

Update of Art. 36 list of organisations operating in the field of EFSA's mission

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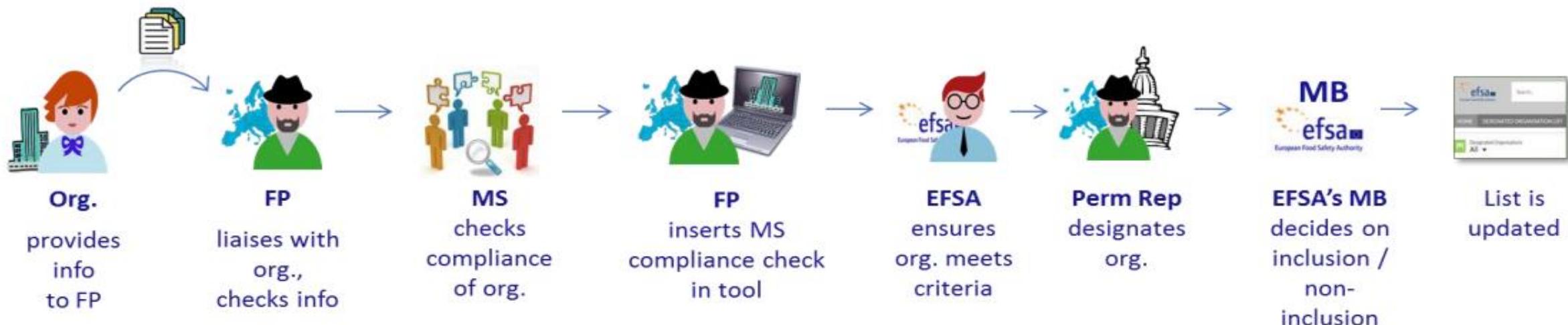
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- **Art.36 of the General Food Law – Regulation (EC) 178/2002:**
 - ✓ EFSA shall promote European networking in fields of its mission and establish a list of **Competent Organisations designated by Member States, which may assist EFSA in its remit**
- **Implementing rules - Regulation (EC) 2230/2004 of Art.36:**
 - ✓ establishing the List by approval of EFSA Management Board
 - ✓ specifying criteria of inclusion for MS designations and periodicity of update
 - ✓ indicating usage for EFSA tasks with financial support
- **Transparency and sustainability of the EU Risk Assessment in the food chain – Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 amending Regulation 178/2002, Article 1 (5e):**
 - ✓ Gives Art.36 organisations the possibility to prepare scientific opinions for review by EFSA's Panels, in line with greater engagement of MS

Competent organisations of the MS need to:

1. carry out **scientific and technical support tasks**
2. be **legal entities** pursuing **public interest objectives** and have specific procedures and rules ensuring tasks will be performed with **independence** and **integrity**
3. possess a high level of scientific or technical **expertise** in one or more fields of EFSA's mission
4. have the capacity to operate in a **network** and/or to **perform efficiently the tasks** in the Regulation

Process of Art.36 List update



Key roles in the process

- Member States: Organisation / Focal Point / PermRep/Mission to the EU in Brussels
- EFSA: Administrative services / **Management Board**

The Art.36 list must be updated whenever a change occurs to an organisation on the list or in any case at least every 3 yrs.

EFSA provides a tool and database (**CRM**) to collect and share information

Searchable by:

- countries (29: EU27, IS and NO)
- organisations (313)
- competencies (13 areas)
- contacts (@2,000+)



