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EFSA support to Risk Assessment activities & the Transparency Regulation novelties

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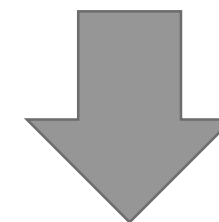
Trusted science for safe food

- EFSA Support to Risk Assessment activities:
 - EU Risk Assessment Agenda
 - Member States database on Risk Assessment plans
 - RARA2021 event
- Transparency Regulation novelties

EFSA Support to Risk Assessment activities

Support to RA activities: EU-RAA

EFSA Strategy 2020 and EU-RAA

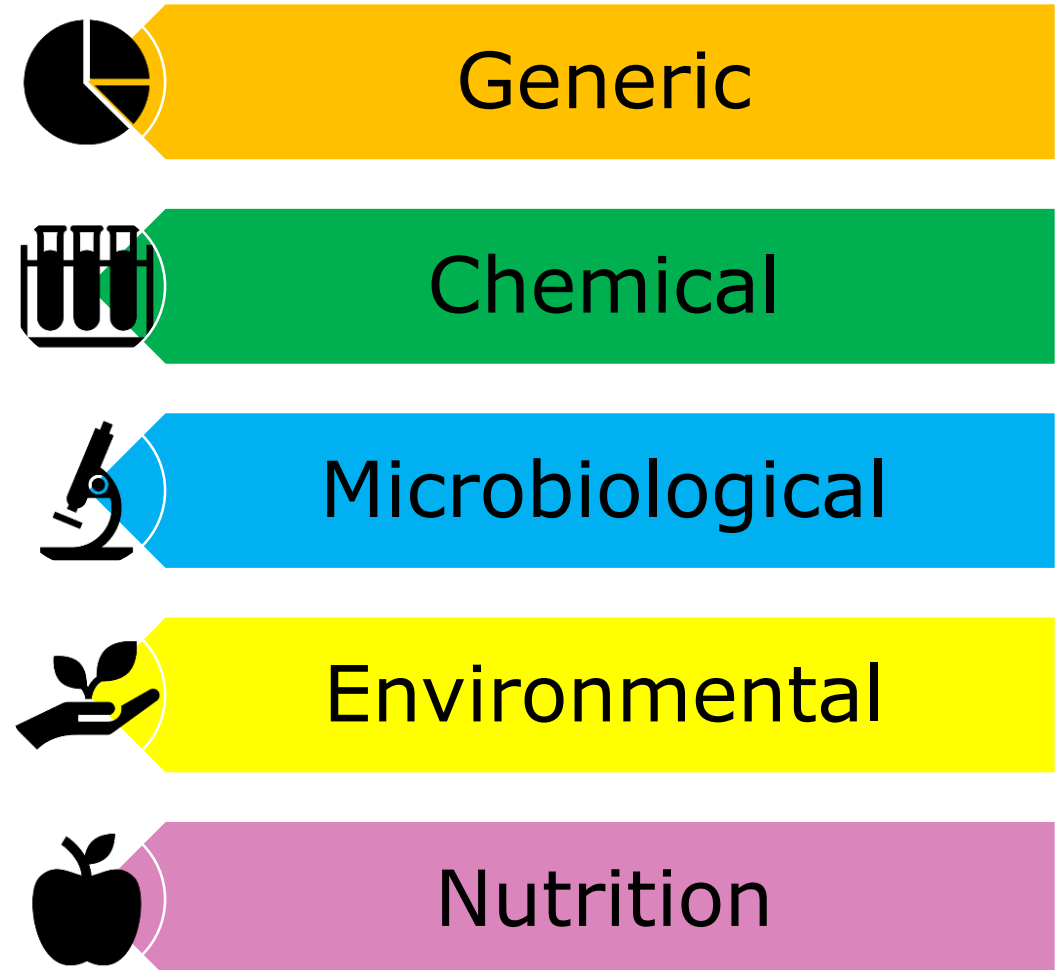


**EU-RISK ASSESSMENT
AGENDA**

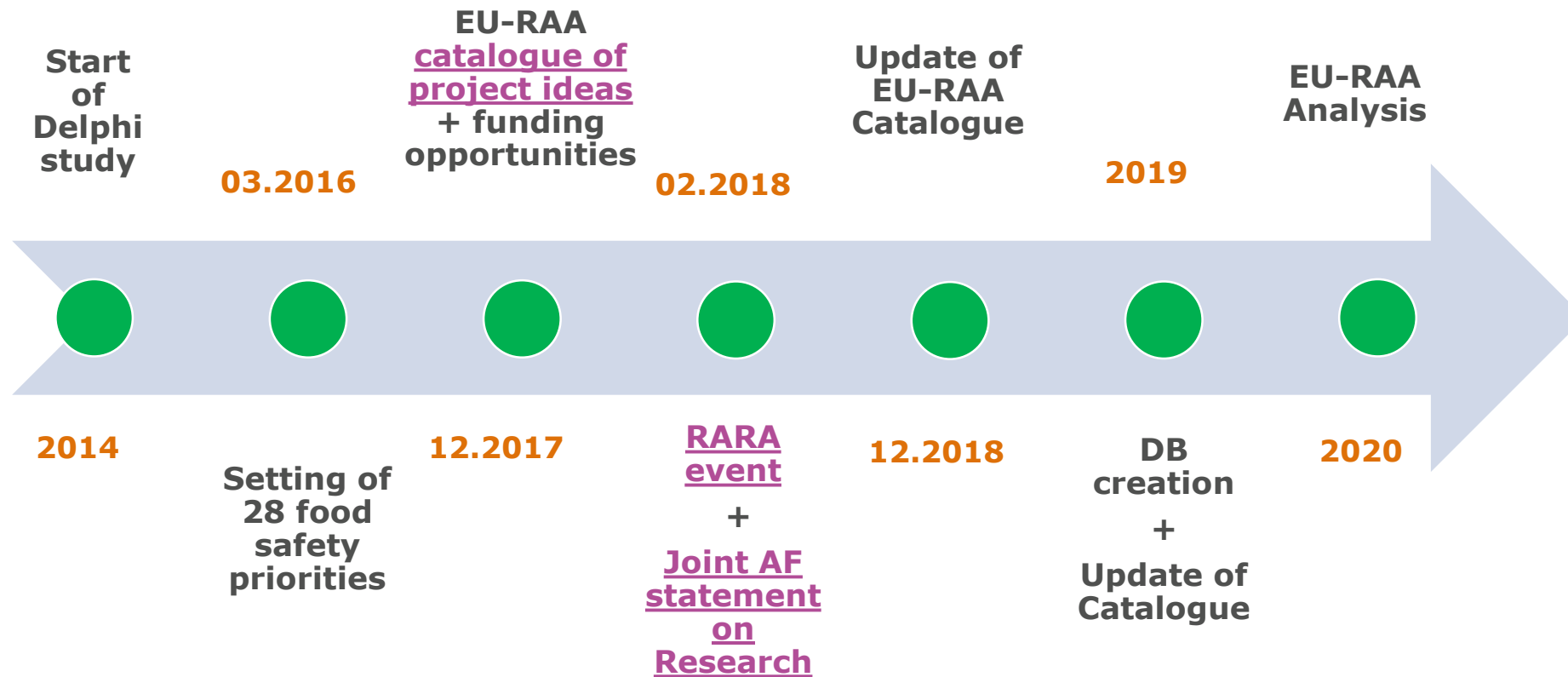
28 Delphi Priorities



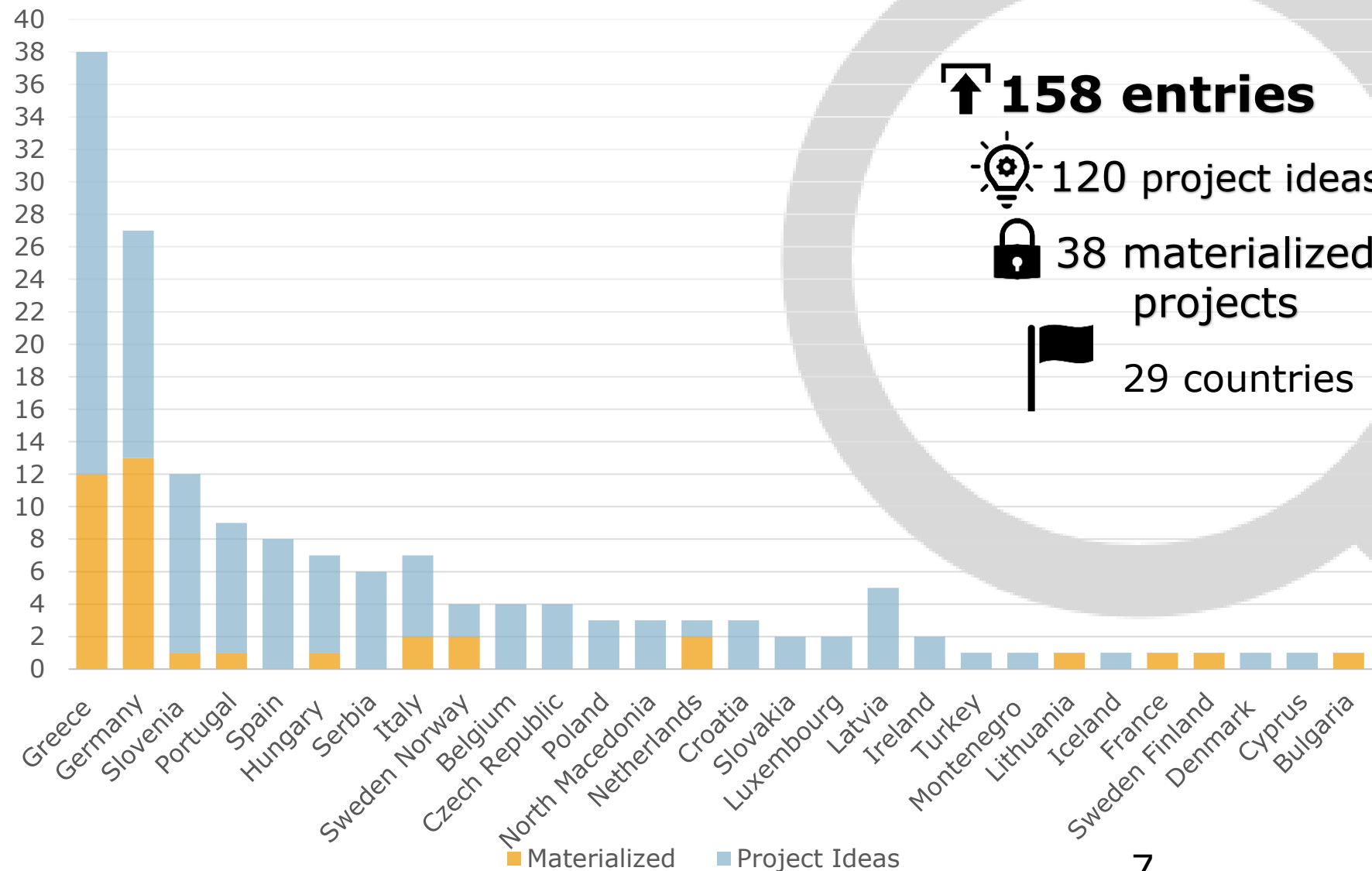
5 Areas



Support to RA activities: EU-RAA



