Overall objective

- Facilitate information exchange and communications between Advisory Forum members on risk assessment and risk communication.

  - **Feedback provided by AF Communications WG to support future IT developments**
  - **Focus on risk communications needs**

Key criteria

- Common platform for sharing of information and documentation (ie a central repository)
- Password protected access for Members
- Ability to share and track evolving documents and positions
- Capacity to store data, documents incl audiovisual
- Easy uploading and searching
- Notification of new information posted
- Ability to follow threaded discussions on key issues
- Links with websites of national agencies, EC and potentially other international authorities

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How would this extranet be utilised?

- Improve efficiency of information flow – eg avoid emails to distribute positions, advice, materials across AF network
- Quickly access/identify positions and advice of AF members on food safety issues – eg organisation of information by theme
- View national press/press reviews and on-line news services monitoring on key issues in real time
- Dialogue with members on emerging and evolving issues
  - **(eg virtual meetings, chat rooms…)**
- Future developments could include a common portal accessible to external audiences

Content from EFSA, Member States, EC

- Scientific and technical data
- Risk assessments
- Scientific work programmes (current/future)
- Risk communications materials
- Media monitoring (press, audiovisual)
- Evaluation of communications (lessons learned)
- Information on emerging issues

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In conclusion…

- Simplicity for users will be key in order to encourage use of IT tool/extranet.
- Uploading information should be decentralised to avoid publication "bottle necks."
- Ideally automatic link with publication on Members' websites
- Focus first on information sharing to achieve "quick wins"

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Next Steps

- Discuss/Clarify specifications with IT WG – 19.04.04
- Feedback to Communications WG – 22.04.04