



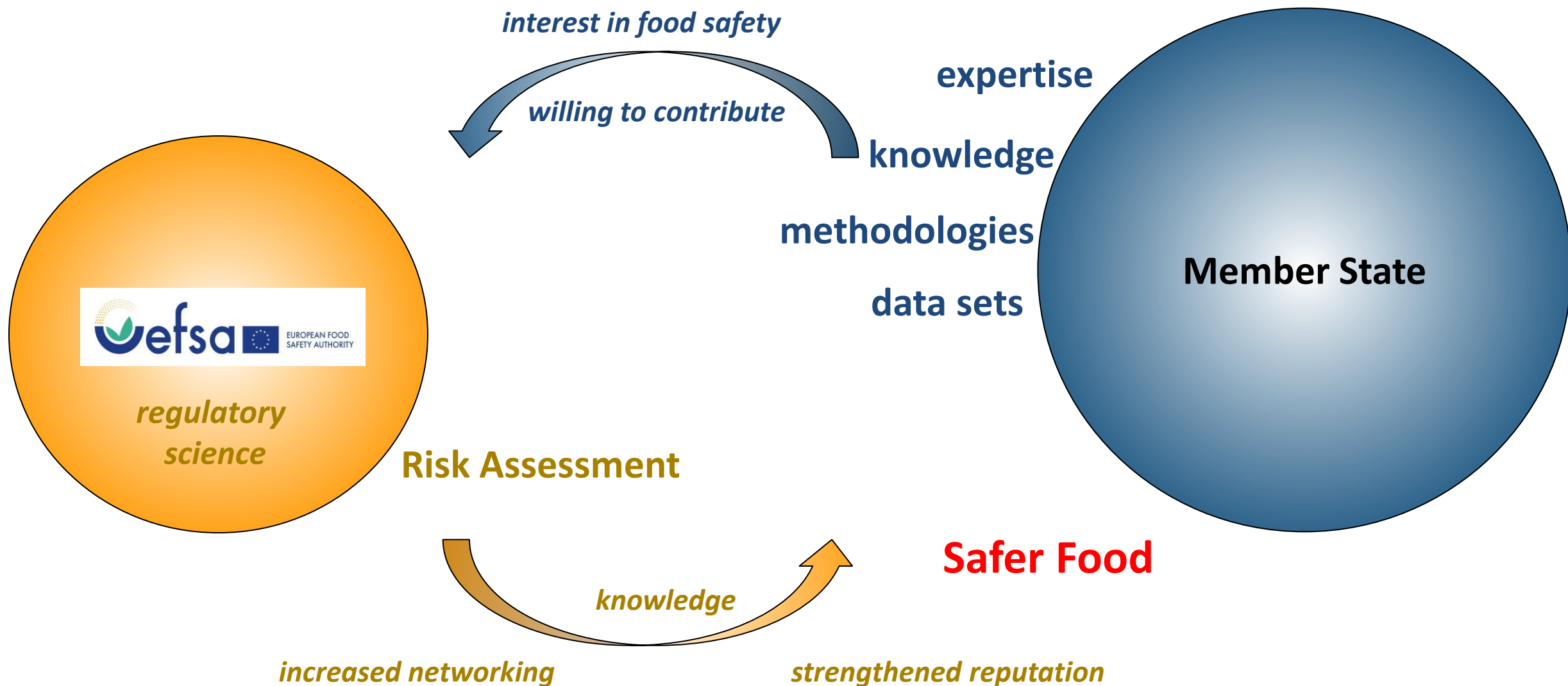
EFSA's Focal Point role in engagement at national level

