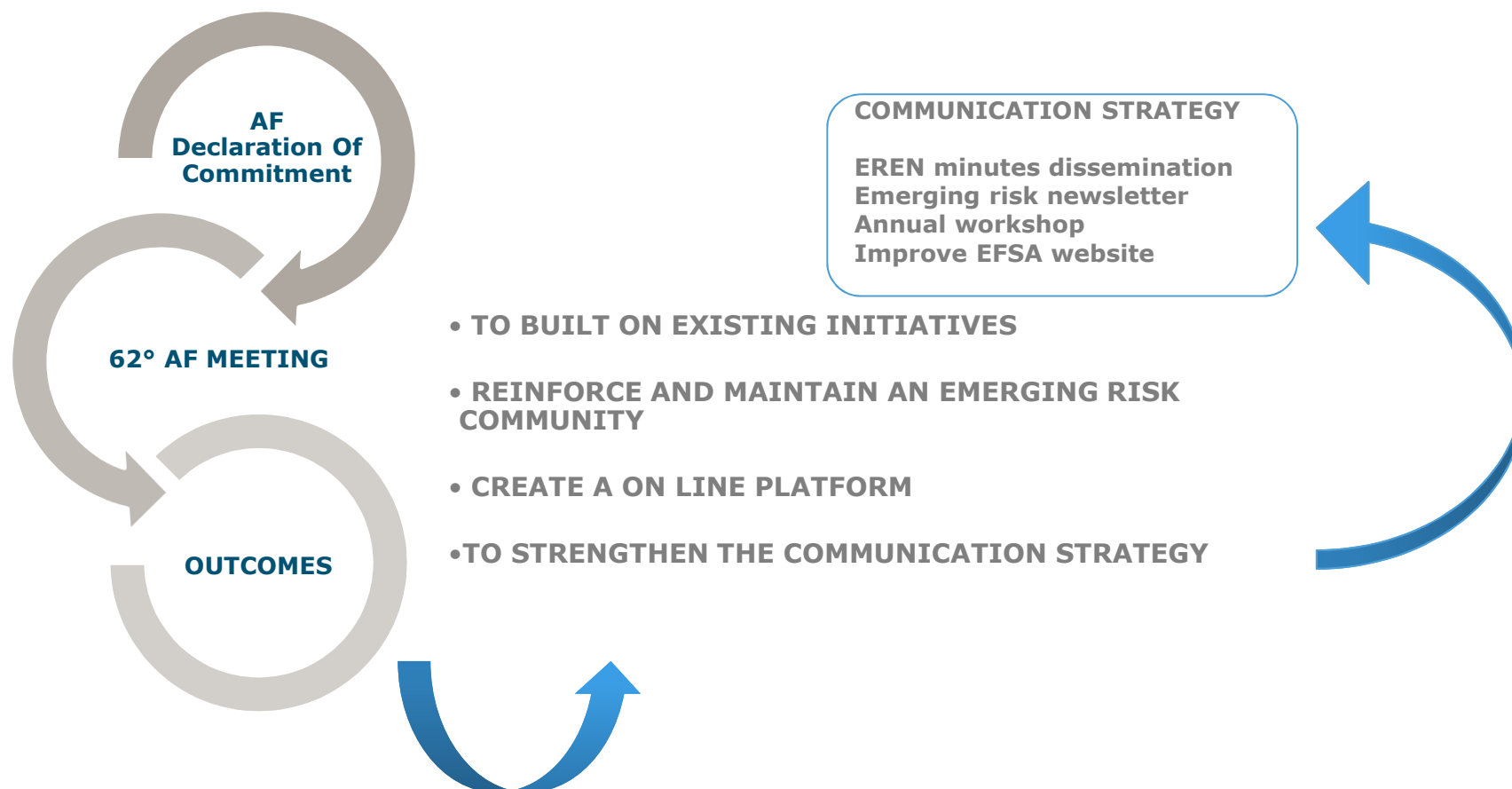
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# MS survey – Priorities vs Available systems in MS



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# THEMATIC grant – Methodologies for Emerging risks

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1. Development of new tools for automatic **data retrieval and validation** from multiple sources for emerging risks identification
  2. Integration of **data and methodologies from social sciences** into the emerging risk identification process on a farm to fork approach
  3. Set up of a **collaborative emerging risk platform** to further strengthen EU emerging risks capacity
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- Thematic grant: GP/EFSA/AFSCO/2016/01 – Methodology development in risk assessment
  - 04/2017 – 04/2020



