



EFSA at a glance

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EFSA IS TASKED TO

- Provide independent scientific advice and support for EU law/policies on food and feed safety
- Provide independent, timely risk communication
- Promote scientific cooperation



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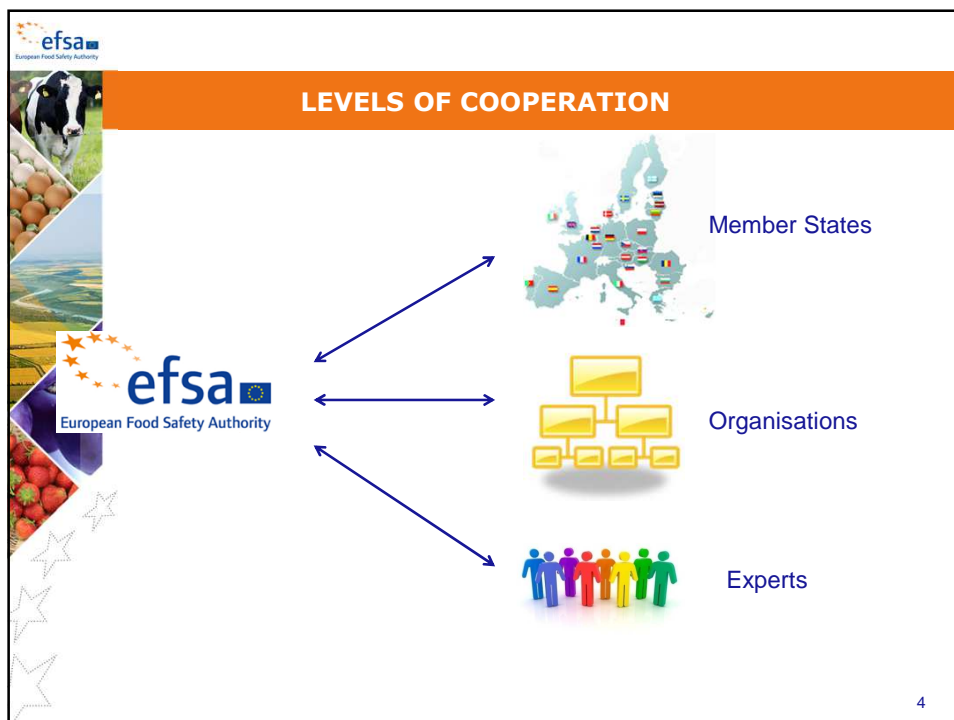


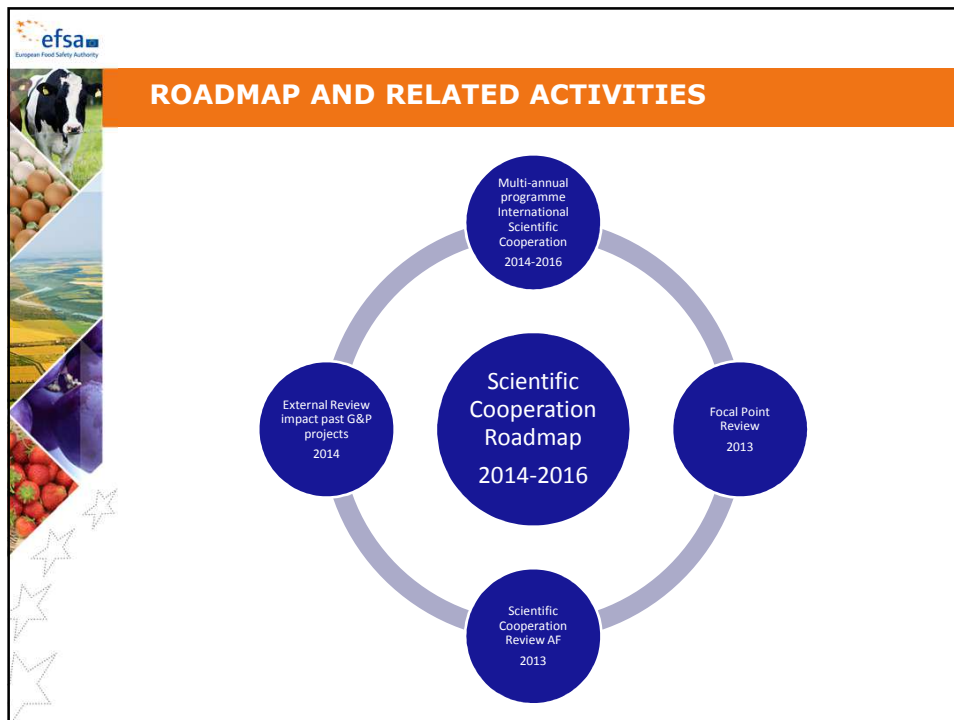
...WITH HEADQUARTERS IN PARMA

- 2003: scientific work starts
- 2005: moved to Parma from Brussels
- Since 2003 more than 3,500 scientific outputs including 2,500 scientific opinions
- Budget 2014: EUR 79.6 million
- Over 450 staff, 60% engaged in science