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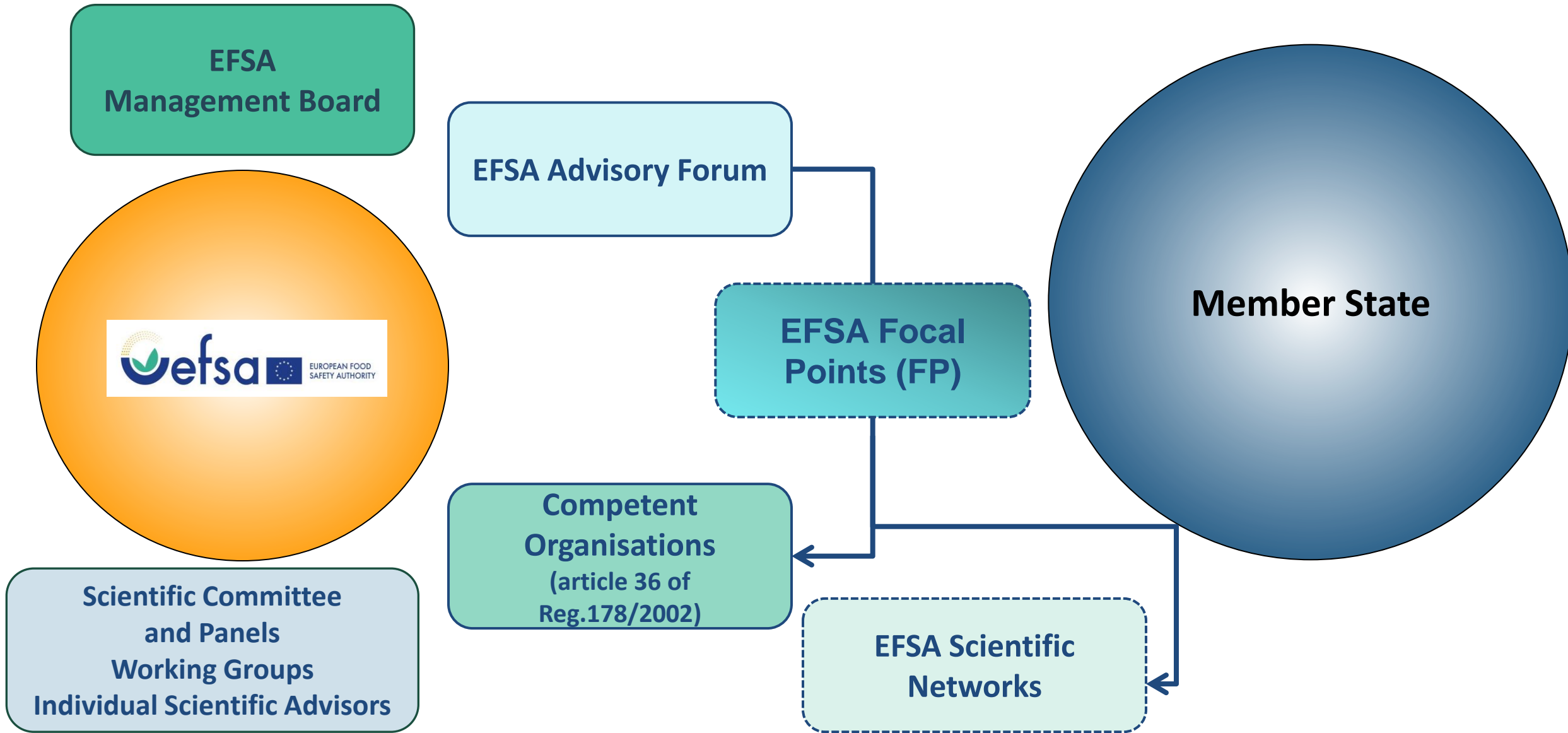
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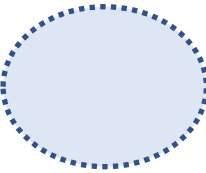
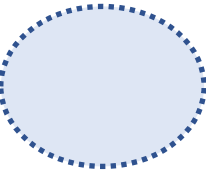
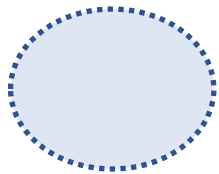
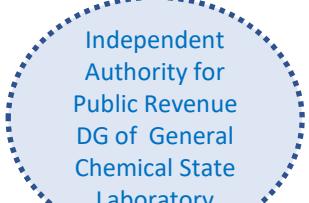
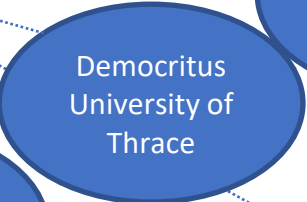
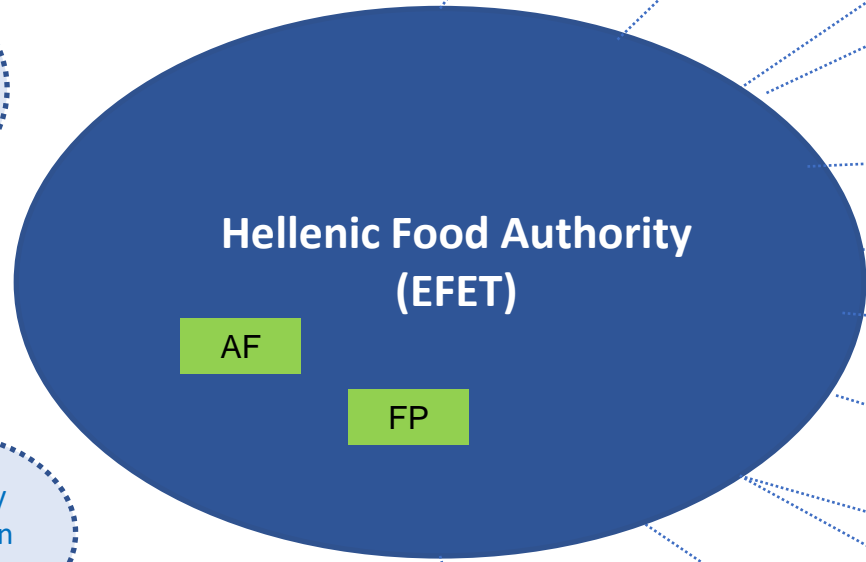
***Risk Assessment and Ranking of Risks in European Food Safety Systems
28 November 2024, Royal Olympic Hotel, Athens***

