

Focal Point Network

Established in 2008, the Focal Point (FP) Network consists of representatives from the **national food safety authorities** of the Member States (MSs), Iceland and Norway, as well as observers from Switzerland and EU candidate countries. FPs act as **connecting hubs** and operate in a multiannual, **flexible** and **tailor-made** system, focussing on different areas of work.



STRATEGIC ORIENTATION

VISION

A **fit-for purpose** and **sustainable** network of national FPs working together to contribute to a **resilient** food safety system in Europe.

MISSION

- FPs to act as **connecting hubs** between EFSA, national actors and relevant actors from other countries.
- FPs to address EFSA's and national **needs and priorities** for a cohesive food safety system in Europe.
- FPs to foster the creation of **partnerships**.

AREAS OF WORK

Knowledge and information management and support to scientific production

Engagement, collaboration & partnership

Capacity building

Data

Risk communication

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

- Core activities of the network that **define the functioning of the role of FPs**
- Are the same for all FPs and remain constant** throughout the lifecycle of the framework
- Facilitate **information exchange, networking and partnerships**, as well as operational support to AF

TAILOR-MADE ACTIVITIES

- Activities addressing **specific priorities** of MSs and EFSA
- Proposed by MSs and/or EFSA**, including their communities
- Fit with **EFSA's remit and strategy**
- Bring **short- and mid-term benefits** to the EU food safety ecosystem
- Support the establishment of **long-term partnerships**
- Support **preparedness** for future risk assessment work
- Follow an **inclusive and choice-driven** approach

For more detailed information on EFSA's cooperation with Member States, please check the EFSA webpage on [EU Member States](#) and in the infographic [How EFSA works with EU Member States](#).
For more details on Competent organisations in Member States please see the EFSA webpage [here](#).