# Timescale of Emerging Issues

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## EARLY WARNING

SHORT

Rapid alert systems

Immediate action required



## EMERGING RISK IDENTIFICATION

MEDIUM

Screening systems

Increases preparedness

## FORESIGHT

LONG

Driver and scenario analysis

Affects strategic actions

# DEMETER vision “Concept Note”

Vision for framework of Emerging Risks Knowledge Exchange (ERKE)  
published in EFSA supporting publications (11/2018:  
doi:10.2903/sp.efsa.2018.EN-1524



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## Project DEMETER: Concept Note for an Emerging Risks Knowledge Exchange Platform (ERKEP) Framework

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# User requirements addressed in DEMETER

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- End-users need to **manage the data work related to indicators**
- End-users need to be able to work with **diverse data types and formats**.
- End-users need to be able to **identify, reference, and manage data sources**.
- The ability to perform **basic computation** and apply operators on datasets and indicators.
- End-users should be able to **access and apply** established **models, methods, and processes** for analysis.
- End-users should be able to **modify, store, and share models** for risk assessment.

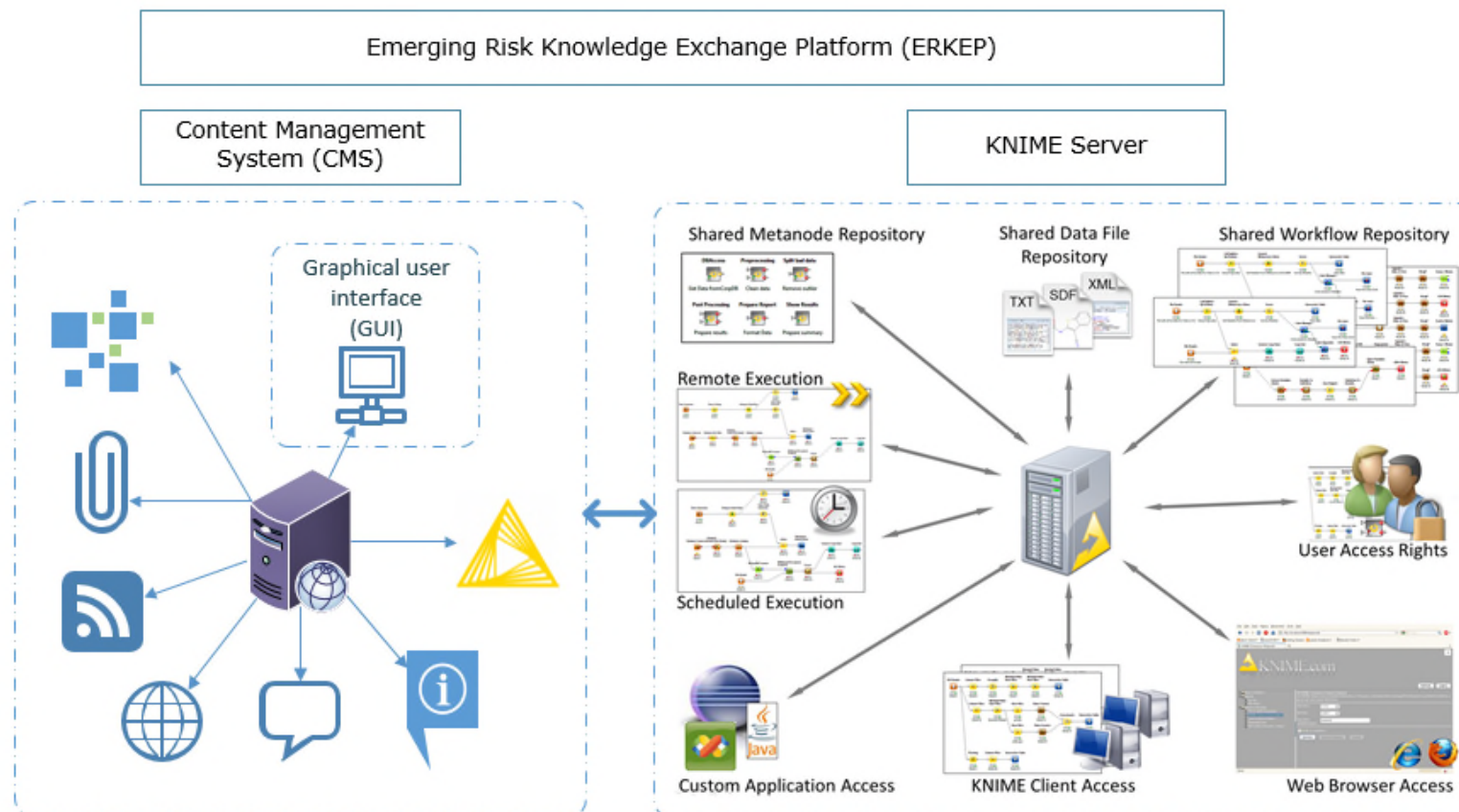
→ Emerging Risk Knowledge Exchange Platform (ERKEP)



