



EFSA: mission and tasks, strategic perspectives and cooperation activities

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EFSA'S MISSION



- Contribute to the safety of the EU food chain
- by providing scientific advice
- communicating on risks
- cooperating with Member States and other parties
- to deliver a coherent, trusted food safety system in the EU



EFSA IN 2015



450 staff



1500 experts



1000
meetings/year



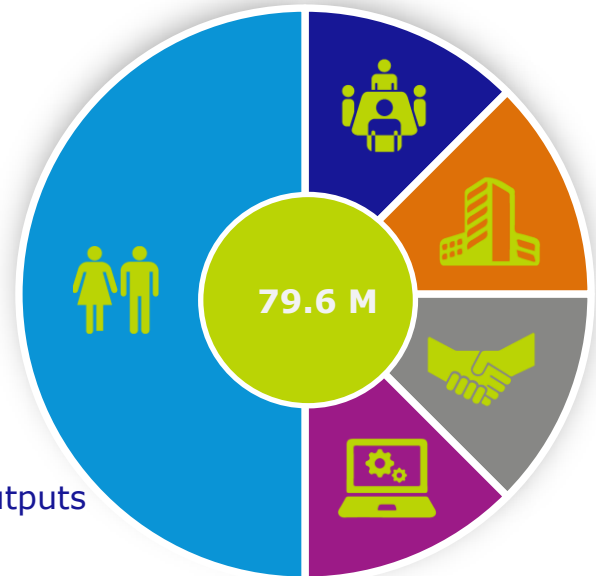
20%
tele-meetings



400
Research &
University Institutes



4000 scientific outputs
500/year



HOW WE WORK



EFSA's scientists evaluate, assess, advise





SCIENCE VS. POLICY

Science

WHAT EFSA DOES

- Risk assessment and scientific advice on:
 - food-related risks,
 - dietary issues,
 - animal health & welfare and plant health
- and related risk communication

Policy

EFSA DOES **NOT** DO

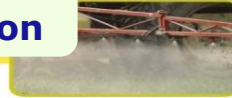
- Food safety policies standards
- Risk management (standards, pre-market authorization of new products)
- Enforcement/control
- Labeling, food information
- Nutrition policies
- Food quality

FROM FIELD TO PLATE

Plant Health



Plant Protection



Genetically modified organisms



Animal feed



Animal health and welfare



Biological hazards



Chemical contaminants



Food additives

Food packaging



Nutrition





EFSA'S SCIENTIFIC OUTPUTS



Advice on generic health issues and emerging risks



Reports and databases



Risk (and benefit) assessment on regulated products



Scientific guidance and methods



Urgent advice (crisis response)



EFSA'S STRATEGY 2020

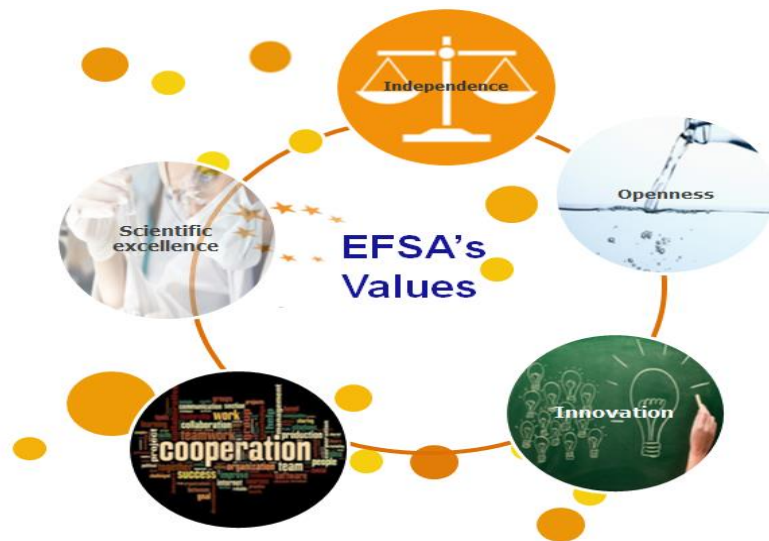
EFSA Strategy 2020

Trusted science for safe food

Protecting consumers' health with independent scientific advice on the food chain



Trusted science for safe food





EFSA 2020 - CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Demands for transparency & engagement

Emergence of new risks and hazards

Evolving scientific knowledge

Globalisation & risk assessment standards

Expertise for EU scientific assessment

Resource constraints vs more services



EFSA 2020 - STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION – EFSA AS FOOD SAFETY HUB



Individual experts



National food safety organizations
(Europe + international)



International organizations



Research institutes and academia



EU Agencies/
networks

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION TOOLBOX

EFSA Strategy 2020

Strategic objective 3: Build the EU's scientific assessment capacity and knowledge community

PLATFORMS

- Advisory Forum
- Advisory Forum Communications Working Group
- Focal Point network
- Article 36 network / competent organizations
- Scientific networks
- Scientific Panels and Working Groups
- Pre-accession programme
- European Neighbourhood Programme
- International cooperation
- Inter-Agency cooperation

