



Scientific Cooperation and Networking between EFSA and Member States

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**„EFSA in 2010:
an established player in
Europe's food safety system,
working hand-in-hand with
partners and stakeholders
to keep Europe's food safe
for all of its citizens.“**

Among EFSA's key priorities:

- **Scientific cooperation and networking with Members States**
- **Ensuring visibility, recognition and referencing of EFSA's scientific outputs**

Update on 3 key scientific cooperation projects:

- **Article 36 Networks**
- **EFSA Journal**
- **Expert Database**

Article 36 Networks

Article 36 of EFSA's Founding Regulation* states:

EFSA “... shall promote the European networking of organisations operating in the fields within the Authority's mission.”

* Regulation (EG) 178/2002

➡ List of competent organisations

Dec 2006:

- Established
- 234 organisations

Dec 2008:

- 371 organisations
- Member States' coverage broadened in all areas, in particular in plant health & GMO

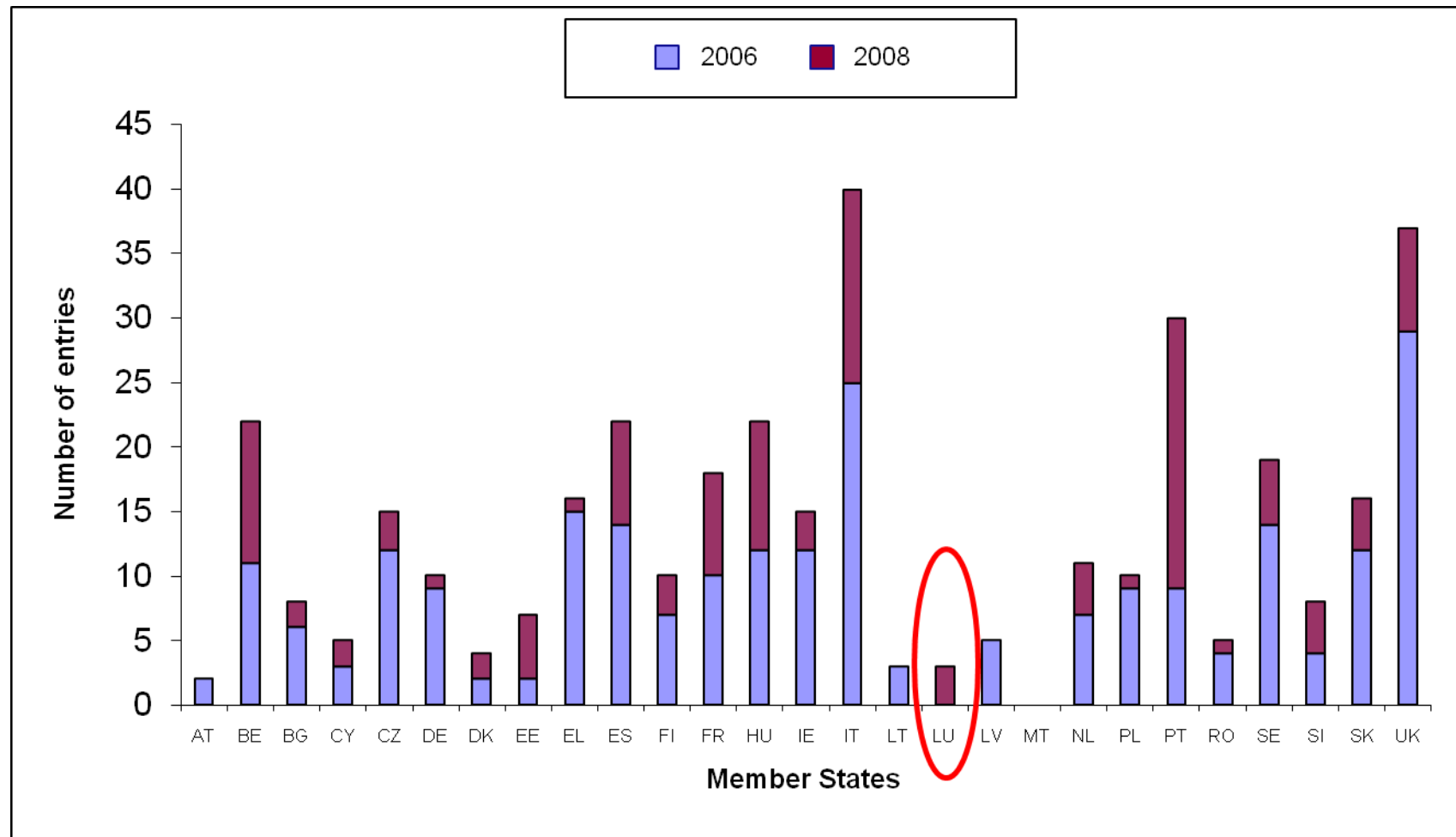
- Permanent Representations of Member States designate organisations based on defined criteria
- EFSA Management Board adopts the list
- A “living list” to be regularly updated