EFSA and Member States



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AF Advisory Forum Member

FP Focal Point Member



Article 36 Organisation



Organisations not in the article 36 list

FOCAL POINTS (FP) NETWORK AND AREAS OF WORK



FP network consists of **27 EU MS + Iceland and Norway** + observers from Switzerland and IPA countries



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.

1. Knowledge and information management and support to scientific production

5. Risk Communication

4. Data

2. Engagement, Collaboration and Partnerships

3. Capacity building



Framework partnership agreement (FPA) (2023-2027)

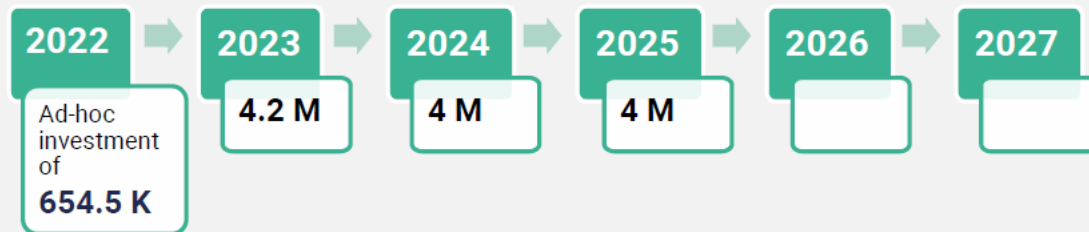
Specific Agreements

Principal activities

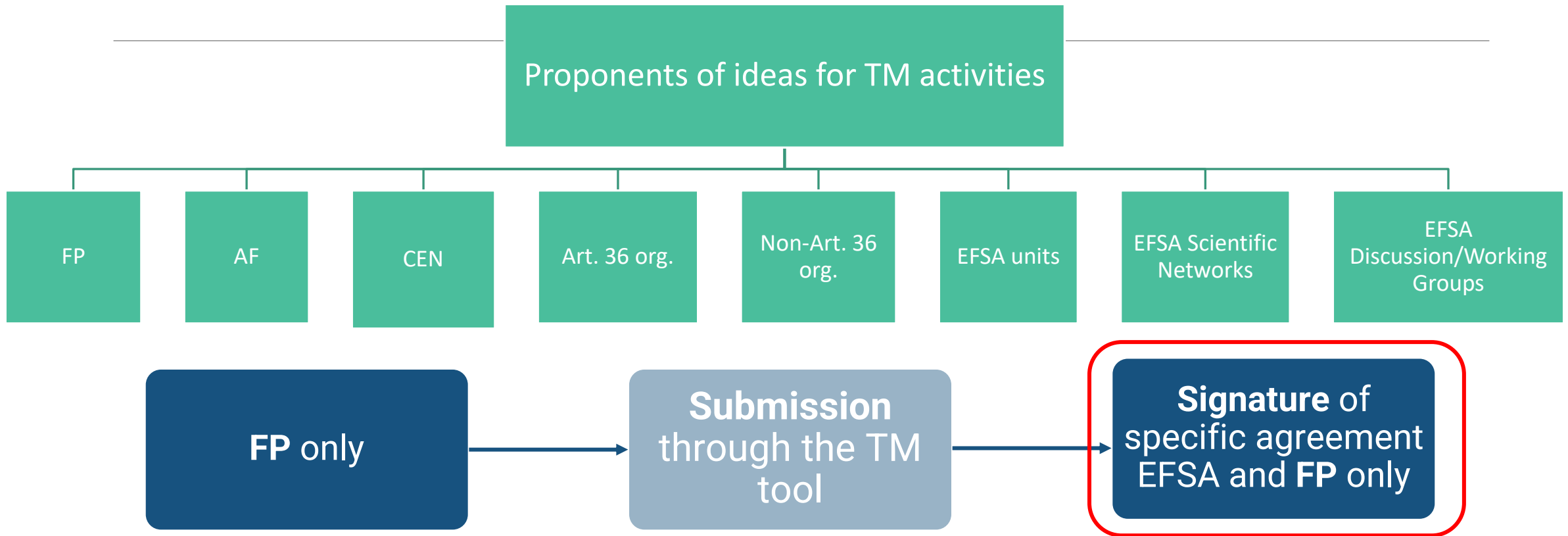
Tailor-made activities

Budget 2M per year

Budget investment



Who can propose/who can submit/who can sign a TM activity?



- EFSA funding to provide the initial stimulus of a work
- For short duration projects addressing national needs

- Focal Point hosting organization needs and priorities



“Food Safety a key pillar of One Health approach”, 7-8 Nov 2023

➤ High level conference

informative event on broad and specific aspects of One Health

➤ Opening

- Minister of Rural Development and Food
- Deputy Minister of Health
- EFSA’s Chief Scientist
- Rector of Agricultural University of Athens

➤ 34 speakers

EFSA, European Commission, BIOR, ANSES, art 36, MRDF, EFET , industry, consumer’s associations

➤ 80 attendees

Authorities, art 36, FBO

EUROPEAN POLICY ON ONE HEALTH

FOOD AND HUMAN HEALTH

ANIMAL HEALTH

PLANT HEALTH – AGRICULTURAL POLICY

THE ROLE OF INDUSTRY AND CONSUMERS’ IN FOOD SAFETY AND IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF ONE HEALTH