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Funding Schemes of Materialized Project

Available info on
funding scheme only
for 55% of
materialized project



EFSA
33%

EU level
24%

Other
19%

National
14%

Joint
10%

Support to RA activities: EU-RAA

	OPEN PROJECT IDEAS	Country	EoI	Delphi
1	Development and implementation of Risk-Benefit Assessment in foods	Denmark	22	2
2	NextGen Food Safety Knowledge Integration Framework	Germany	17	3,8,15
3	Impact of global food and feed supply chains on the spread of harmful organisms	Germany	15	19
4	Development of a database tool for assessing the risk of common food pathogens in foodstuffs	Greece	14	15
5	Evaluation of effects of emerging marine biotoxins and their monitoring to provide safer seafood to the consumer	Belgium	14	11
6	Dietary exposure assessment of chemical contaminants	Portugal	13	3,8
7	Inter-species and strain differences of probiotic bifidobacteria depending on the host environment	Czech Republic	13	7,12
8	Risk assessment of bacterial adhesion on food contact surfaces	Slovenia	13	23
9	Quality and safety of urban honeybee products in post-industrial era	Slovenia	12	23,26
10	Risk benefit assessment of food fortification and dietary supplement intake	Portugal	12	2,3,5,27

EU-RAA: Drivers for evolution

Identify common work priorities at EU level

New strategic frameworks (F2F, EFSA Strategy 2027) require database re-scoping

Database model is static –> needs to evolve into a digital platform model in the short/mid-term



Database Development

The database has been developed in consultation with the MS and has many advantages over the spreadsheet.