**Applicants for grants
must be on the Art 36 list**

Article 36 list by Member States

Entries Article 36 list – breakdown by Member State



- Centre de Recherche Public de la Santé
- Laboratoire National de Santé
(CRP Santé)
- Centre de Recherche Public-Gabriel
Lippmann (CRP-GL)

Tasks of Art 36 organisations

... include

- Data collection
- Preparatory work for development of scientific opinions (e.g. literature review)
- Other scientific and technical support (e.g. methodology development)

The “project cycle”

Planning phase

- Identifying the need for scientific/technical support
- Preparing the **Annual Work-Programme** and related **budget**

Preparatory phase

- Preparing the calls for launch (e.g. terms of reference)
- Launching the **calls for proposals**

Evaluation phase

- Reception and **evaluation** of proposals
(quality criteria: eligibility, selection, award)

Implementation phase

- Signature of the **grant agreement** with **the beneficiaries & partners**
- Implementation of the tasks, reporting, publication

- 1) Article 36 Extranet Workspace
- 2) Article 36 Organisations Database

Objectives:

To facilitate

- **networking** among and between the list of competent organisations and EFSA and
- the **project management**

Features

- Electronic updating of the questionnaires
- Electronic filling of new questionnaires
- Searching for contact persons and competences of Art 36 organisations

→ **Launched in May 2010**

Article 36 Organisations Database

Article 36 Organisations Database

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Article 36 and Focal Points

Focal Points...

- Act as an **interface** between
Article 36 organisations
- **Support** Article 36 organisations and EFSA, e.g.
- Updating the Article 36 list
- Supporting application to calls



EFSA and the

EFSA Journal

Objective of the EFSA Journal



An **online journal** that

- Provides EFSA experts with an outlet of their work
- Is visible and influential in the scientific community
- Is cited in literature
- Complies with best practices in academic publishing

- Since EFSA's inception in **2003**
- **Dec 2009: New web area** for the Journal on the EFSA corporate website





All EFSA scientific output

i.e. scientific opinions, statements and guidance of EFSA, conclusions, reasoned opinions, scientific/technical reports



...but no third party content

e.g. ESCO, Article 36, Scientific Colloquia Reports

- **Editorial Board**
- **Editor-in-Chief**
- **Editorial Policy**

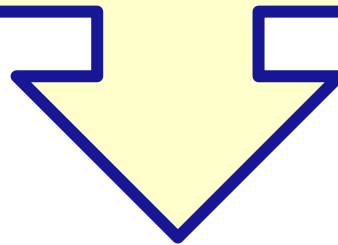


What is new?

