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**Further development of EFSA's policy towards
stakeholders: The way forward**

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Food safety -the role of EU Farmers



1. Consumer safety and confidence is an absolute priority for

- farmers
- all food chain operators
- all national public authorities
- all EU authorities

2. Food safety is legally binding for farmers, via

- General food law
- CAP cross-compliance



Food safety - the role of EFSA



1. EFSA is to provide an effective instrument :

- to protect public health and
- to improve consumer confidence

2. EFSA is to be the most authoritative source of knowledge in food safety matters in the EU as a whole

3. EFSA scientific advice is geared to the objective of consumer health protection and serve the base of EU legislation (objective risk assessment)



What EFSA can expect from farmers



1. Farmers would like to contribute to scientific assessment via their pragmatic expertise
2. Farmers (including other members of the food chain) should inform each other of emerging risks as early as possible
3. Farmers would participate actively in a permanent platform between EFSA and Stakeholders if it were to be created



What farmers would like from EFSA



1. Farmers would like to be informed in advance (before general public) of new scientific opinion - especially in a crisis situation
2. Farmers suggest EFSA to “prioritise” its options when giving its scientific advice
3. Farmers would like to be directly involved when a crisis/risk situation is at stake as we - as other partners of the food chain - are directly economically concerned