Opportunities for collaboration and engagement

Knowledge

expertise



MS



FP



FP supports partners' search

Information sharing

Join art 36 list

Open consultations

Call for data

Webinars events

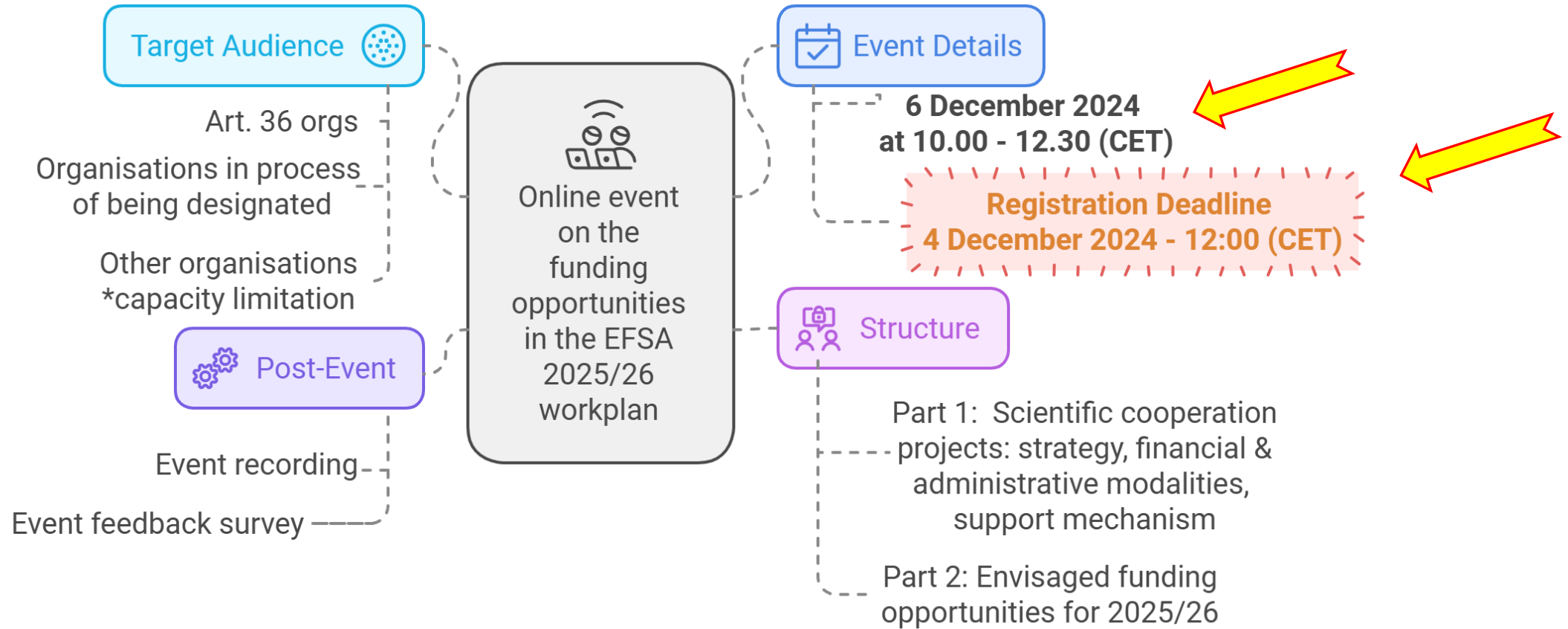
