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# New operational framework for Focal Point Network

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# Focal Points Milestones



**2008**  
Focal Point  
network  
established



**2014**  
Management  
Board  
entrusts FP  
with new  
tasks



**2015**  
ED visits to  
MS facilitated



**2016**  
EU-FORA  
Programme  
promoted



**2019**  
List of  
competent  
organisation  
(Art. 36)  
revised



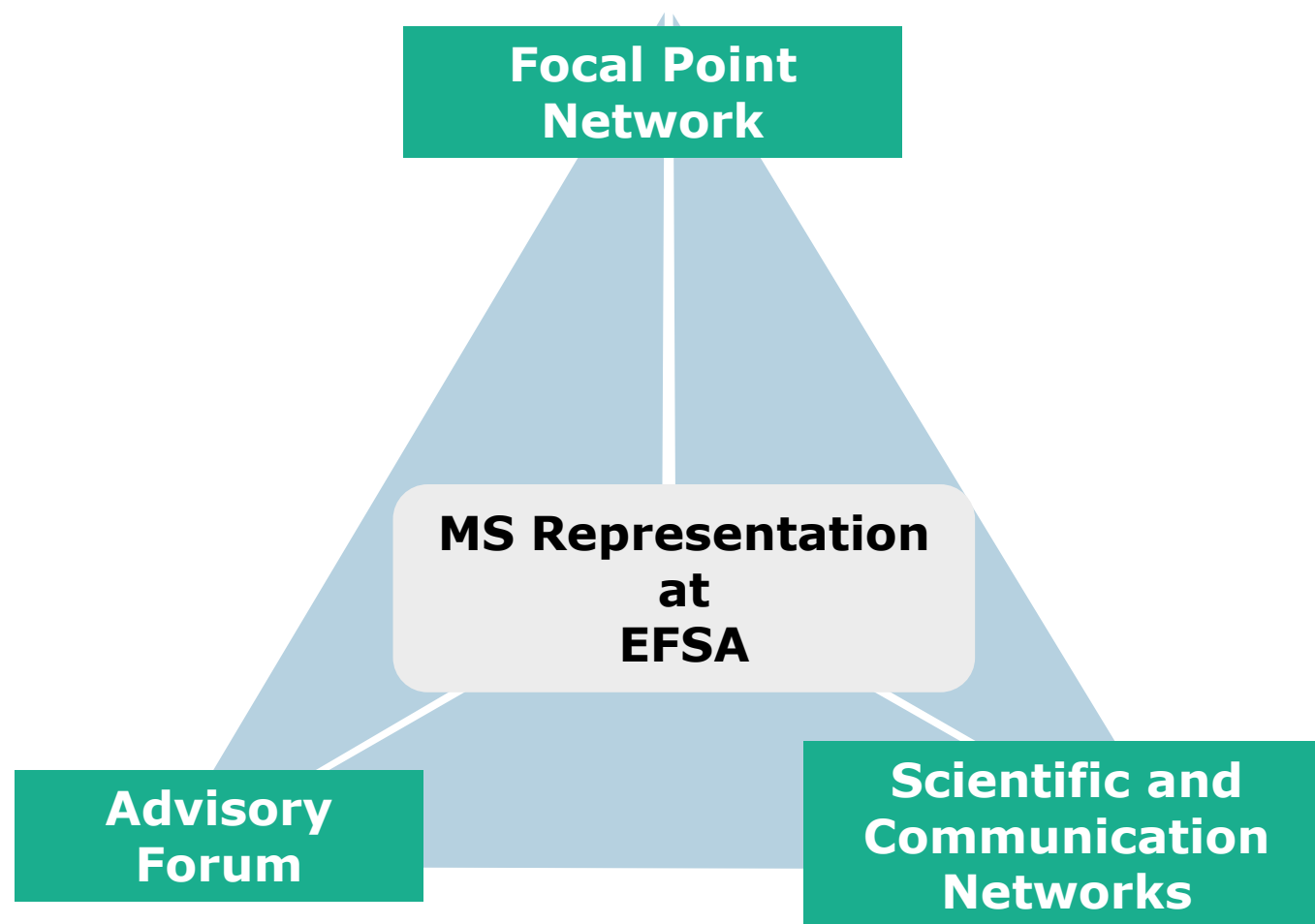
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# Drivers for change