# User requirement input for ERKEP vision

## ERKEP: Two pillars

1. Environment to manage content and knowledge
2. Environment to execute extraction and data analysis



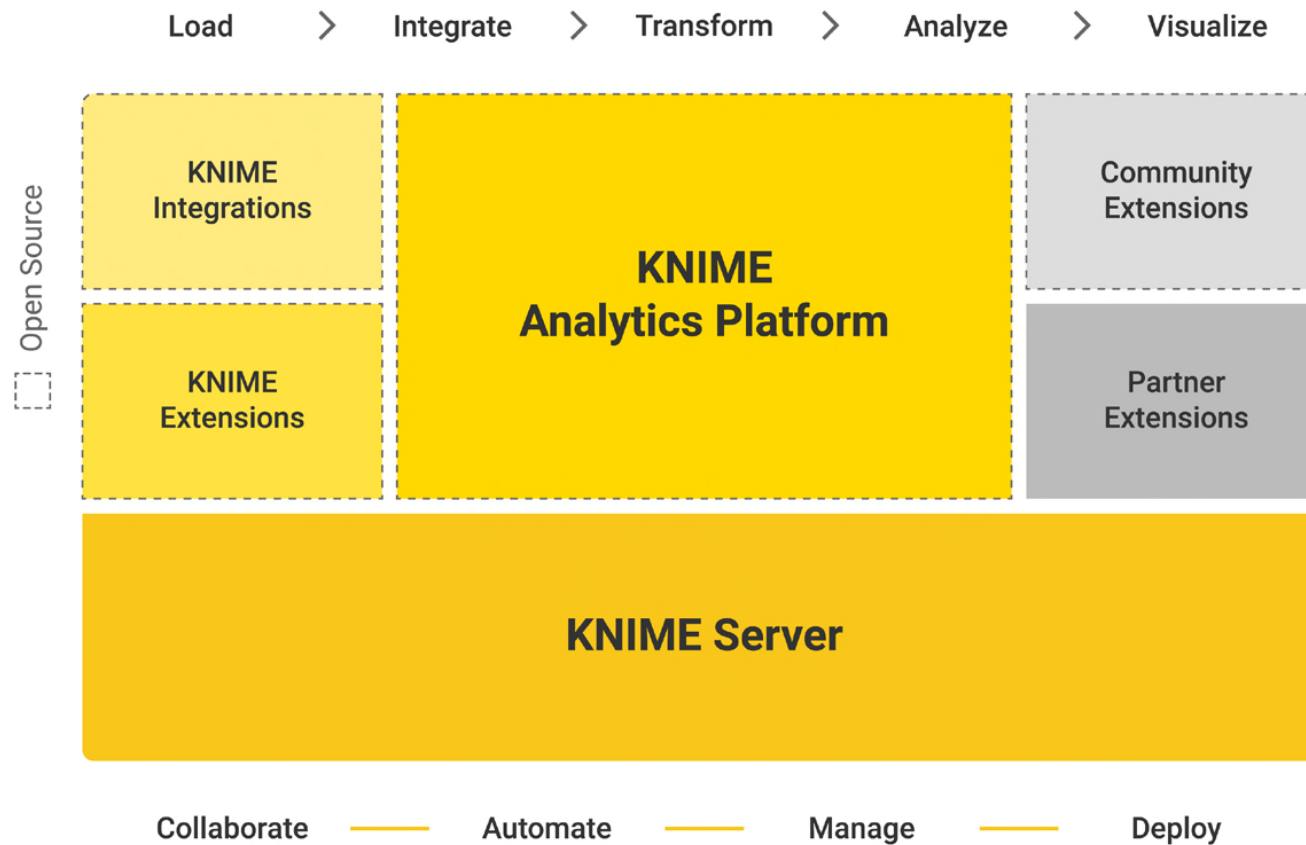
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# Data sources/data analysis/data visualization examples

