

EFSA at a glance

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Risk analysis framework



European Food Safety Authority, 2002 -



EFSA is an independent source of scientific advice and communication on risks associated with the food chain

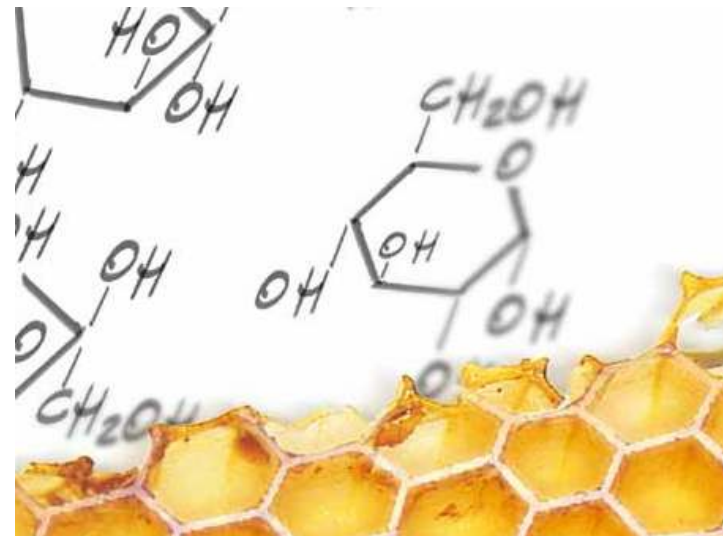
EFSA was created in 2002 as part of a comprehensive programme to improve EU food safety, ensure a high level of consumer protection and restore and maintain confidence in the EU food supply.





- **EFSA is a EU funded institution**
- **As the risk assessor, EFSA produces scientific opinions and advice to provide a sound foundation for European policies and legislation and to support the European Commission, European Parliament and EU Member States in taking effective and timely risk management decisions.**

- EFSA's main work is to assess and communicate on risks associated with the food chain.
- Since EFSA's advice supports the policies and decisions of risk managers, a large part of EFSA's work is undertaken in response to specific requests for scientific advice.
- Requests are mainly received from the European Commission but are also transmitted by the European Parliament and EU Member States.



Key strategic areas

1. Provide an integrated approach to delivering scientific advice, field to plate.
2. Produce timely, high-quality evaluation of products, substances and claims subject to regulatory authorisation.
3. Collate, disseminate and analyse data in the fields within EFSA's remit .
4. Position EFSA at the forefront of risk assessment in Europe and internationally.
5. Reinforce confidence and trust in EFSA and the EU food safety system.
6. Assure the responsiveness, efficiency and effectiveness of EFSA.

Examples of EFSA's scientific opinions

- Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE),
- Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) and other zoonoses;
- food additives and other food ingredients;
- animal cloning;
- genetically modified organisms (GMOs);
- nanotechnology;
- contaminants in the food chain;
- pesticides;
- and animal health issues such as avian influenza and Q fever

Collecting and analysing scientific data

- EU-wide baseline study on the prevalence of *Salmonella* in laying hen flocks, and the European summary report on zoonoses.
- EFSA also works with Member States to collect data on food, food consumption and consumer exposure to substances found in food and feed.



Core values

- Scientific excellence
- Independence
- Openness and transparency
- Responsiveness
- Cooperation with EU Member States



Evaluation of regulated products in 2013

- Food additives, particularly the full risk assessment of aspartame;
- A comprehensive risk assessment of bisphenol A;
- New applications for food enzymes;
- Health claim applications and safety assessments of novel foods;
- New and existing feed additives;
- GMOs in food and feed, including cultivation and post-market monitoring;
- Neonicotinoid active substances in pesticides;
- First conclusions of the peer review of new active substances used in pesticides.