Call for traineeships / fellowships

Capacity building

Call for experts

Call for proposals [grant / procurement]

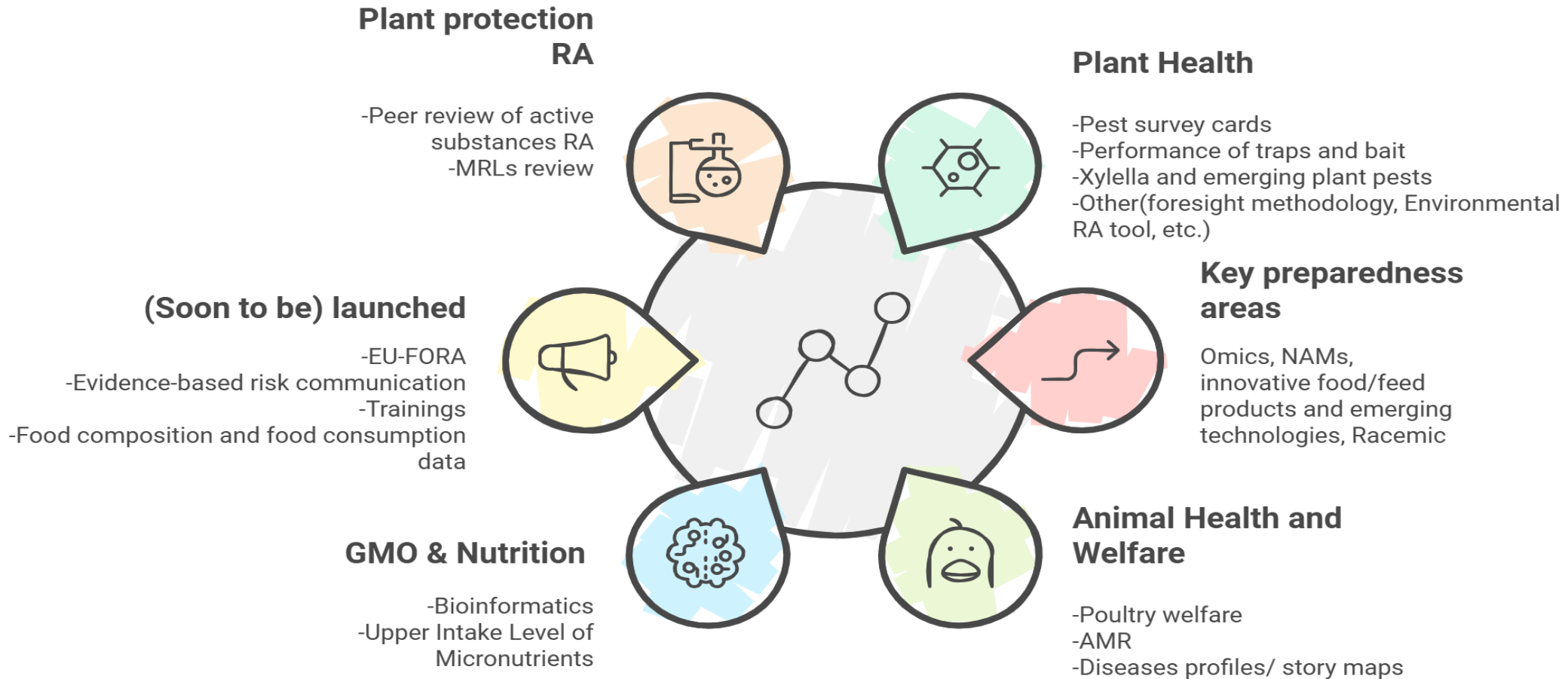
Online event on the funding opportunities in the EFSA 2025/26 workplan



