



## NOTE TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

### Background

During the 94<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting in March 2023, some members asked EFSA's senior management about the increased financial investment in scientific cooperation, following the entry into force of Regulation (EU) 1381/2019 (the "Transparency Regulation").

Subsequently, at the 95<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting in June 2023, a comprehensive presentation outlining the evolution of EFSA's cooperation endeavours over the years and prospects for the future was delivered, accompanied by detailed [documentation](#). The presentation and the subsequent discussion revolved around the challenges calling for *increased collaboration* between EFSA and organizations in Member States, emphasizing EFSA's objective to enhance cooperation in *preparatory tasks* for Risk Assessment, with a specific emphasis on EFSA's objective to augment cooperation in preparatory tasks for Risk Assessment. The concept of partnerships, characterized by structured, program-based, and long-term cooperation, was underscored as an advancement in EFSA's cooperation paradigm, aimed at enhancing the efficacy and sustainability of the EU's Risk Assessment system.

Throughout the discussion, it was evident that a strategic approach to partnerships was imperative, along with increased engagement with national authorities and the garnering of political support at both EU and national levels. The Management Board's role in facilitating connections and advocacy with national governments and EU institutions was highlighted.

Management Board members asked EFSA to be provided more opportunity to contribute to the reflections and deliberations. EFSA therefore prepared and circulated a questionnaire to the Management Board members.

### Objectives

- Sum-up and discuss the answers provided by the Management Board members to the questionnaire.
- Discuss the way forward.
- Guide EFSA for the preparation of concrete follow-up actions.
- Review the collective and individual willingness of Management Board members to continue supporting EFSA's initiatives in this domain.