- **1,200 external scientific experts contributing** to its work in 2013
- More than **3,500 scientific outputs adopted** since 2002
- Advisory Forum: **28 EU Member States plus** Iceland and Norway (representatives from the national food safety authorities of Switzerland and the Candidate Countries participate as observers)
- Network of more than **400 national scientific organisations**
- **€78 million budget** for 2013

EFSA staff

~ 470 persons

~ 65 % women

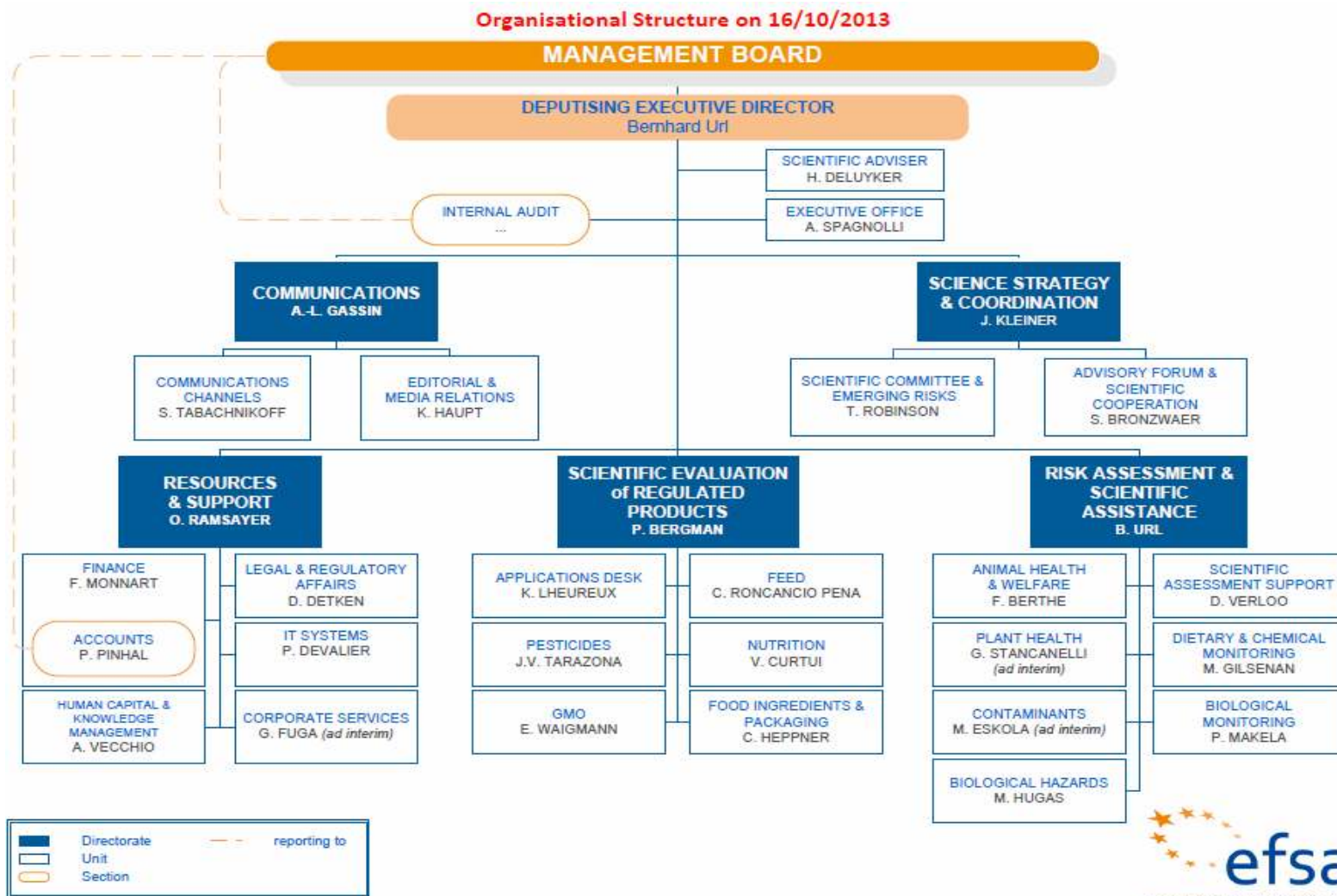
~ 30 % Italians

background: nutritionists,
biologists, chemists,
toxicologists,
epidemiologists,
veterinarians,
statisticians, etc.