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- Many data and information sources identified
- Few data retrieval and analysis applications developed and deployed
  - Sharing through deploying applications to the server to be run on the server
  - Sharing through downloading the KNIME analysis workflows (for advanced users)
- Examples:
  - Media monitoring workflows
  - Dairy sector indicators data collection workflows
  - News and patents network analysis


# KNIME Server as Enabler for online ERI





# Coupling KNIME-CMS: dairy alert example


## Developing workflows in KNIME:


- to automatically collect & process data from identified data sources
- to detect abnormalities in the data sources
- to send an automatic alert to the end-user and show the results in CMS


  
KNIME Analytics Platform

  
KNIME Server

  
KNIME Extensions

  
KNIME Integrations

  
Community Extensions

  
Partner Extensions

### KNIME Analytics Platform

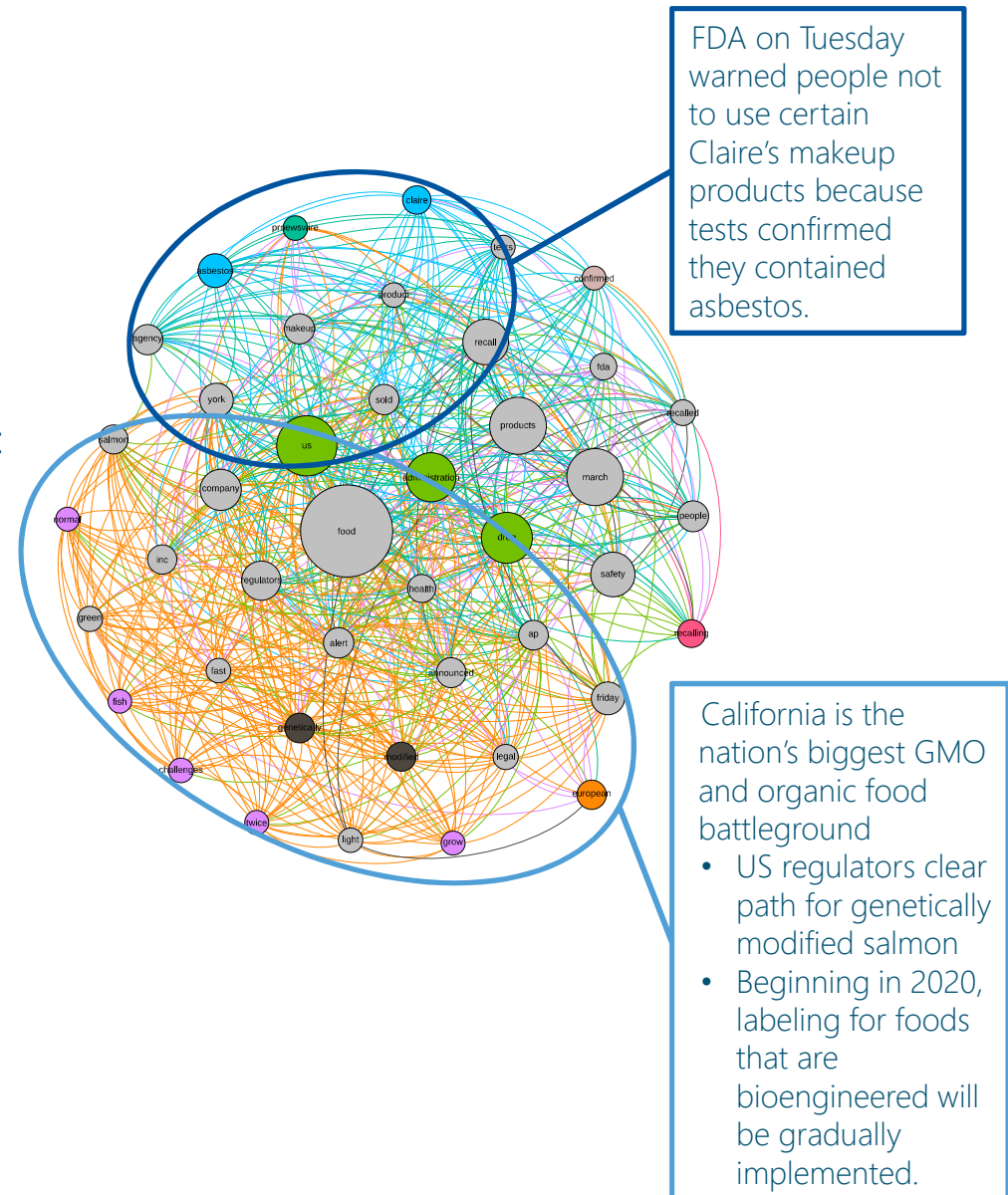
KNIME Analytics Platform is the open source software for creating data science applications and services. Intuitive, open, and continuously integrating new developments, KNIME makes understanding data and designing data science workflows and reusable components accessible to everyone.