<https://events.efsa.europa.eu/event/ar/737/webinar-on-efsas-funding-opportunities-2024>



EFSA's DRAFT WORKPLAN 2025/2026



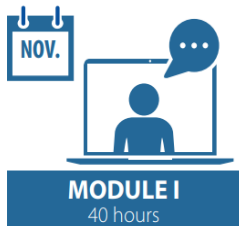
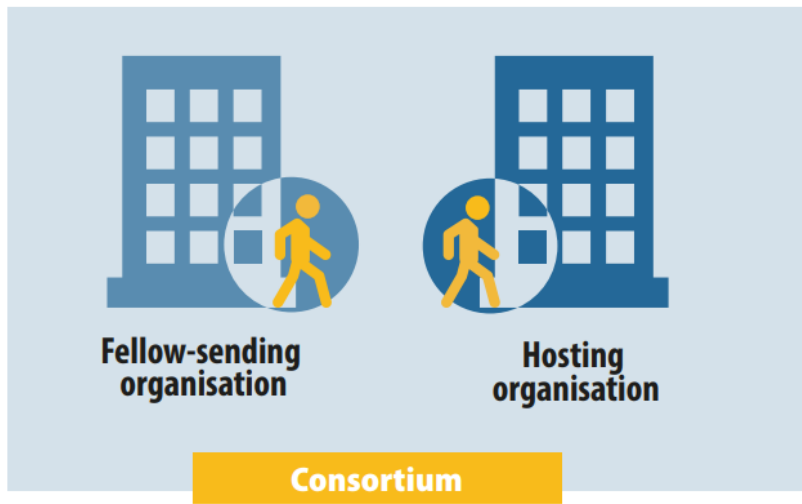
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Source: 56th Focal Point meeting, 13-14 November 2024

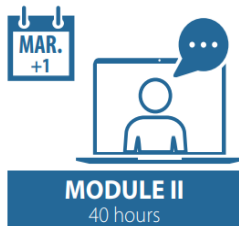




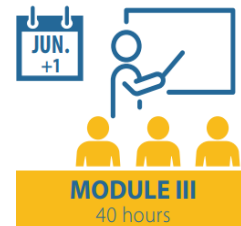
EUROPEAN FOOD
RISK ASSESSMENT
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME



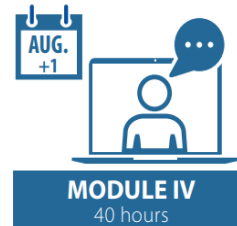
Risk assessment
of other food areas
GMOs, Plant Health, AHAW, Nutrition,
ERA and Regulated Products.



Emerging risks
in food risk assessment



Risk communication
and crisis response



Data collection
and reporting

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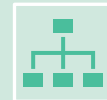
Selection of consortia of hosting sites and fellow sending organisations 2025-2026



Selection of hosting sites AND **15** fellows



Proposal deadline: **20 March 2025**



Applications in **consortium** from two **Art. 36** organisations from different MS, IS, NO.



Grant agreement duration **September 2025- August 2026**



€55,000 per consortium, per fellow, split between partners not prescribed by EFSA.

BOOSTING EU-FORA POTENTIAL ON CAPACITY BUILDING AND PARTNERSHIPS

NEW

1) New deliverable: BRIEF SLIDE SHOW

- Narrated
- With notes

LEARNING PILLS



2) Proponents will have access to a table of 18 EFSA-relevant "mini-projects", which they can choose to up-take as part of the fellow's placement.