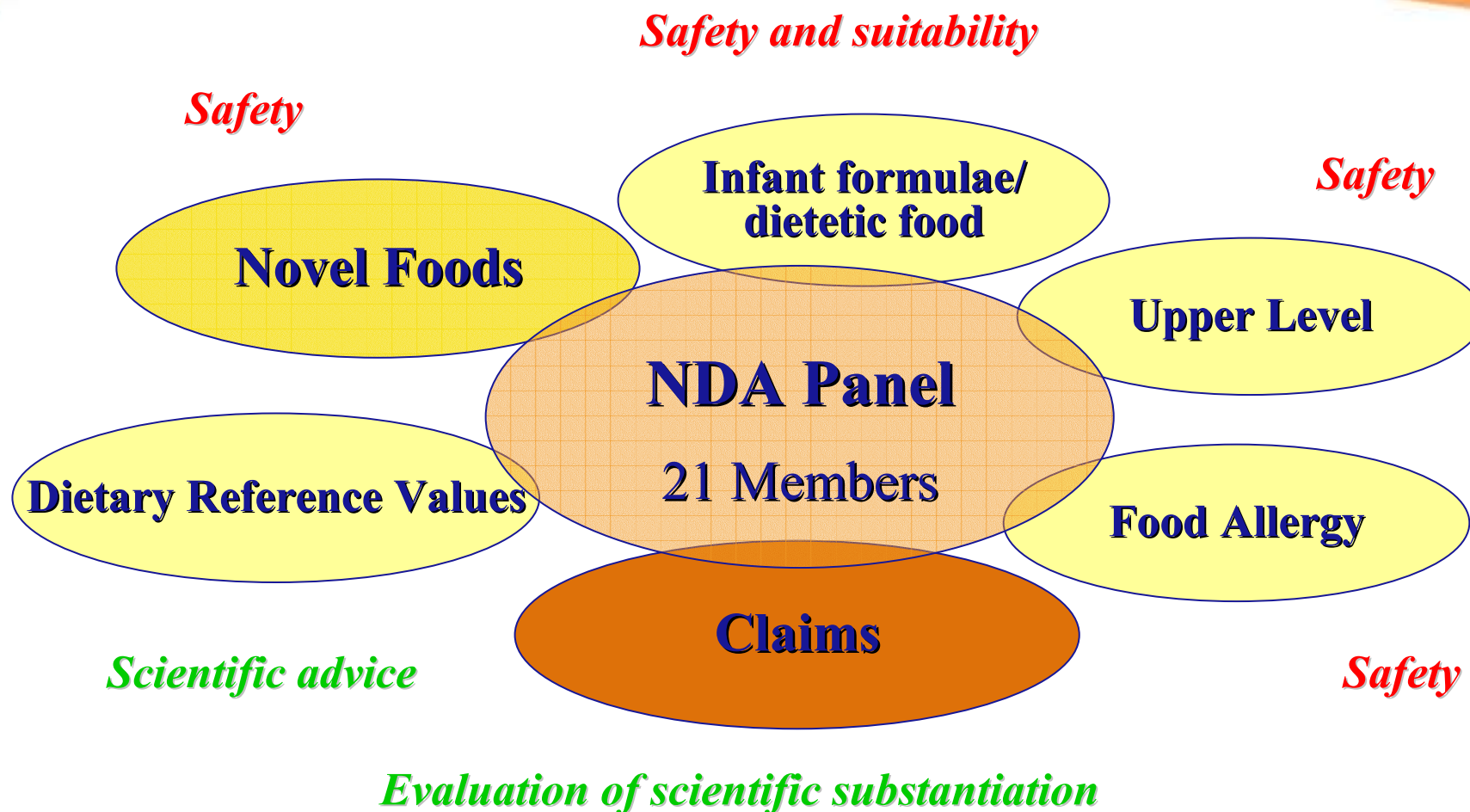




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- EFSA's vision is to become globally recognised as the European reference body for risk assessment in food and feed safety, animal health and welfare, nutrition, plant protection and plant health.



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