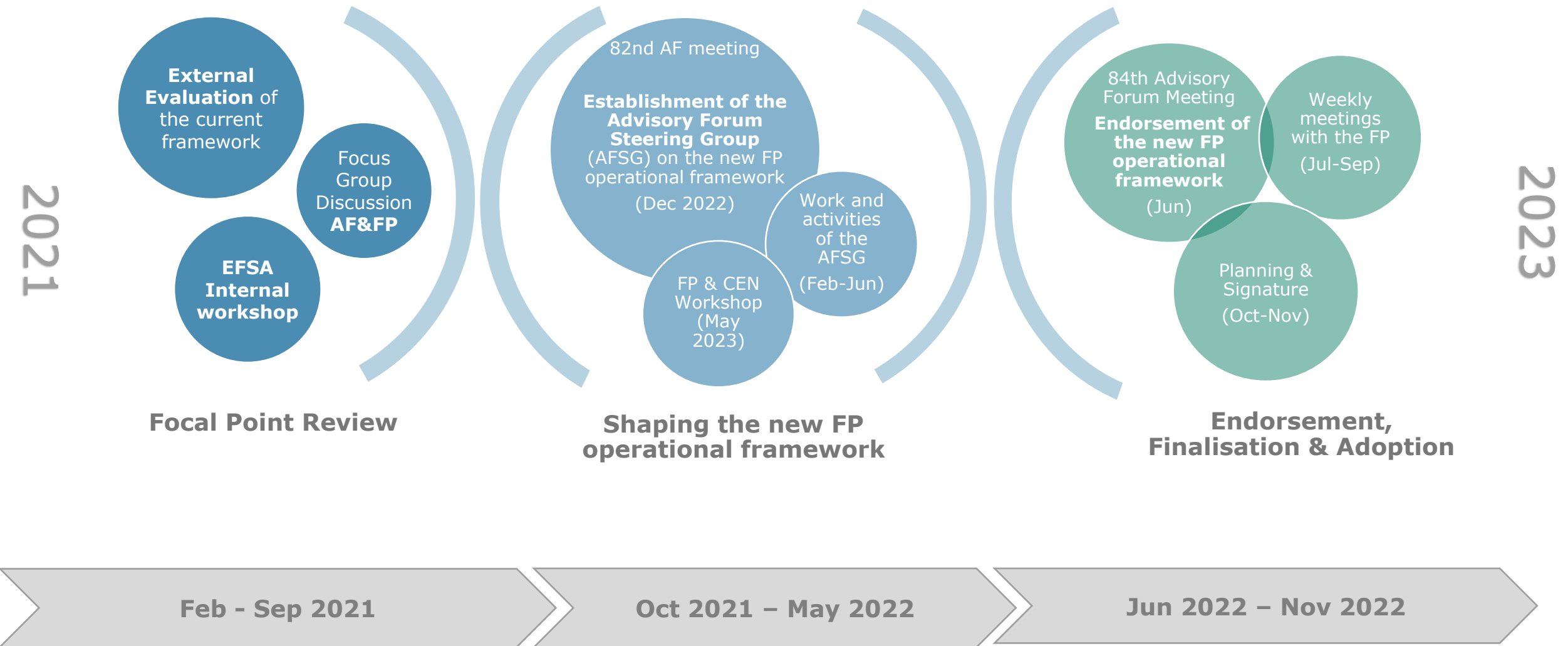
**Transparency  
Regulation**

**EFSA Strategy 2027**

- ▶ New domains for FP activities
- ▶ Increase in EFSA budget
- ▶ MS membership in EFSA's MB
- ▶ Ecosystem vision for Partnerships



# The process



## Vision



A **fit-for-purpose** and **sustainable** network of national Focal Points working together with their national relevant actors and actors of the EU/EEA Member States and observer countries and in partnership with EFSA, to contribute to **a resilient food safety system** in Europe.