- The topics **stem from ongoing work** in various preparedness topics, including work on **emerging risks** and RA-relevant developments **NAMs, biotechnology** and **exposure science**.
- Proponents are **NOT limited** to the mini-projects proposed
- Proponents that do opt for one or more of the proposed mini-projects will NOT get any benefits during the evaluation.



No	Title of mini projects
1	Improving the evidence base on the impact of plastics , including micro- and nano- plastics , on the food chain
2	Improving the understanding of the risk of Providencia spp. for the safety of the food chain
3	Microbiological risk of plant-based dairy-alternative products
4	New mycotoxin -producing fungi species
5	Health effects of emulsifiers
6	Arcobacter risk to the food industry and human health
7	Alongshan virus in ticks
8	Evaluating the feasibility of integrating the exposome concept into regulatory risk assessment
9	Integrating Human Biomonitoring Data into Exposure Assessment: Opportunities and Scientific Gaps
10	New technologies for a real-time data collection of chemical monitoring data in food
11	Possible framework for the use of non-target screening methods for the routine monitoring of chemicals in food
12	Investigating Probabilistic Approaches for Quantitative Risk-Benefit Assessments
13	How predictable are microbiological risks in novel foods ?
14	Clinical relevance of novel proteins : the missing piece in the allergenicity risk assessment
15	Identifying key endpoints linked to microbiome-associated xenobiotic toxicity
16	Benchmarking/evaluating Bioinformatic Tools for Microbiome Data Analysis
17	Decoding food allergy: Microbiome-based predictive models for novel proteins
18	Using the open access TKPlate 1.0 platform to predict blood and organ concentrations for food and feed chemicals in humans, test species and farm animals.



EU FORA successful consortia with Greek Organisations since 2022

Fellowship cycle	Hosting site in Greece	Topic	Organisation of Origin
2024-2025	National Kapodistrian University of Athens	Quantitative Chemical risk assessment for the evaluation of chemical products for the disinfection of fresh produce	Polytechnic University of Cartagena, Spain
2024-2025	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Probabilistic MIC modelling for AMR risk assessment	University of Leon, Spain
2023-2024	National Kapodistrian University of Athens	Quantitative tools in microbial risk assessment	University of Cordoba, Spain
2023-2024	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Untargeted screening to evaluate the effects of common plastic present in food packaging after in vitro digestion	Aarhus University, Denmark
2023-2024	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Combined stochastic modelling of pathogenic and spoilage microorganisms in ready to eat foods	Institute of Agricultural and Food Biotechnology, Poland
2022-2023	National Kapodistrian University of Athens	Quantitative tools in microbiological and chemical risk assessment	Trakia University Stara Zagora, Bulgaria
2022-2023	National Kapodistrian University of Athens		Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania
2022-2023	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	QUantitative determination of Plastic polyester OLIGomers in real samples (QUPOLIGO)	National Research Council, Research Institute on Terrestrial Ecosystems, Italy
2022-2023	Benaki Phytopathological Institute	Training in the evaluation pesticides according to Regulation 1107/2009	Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority, Malta

ONLINE WORKSHOP with article 36 Organisations - 12 December

Enhancing the engagement of article 36 Organisations with EFSA

12:00-12:10	Opening of the meeting	Advisory Forum member
12:10 -12:40	Focal point activities regarding article 36 organisations	EFSA Focal Point
12:40- 13:10	The importance of partnership between EFSA and MS Competent Bodies	Gorgias Garofalakis, Knowledge Innovation and Partnership Management Unit, EFSA
13:10 -13:30	Sharing experience from National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) into setting partnerships with EFSA	Professor Androniki Naska Laboratory of Hygiene, Epidemiology and Medical Statistics, Faculty of Medicine, NKUA
13:30-13:50	Sharing experience from Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI) into setting partnerships with EFSA	Agathi Charistou Chemist – Toxicologist (ERT), Laboratory of Toxicological Control of Pesticides, Department of Pesticides' Control and Phytopharmacy, BPI
13:50-14:20	EFSA's Funding opportunities for 2025 and discussion related to the identification of challenges for the submission of a project proposal to EFSA	EFSA Focal Point
14:20-14:30	Closing of the meeting	Advisory Forum member



Please register by 5/12/2024



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Thank you for your attention!!

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