Some of these include:

- Protected login access;
- Entries only able to be modified by the organisation / country creating the entry;
- Fully searchable by keyword;
- Report Generation (Excel/PDF) and graphical summaries available;
- Pre-set organisation details;
- Feature that makes it possible to indicate collaboration on activities.



MS RA Plans

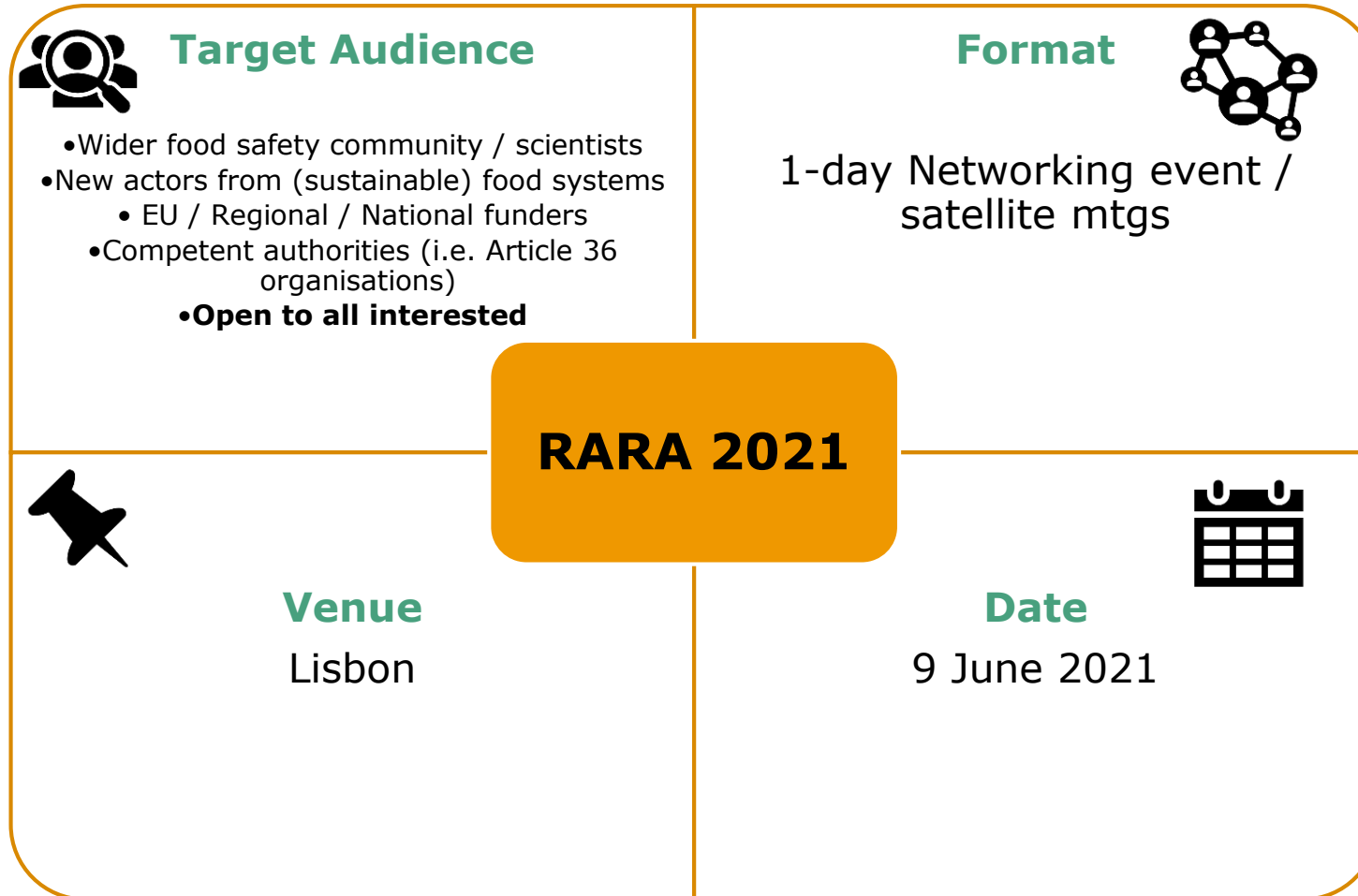
Member State Risk Assessment Plans

Support to RA activities: Focal Point related tasks

Focal Point (FP) shares with EFSA, AF and other FPs information on national planned Risk Assessment (RA) activities (including mandates) through the **MS RAA Plans (ex R4EU)** database.