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VISION

Working together to ensure food safety

- Enabling Member States and EFSA to work together
- Ensure Europe's food is safe & consumer confidence
- Have joint responsibility and share same goal
- Efficient for MS & EFSA to cooperate on food safety priorities
- Move beyond operation of specific cooperation tools towards building a common EU risk assessment agenda, where priorities are defined on which MS & EFSA can partner.
- Food safety is increasingly a global matter, hence MS & EFSA to take up international role together

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OBJECTIVES

Scientific capacity building and intelligent use of resources

- Building risk assessment community
- Data collection and data sharing
- Strengthen (inter-) national networking
- Share workload among partners
- Efficient use of scientific expertise in MS
- Avoid duplication of work and divergent views
- Establish EU risk assessment agenda on shared priorities

Coherent international voice

- Joint work programmes with international partners
- Support EU in international commitments
- Harmonise risk assessment approaches
- Coherence in risk communication




MUTUAL BENEFIT

Return of investment

- **EFSA**
 - enshrined in Founding Regulation - basic principle
 - allows for information and knowledge sharing
 - identify common tasks
 - optimum use of expertise and resources
- **Member State organisations**
 - networking with other centres of expertise
 - dissemination of best practices
 - sharing and obtaining data of common interest
 - wider exposure of research findings
 - possibility to obtain financial support

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UNDERLYING VALUES

Values interlinked

- **Trust:** results in solutions leading to increased efficiency and reduced costs;
- **Partnership:** there is so much to do that we do rely on one another to get the work done;
- **Openness:** working together requires letting others know what is being done and how;
- **Commitment:** achieving results may need time, flexibility, will to overcome obstacles, and sometimes a re-start.

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Main title

SCHUMAN DECLARATION - 9 MAY 1950

Key quotes Schuman

- *"World peace cannot be safeguarded without the making of creative efforts proportionate to the dangers which threaten it."*
- *"Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements which first create a de facto solidarity."*

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ROADMAP - COOPERATION PILLARS

- Scientific capacity building and intelligent use of resources
 - Optimising outsourcing opportunities
 - Joint projects
 - Avoiding double work
 - Operation of Advisory Forum
 - Strengthen national networking and role of FPs
 - Sharing expertise
 - Training opportunities
- EU Risk Assessment Agenda
- International Scientific Cooperation
- Interagency Cooperation

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EU RISK ASSESSMENT AGENDA

Dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with Member States and Commission Services to identify <i>needs</i> and areas for collaboration
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be developed for ranking and prioritising <i>needs</i> to identify which will be worked on
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identified within EFSA and outside through existing and novel mechanisms to undertake identified collaborative activities
Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to include collaborative activities in the rolling work plan 2016-2018 and beyond




JOINT PROJECTS

Optimising outsourcing

- **Framework partnership agreement:** an 'umbrella agreement' (normally 4 year duration) that sets out the terms under which specific grants are awarded.
- **Thematic grants:** call for proposals on broad themes, launched by EFSA, open for a number of months, so that eligible applicants can form consortia and submit innovative project proposals for large networking projects of long duration.
- **Twinning projects:** call for proposal to stimulate projects among Member States to exchange of knowledge and expertise, in order to strengthen Europe's capacity in food safety risk assessment.

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Resource estimates	2014 budget (k Euro)	2014 FTE	2015 budget (k Euro)	2016 budget (k Euro)
FP agreements	785	1	1,020	1,020
FP meetings	56	1.5	75	75
AF meetings	165	2.5	165	165
EFSA Scientific Networks	500	3	500	500
Training experts (opening advanced RA courses to MS)	0	0	40	40
Guest scientists and staff exchange	50	0.5	50	100
Specific Grants & Procurement budget	8,700	20	6,000	5,000
Framework partnership agreements	0	0	1,000	1,000
Thematic grants	0	0	1,000	2,000
Grants supporting Twinning Projects	0	0	0	1,000
Interagency cooperation	50	2	50	50
International cooperation	200	5	200	200
Total	10,506	35.5	10,100	11,150