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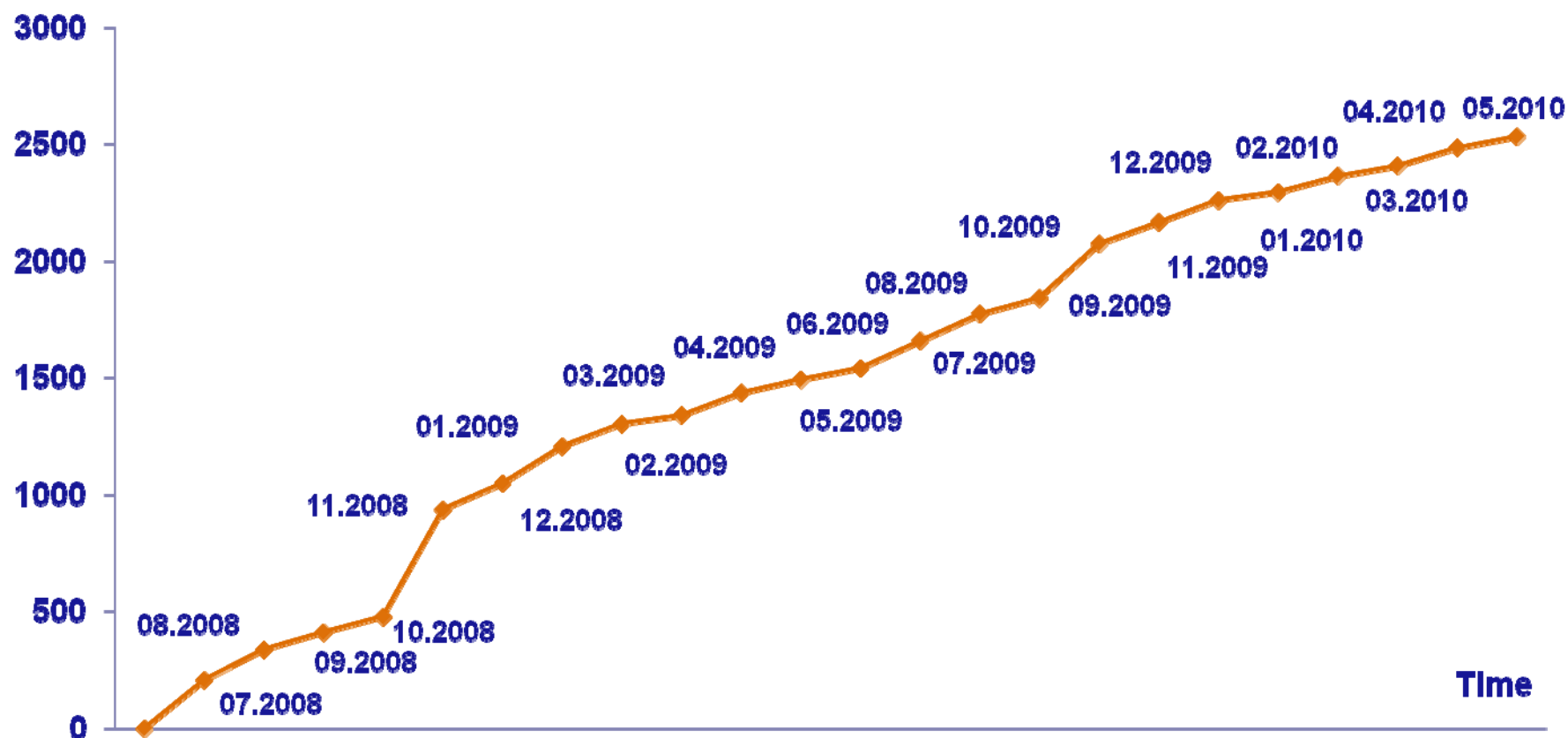
Expert Database (EDB)

- To effectively “pool” scientific excellence across Europe
- To achieve a more effective and flexible response to EFSA’s increased workload
- To help enhance transparency how experts are invited to cooperate with EFSA
- To assist Member States, EEA/EFTA countries and the EC