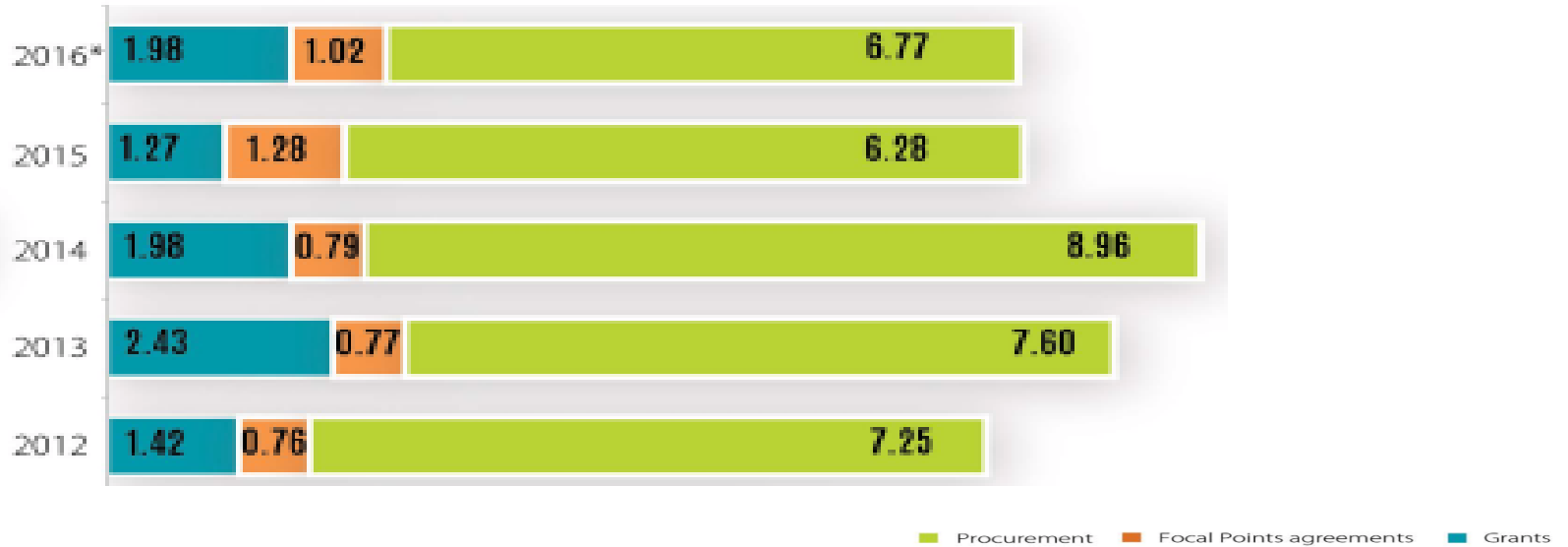


TOOLS

- EU risk assessment agenda, food safety priorities
- Information exchange, document sharing
- Public consultations and pre-notifications
- Events, seminars, study tours, conferences
- Staff exchange (guest scientists, fellowship, national experts in professional training, seconded national experts, PhD exchange)
- Training (advance RA courses, cooperation with academic institutions, BTSF)
- Visits (ED visits, international delegations, national FP events)
- Procurement (direct calls, framework contracts)
- Grants (specific grants, thematic grants, framework partnership agreements, twinning projects, focal point agreements)
- Joint projects



EFSA'S SCIENCE GRANT & PROCUREMENT BUDGET



Budget under EFSA's science grant and procurement schemes 2012 -2016 in M€

*Budget planned for 2016

NEW THEMATIC GRANT LAUNCHED

Overall theme: “**Methodology development in risk assessment**”

Lot 1: Methods and systems for the identification of **emerging food risks**

Lot 2: Integrated methodologies for the RA of **mycotoxin mixtures** in food and feed

Lot 3: Output-based methods for the assessment of the **freedom of animal disease/infection**

The call is **open** for 6 months (deadline: **6 October 2016**)
to consortia of **organisations on the Art.36 List**

Financial support up to 50% of eligible costs, max. **€ 375K** per project
max. total for all projects: **€ 1.125M**

Home Engage Grants

[Call for proposals: GP/EFSA/AFSCO/2016/01 - Methodology development in risk assessment](#)

The deadline for applications is: 6 October 2016 [Article 36 grant](#)



YOUNG SCHEMES

Traineeship Programme

Aims	Provide understanding of EFSA's role and practical experience	
Eligibility	University degree	B2 level in English language
Duration	6-12 months	
Type of traineeship	Paid (a grant of €1,115 per month)	
Positions	Around 45 trainees in all EFSA's Units	
Nationality	EU citizens and few positions for non-EU citizens	
Working language	English	



YOUNG SCHEMES

Study Visitors

Aims	Allow study visitors to complete a concrete project or research		
Profile	PhD candidates	University graduates	University Students
Duration	1-6 months (for PhD candidates 1-24 months)		
Type of study visit	Not paid (only travel reimbursement is covered)		
Call	In September (on EFSA's website)		

Contact us



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SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERTS

SNEs

Aims	Transfer of knowledge and foster cooperation between EFSA and its partners	
Eligibility	1 year experience as national civil servant	B2 level in English language
Duration	6 months - 4 years	
EFSA offers	monthly & daily grants, access to European school, training opportunities	
Nationality	EU citizens and few positions for non-EU citizens	

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EFSA LAUNCHES INNOVATION PRIZE

TO ENCOURAGE INNOVATION



Our innovation prizes reward new ideas, technologies and services that solve specific challenges.

The first prize we are launching is a **Hackathon competition** aimed at developing a mobile app for EFSA.

The deadline for entries: **30 June 2016.**

Prize of **€20,000**, with €6,000 awarded for second place, €3,000 for third and €500 for fourth and fifth.