## Mission



National Focal Points act as **connecting hubs** between EFSA and their relevant national actors and actors of the EU/EEA Member States and observer countries. Within a changing and increasingly complex environment and to respond to the ambitions of the EU Green Deal, Focal Points address EFSA and national needs and priorities to contribute to a **cohesive food safety system** in Europe. In this regard, Focal Points use the opportunities brought by the **Transparency Regulation** in order to foster **partnerships**.

# Main elements of the new FP framework

## Multiannual

**5-year** Framework Partnership Agreement signed with the FP institution of all 27 MS + 2 EEA countries

## Flexible

Choice of activities

**Principal activities + tailor-made**

Different implementation timeframes

**Around 5 main areas of work**

## Tailor-made

**Specific activities** relevant for MS-EFSA

Tailor-made activities might **evolve, adapt and new activities** can be added

**Collaboration among MS** on specific project is at the core of the model

# 5 areas of work

Knowledge and  
information  
management and  
support to scientific  
production

Engagement,  
collaboration and  
partnerships

Capacity building

Data

Risk Communication

## SO 1

### Deliver trustworthy scientific advice and communication of risks from farm to fork

#### Activities

**1.3** FP collects at national level and shares with EFSA, AF and FPs information on **national planned risk assessment activities** (principal).

**1.7** FP acts as **facilitator of information exchange** regarding scientific networks' activities between Advisory Forum (AF), Management Board, and network members' organisations (principal).

**1.9** FP facilitates the **participation of national organisations in EFSA risk assessment activities** by providing assistance in the identification of opportunities for the production of **EFSA scientific opinions**, in line with the Transparency Regulation requirements, and by raising awareness on RA methodologies in place (principal).

#### Expected Outcome 1.1

Increased relevance and improved reputation of EFSA's scientific advice



#### Activities

**5.2** FP supports the **CEN representative** in the development, implementation and/or promotion of communication-related activities, such as **communication campaigns** or activities stemming from the Transparency regulation such as the general plan on risk communication (principal).

**5.5** Develop an **operational model of the Coordinated Communication community** – including definition of role, responsibilities, skills and expertise for those acting as Communication Coordinators in the MS (tailor-made).

#### Expected Outcome 1.2

Increased relevance and improved reputation of EFSA's risk communication





## SO 2

## Ensure preparedness for future risk analysis needs

### Expected Outcome 2.1

Increased risk analysis capabilities (knowledge, expertise, methodologies and data) to maintain relevance for the future

### Activities

**2.3** FP liaises with organisations and **facilitates the processes of inclusion in the competent organisation list (Art. 36)** at national level and with EFSA, in line with described procedures and through the use of the available tool (principal).

**3.2** FP organises and/or facilitates the **organisation of trainings in areas of relevance to EFSA** at national and/or regional level, using available EFSA's materials and/or national materials (principal).

**4.3** Data flow mapping methodology: **develop and execute a methodology to map the flow of data** in a Member State and [...]document the flow of data in the Member State [...] (tailor-made).

**4.4** Data model mapping tool: specify, develop, test, implement and design support and **maintenance processes for a tool to enable automated mapping** from one data model to another (tailor-made).

## SO 3

## Empower people and ensure organisational agility

### Expected Outcome 3.1

Improved reputation of EFSA as an accountable institution and an attractive employer

### Activities

**2.7** FP works together with EFSA as **knowledge broker and supports the establishment and operation of partnerships** including the formation of the corresponding **consortia** (through the available tools and channels), and their interaction with the RA community, as well as supports the exchange of information and implementation of research-actions and funding opportunities. (tailor-made)

**2.11** Support in the **creation of Partnerships** and promotion of **national engagement opportunities** via focused networking activities (tailor-made)

## ■ **Performance Indicators per area** to assess the overall impact

**Indicators set for each area of work** in line with a model based on flexibility

**MS-EFSA shared responsibility** in the monitoring of the overall performance

**Link to EFSA Strategy 2027** – how FP contributes to expected results

## ■ **MS planning & reporting on the activities:** self-assessment based on harmonised guidance

## ■ **Close monitoring of the implementation** via dedicated meetings with the MS to identify **bottlenecks** and **share best-practice**

# Road to 2027