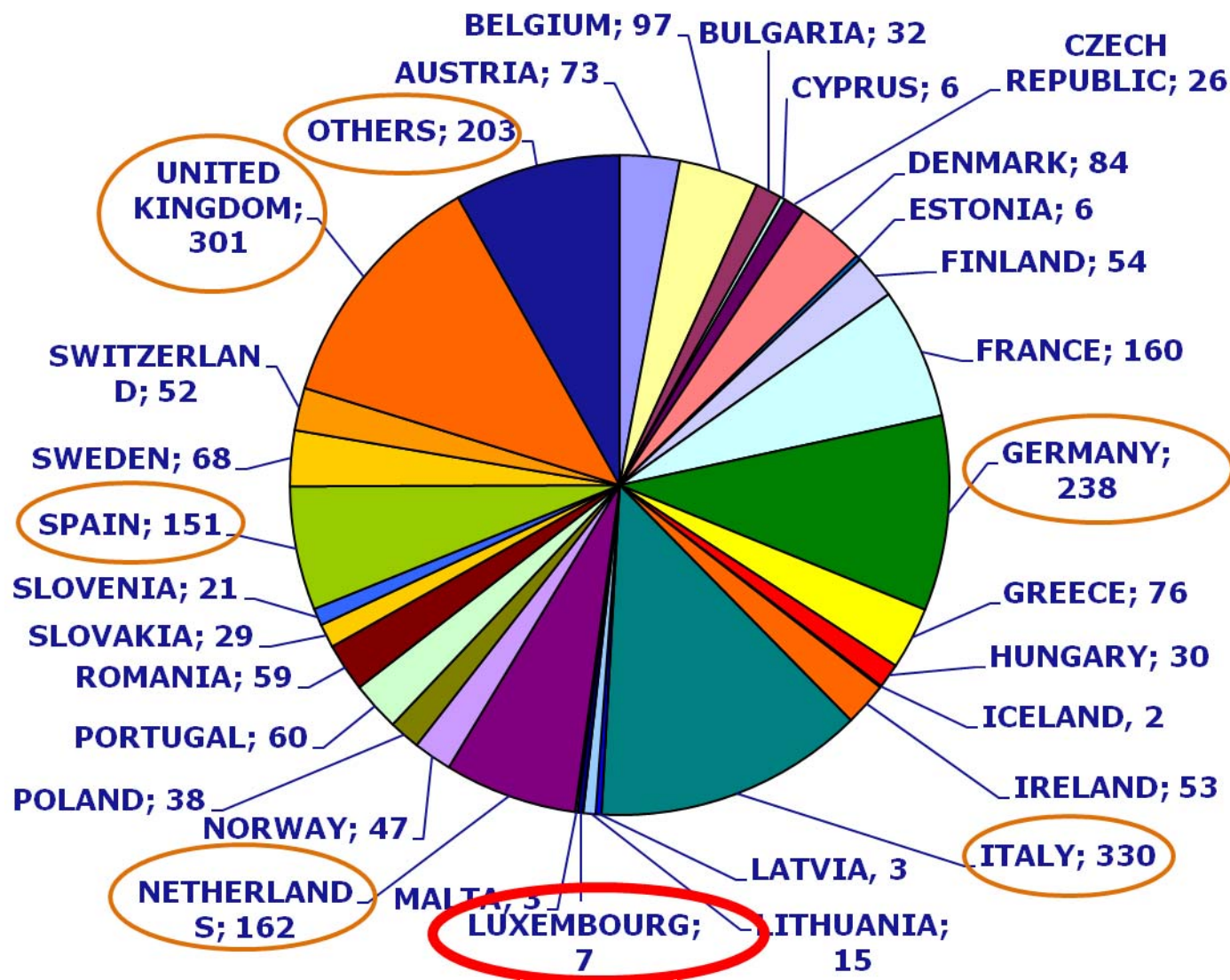
A growing database

Application forms received as of 05/05/2010: 2536

No. Applications



EDB: number of experts per country



EDB: eligibility criteria for inclusion

- **University degree** in one or more areas of expertise within EFSA's remit
- Relevant **professional experience** *i.e.* in risk assessment/data collection on biological or chemical hazards
- **Scientific articles** in peer-reviewed journals or other relevant expert documents
- Ability to **communicate and work** in at least one **EU language**
- Completed an **Annual Declaration of Interests**



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EFSA evaluates the safety of steviol glycosides

EFSA's scientific Panel on additives, the ANS Panel, has assessed the safety of steviol glycosides, sweeteners extracted from plant leaves, and established an Acceptable Daily Intake for their safe use.

► Full story



EFSA publishes guidance on substances used for removal of microbial surface contamination

Following a public consultation, EFSA's BIOHAZ Panel has published its final guidance document for applications on substances to be used for removing microbial contamination from the surface of foods of animal origin. The comments received during the public consultation were taken into consideration for the production of the final guidance; a full report of the public consultation is also available.

EFSA evaluates parasites in fish

EFSA reduces tolerable intake level for melamine

EFSA to provide Commission with a comprehensive BPA overview

President Barroso visits EFSA

Scientific documents

Peer Review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance azoxystrobin

Published: 15 April 2010

Peer Review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance nappropamide

Published: 15 April 2010

Events

EFSA's 14th Scientific Colloquium on Food Classification:
Unambiguous ambiguity – the challenge of describing food
Parma, 20 April 2010

8th meeting of the Steering Group on Cooperation
Bratislava, 20 April 2010

56th plenary meeting of the BIOHAZ Panel

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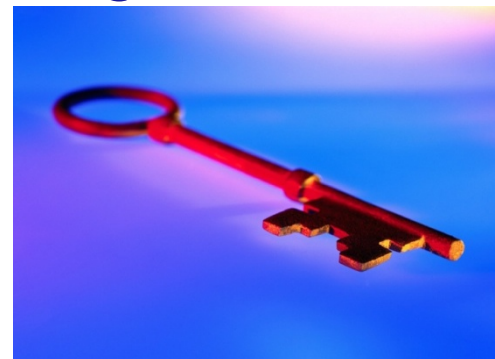
Looking ahead

... and in future

- **Strategic Plan of EFSA for 2009-2013**
- **Focal Points** continue to play an important role
- **Scientific cooperation and networking between EFSA and Member States** remain crucial and will be further strengthened



Key to Success



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