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# Network analysis and visualization

- Identifying **trending topics in news** based on text mining and network analysis:
  - Words co-occurring in the same text are connected to each other
  - Same words in different news texts imply their relative importance
  - This network of words could be analyzed and visualized
  - Using Europe Media Monitor (EMM Newsbrief) data





# Patent network analysis: co-citation network (food and agri patents)

## Methods and materials for making and using transgenic dicamba-degrading organisms

### Abstract

The invention provides isolated and at least partially-purified dicamba-degrading enzymes, isolated DNA molecules coding for dicamba-degrading enzymes, DNA constructs coding for dicamba-degrading enzymes, transgenic host cells comprising DNA coding for dicamba-degrading enzymes, and transgenic plants and plant parts comprising one or more cells comprising DNA coding for dicamba-degrading enzymes. Expression of the dicamba-degrading enzymes results in the production of dicamba-degrading organisms, including dicamba-tolerant plants. Finally, the invention provides a method of selecting transformed plants and plant cells based on dicamba tolerance and a method of selecting or screening transformed host cells, intact organisms and parts of organisms based on the fluorescence of 3,6-dichlorosalicylic acid produced as a result of dicamba degradation.

### Images (3)



### Classifications

■ C12N1/0036 Oxidoreductases (1.1) acting on nitrogen containing compounds as donors (1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7) acting on NADH or NADPH (1.6)

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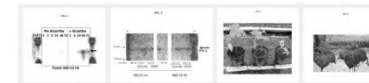
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## Methods and compositions for improving plant health

### Abstract

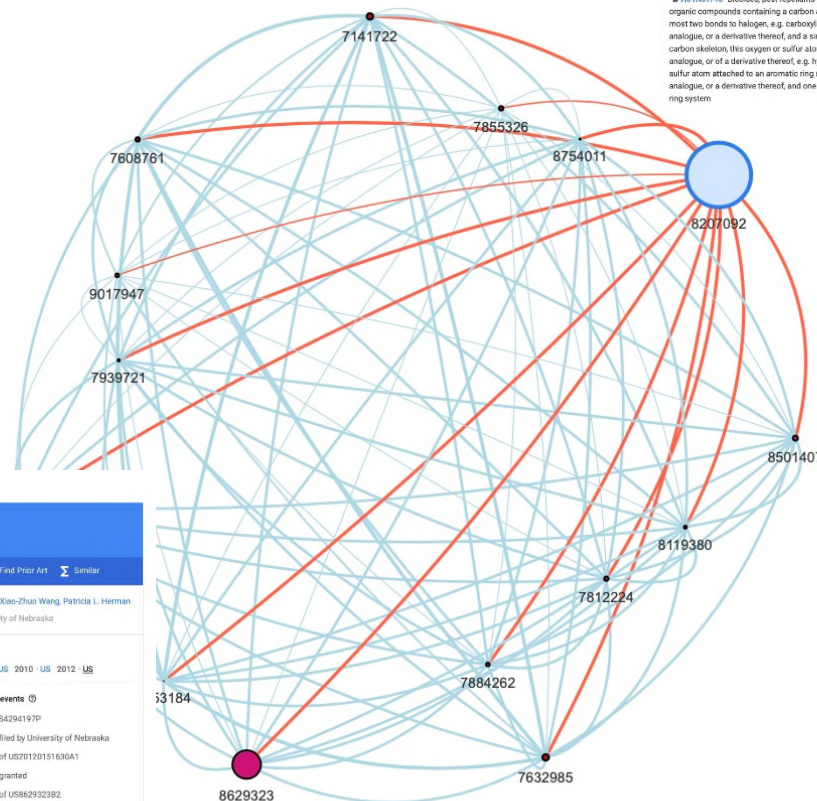
The present invention provides methods and compositions for improving plant health. In particular, application of dicamba or another substrate of DMO, or metabolites thereof including DCSA, to a plant confers tolerance to, or defense against, abiotic or biotic stresses such as oxidative stress including herbicide application, and plant disease, and enhances crop yield. Such application may be in combination with the application of another herbicide such as glyphosate.