FP inserts project ideas into the **EURAA** database, keeps them updated, and supports the creation of consortia by expressing interest in other projects

Support to RA activities: RARA 2021 Event



General objectives:

- **Building synergies** to enable regulatory research outputs to support the achievement of the SDGs
- **Foster alignment** of EU and national (and regional) R&I investments to deliver research outputs that inform regulatory science and future policies
- **Networking and relationship building** in the wider food safety risk assessment ecosystem

Transparency Regulation novelties

Why was this needed?

- Addresses the increasing criticisms/discontent and concerns regarding:
 - ✓ transparency of the EU risk assessment in the food chain
 - ✓ reliability, objectivity and independence of the studies used by European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
 - ✓ governance of EFSA and its long-term sustainability.
- Direct response to a successful European Citizens' Initiative (Glyphosate)
- Builds upon the findings of the fitness check of the General Food Law Regulation, a comprehensive evaluation, completed in January 2018.

Regulation (EU)
2019/1381

Transparency Regulation novelties

October 2017 - Submission of
ECI

January 2018 - Publication of
Commission Refit Evaluation of GFL

April 2018 - Adoption of
Commission proposal

February 2019 -
Provisional agreement
between European
Parliament and Council

April 2019 - European Parliament
approval of amended Commission
proposal



1. MORE TRANSPARENCY



Better access to scientific studies will be possible.

- Scientific Studies will be made public at an early stage;
- Duly justified confidential information, certain personal data as well as intellectual property rights will be respected;
- Interested parties will have easy access (e-format) to the studies on EFSA's website.

2. MORE RELIABLE, INDEPENDENT STUDIES



EFSA will have more access to relevant scientific evidence in requests for authorisation:

- A register of all studies commissioned by the industry when applying for an authorisation;
- Consultation of stakeholders and the general public on submitted studies;
- For renewals, additional consultation on planned studies;
- Controls, including audits, will be carried out on the compliance of laboratories/studies with standards;
- Commission to ask EFSA, in exceptional circumstances, to carry out own studies for verification purposes.

3. BETTER GOVERNANCE



Members States will contribute more to EFSA's governance and scientific Panels while respecting EFSA's independence, excellent and multi-disciplinary expertise.

- EFSA's management board composition will include representatives of all Member States;
- Strict independence criteria will be maintained;
- The appointment of experts to EFSA's scientific panels will be made from a pool of nominations put forward by Member States;
- The scientific Panels' work will be better organised.

4. EFFECTIVE RISK COMMUNICATION

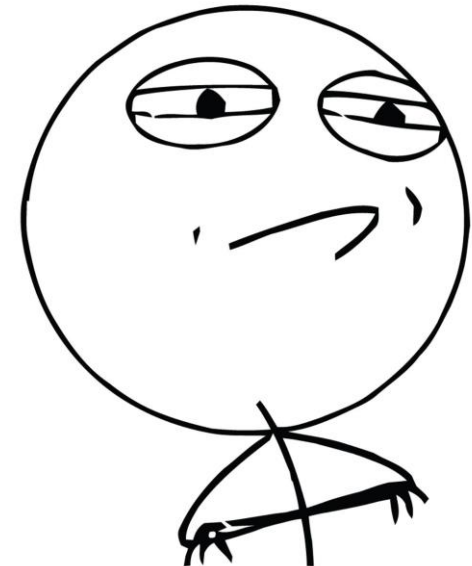


Improve coordination between risk assessors and risk managers to ensure a better communication to stakeholders and the general public.

Main challenges for EFSA

- **Translating** the law into procedures delivering EFSA's new mandate
- **Managing** time-frame and expectations

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED



Translate the law into procedures in collaboration with SANTE: data format, processes for data-work-flow, register of studies, transparency, confidentiality...

Prepare implementation (including development of necessary supporting tools)

Start delivering the added value enshrined in the amended 178/2002

2019

2020

2021... and beyond



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