Competencies and expertise under EFSA's remit

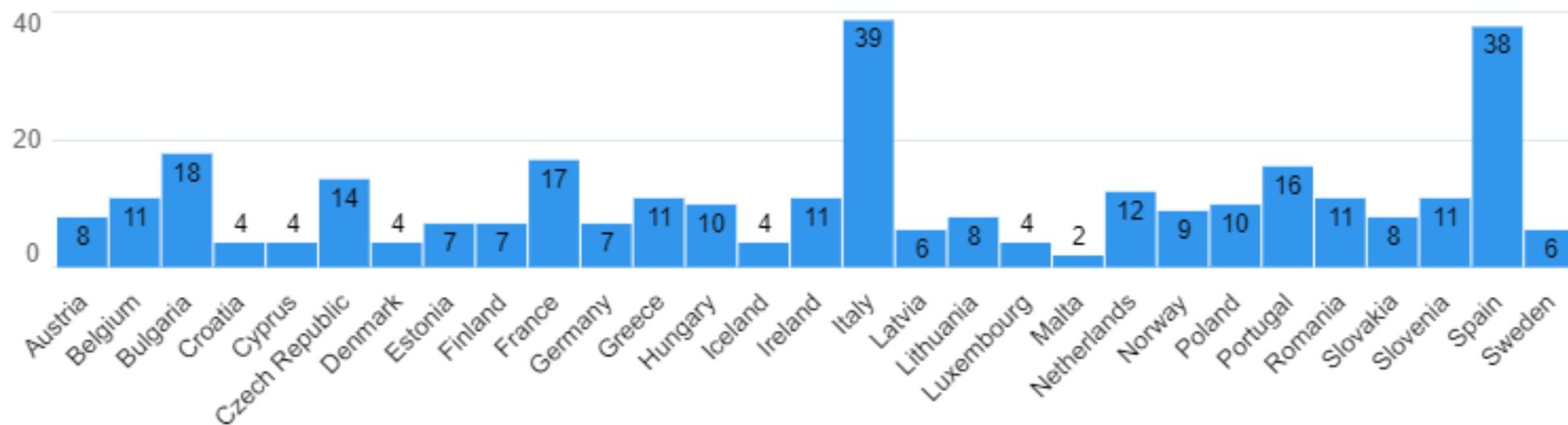
- Plant Health
- Plant Protection Products / Residues
- Genetically Modified Organisms
- Food Additives, Flavourings
- Food Contact Materials, Enzymes
- Products / Substances in Animal Feed
- Animal Health / Welfare
- Biological Hazards
- Chemical Contaminants
- Nutrition, Dietetic Products, Novel Food
- Environmental Risk Assessment
- Nanotechnology
- Emerging Risks

Available to:

- EFSA
- MS (AF & Focal Points)

Current Art.36 List

- Art. 36 List was last **renewed** by EFSA's Management Board on 18 December 2019 and since then has been regularly updated



List Available **online** at:

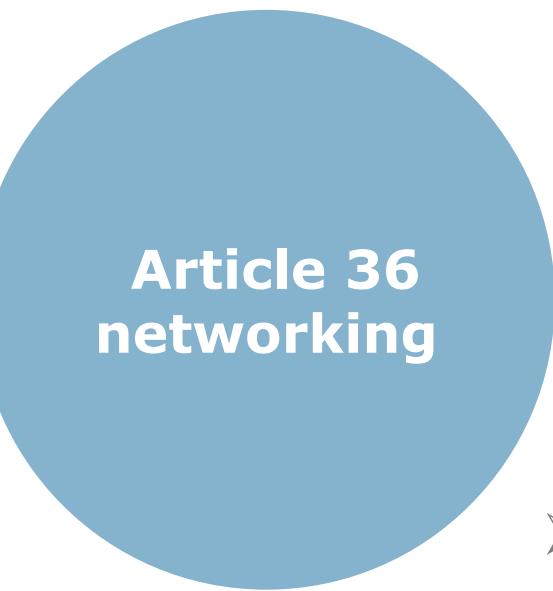
<https://efsa.force.com/competentorganisations/s/> (Online Community of Art.36 Orgs)
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/partnersnetworks/scorg> (EFSA website)

For MB approval:

- inclusion in the List of **new** organisations, as designated by MS
- **changes** to organisations already included on the List
 - called '*substantial changes*', based on a MS assessment of compliance with the inclusion criteria (e.g. changed legal background or new competencies)

For MB information:

- **withdrawal** of organisations from the List, removed by MS
 - e.g. that no longer exist or meet the inclusion criteria
- **updates** about organisations already on the list
 - called '*technical updates*', which provide updated (not '*substantially*' changed) information in line with the previously approved MS designations.



- Pool of EFSA partners in MS eligible for co-operation via **grants / co-financed projects** including entrusting tasks, preparatory work and drafting of EFSA's scientific opinions
 - [Infographics on grants](#)
 - [Open Calls for Proposals](#)
- Sharing and exchange of **information** on activities among interested partners - instrumental role of EFSA national Focal Points in MS
 - [FP Network](#)
- Community for networking and **partnering** at EU level in **EFSA's areas of work**
 - [Awarded grants](#)
 - [EFSA supported publications – External scientific reports](#)

For MB approval:

- 6 **new** organisations designated for inclusion on the List
- 6 **substantial changes** to organisations already on the List

For MB information:

- 108 technical updates
- 2 withdrawals

The updated Art.36 list would include **313** organisations in total