### Images (11)



### Classifications

■ A01N37/40 Biocides, pest repellants or attractants, or plant growth regulators containing organic compounds containing a carbon atom having three bonds to hetero atoms with at the most two bonds to halogen, e.g. carboxylic acids containing at least one carboxylic group or a thio analogue, or a derivative thereof, and a singly bound oxygen or sulfur atom attached to the same carbon skeleton, this oxygen or sulfur atom not being a member of a carboxylic group or of a thio analogue, or of a derivative thereof, e.g. hydroxy carboxylic acids having at least one oxygen or sulfur atom attached to an aromatic ring system having at least one carboxylic group or a thio analogue, or a derivative thereof, and one oxygen or sulfur atom attached to the same aromatic ring system



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# Social sciences methodologies

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- There is not one **expert elicitation method** which can uniquely be applied to identification of emerging food and feed risks
  - There is need for: method triangulation, a harmonised model/tool/framework
  - It is very difficult to “automate” this process at the present time.
- Utility of **Crowd Sourcing** and **Citizen Science**:
  - Potentially a valuable risk identifier
  - Quality is low and intensive resources are required to evaluate this data

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# Social sciences methodologies

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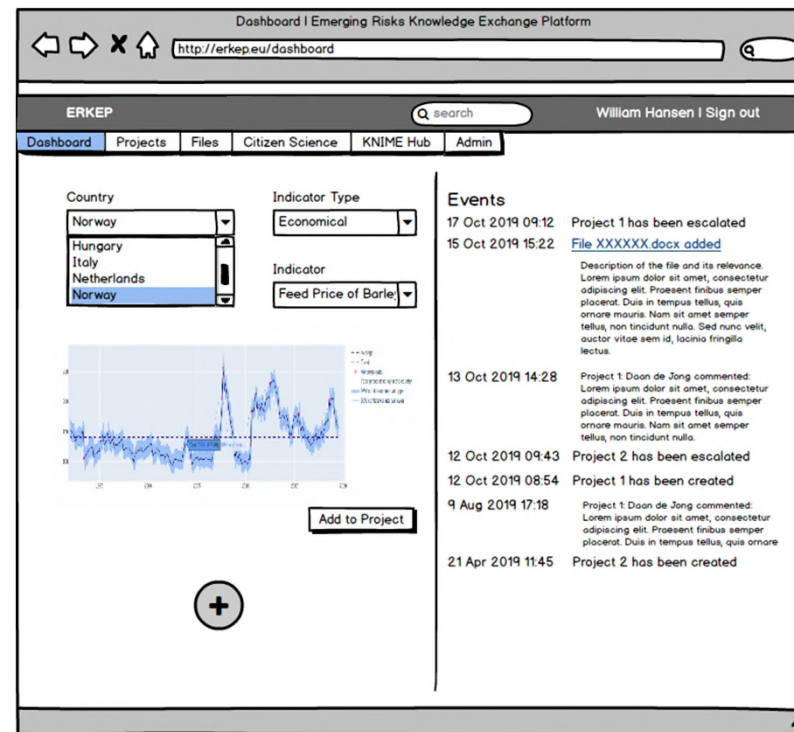
## **Development of a Framework for Citizen Science would need to address the following:**

- Heavy investment of personnel resources for data validation, interpretation and analysis
- Require bespoke experimental designs focused on identification of food risk
- Currently, sentiment analysis is not adequate for machine learning approaches to be effective
- More efficient machine training needed



# Knowledge management

- Data and information sharing
- Digital collaboration options and networking
- Knowledge sharing



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# What the prototype system will be capable of?

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System administration	User management	Data /resource inventory	Tracing of documents
Data analysis workflow	Collaborative glossary/ontology	Message dashboard/chat function	Project management features
Document editor	Reporting tool	Educational resources	Indicator management

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## And what the system will not be capable of...

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- Only few prototype examples of data analysis and visualization
- No country-specific data sources
- Not a living system: no users, no emerging issues
- Not tested yet in real life environment
  
- It has to be populated and used!

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# Future steps

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- Investigating sustainability of platform after project DEMETER
- Finalizing CMS
- KNIME workflows made available via CMS
- Demo and Training on ERKEP
- Scientific publications on social science research
- Final report

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# Questions to consider

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- The project delivers a prototype platform
- How to proceed?
  - It is just before introduction phase → user engagement has to be built up → critical crowd of users is needed
  - Then feedback shall be collected and the platform shall be continuously improved
  - A platform in use would also decrease the time pressure on the meetings
- Who should maintain and operate the platform?
- Who should develop new tools and functionalities?

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Thank you

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