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# EFSA

**Trusted science  
for safe food**

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The reference body for risk assessment of food and feed in the European Union. Its work covers the entire food chain – from field to fork



One of the number of bodies that are responsible for food safety in Europe

# What EFSA does



Provides independent scientific advice and support for EU risk managers and policy makers on food and feed safety



Provides independent, timely risk communication

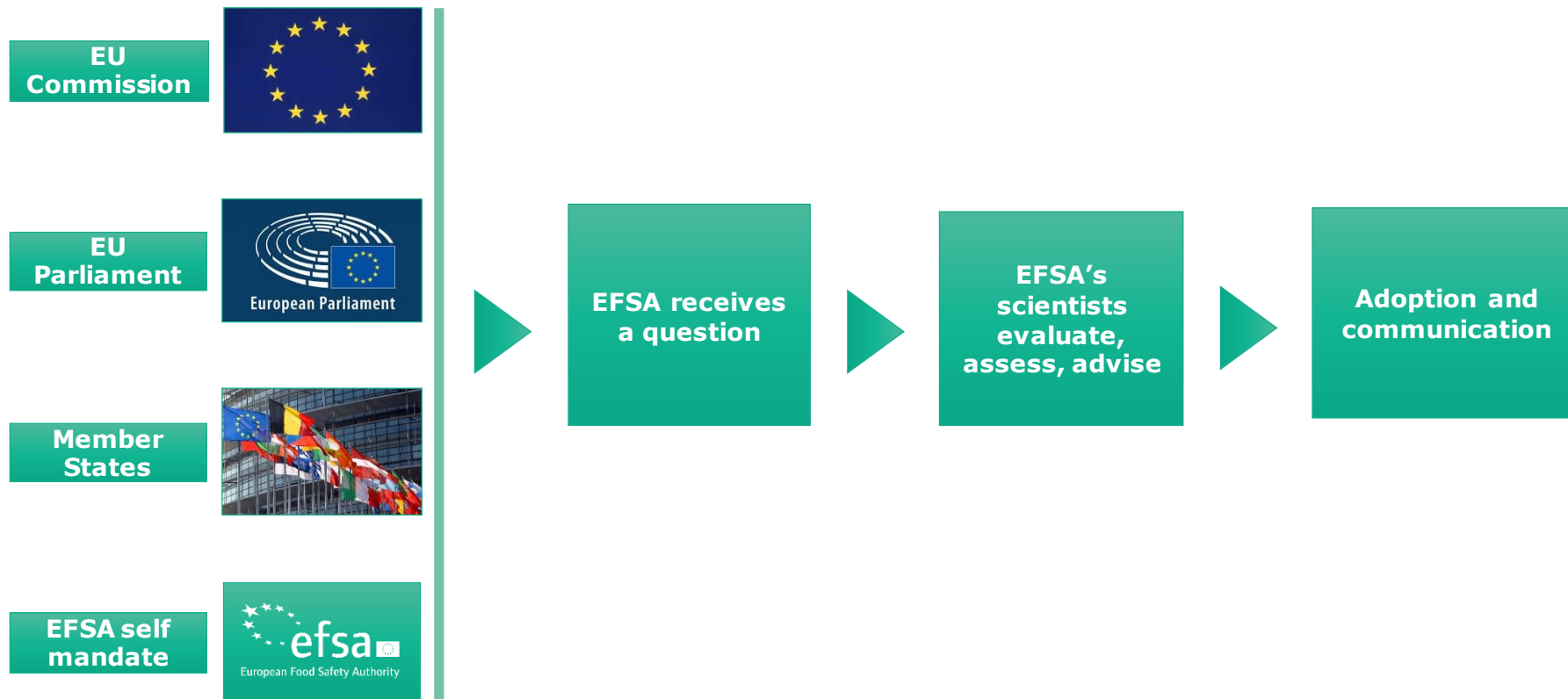


Promotes scientific cooperation

# What efsa does **not** do



# Questions and answers



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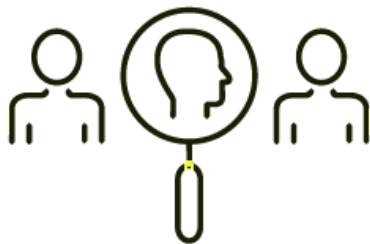


**METHODS**



**PEOPLE**  
**RISK ASSESSMENT EXPERTISE**

# OUR PARTNERS



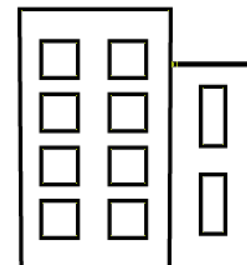
**Individual  
experts**



**National food  
safety  
organisations**

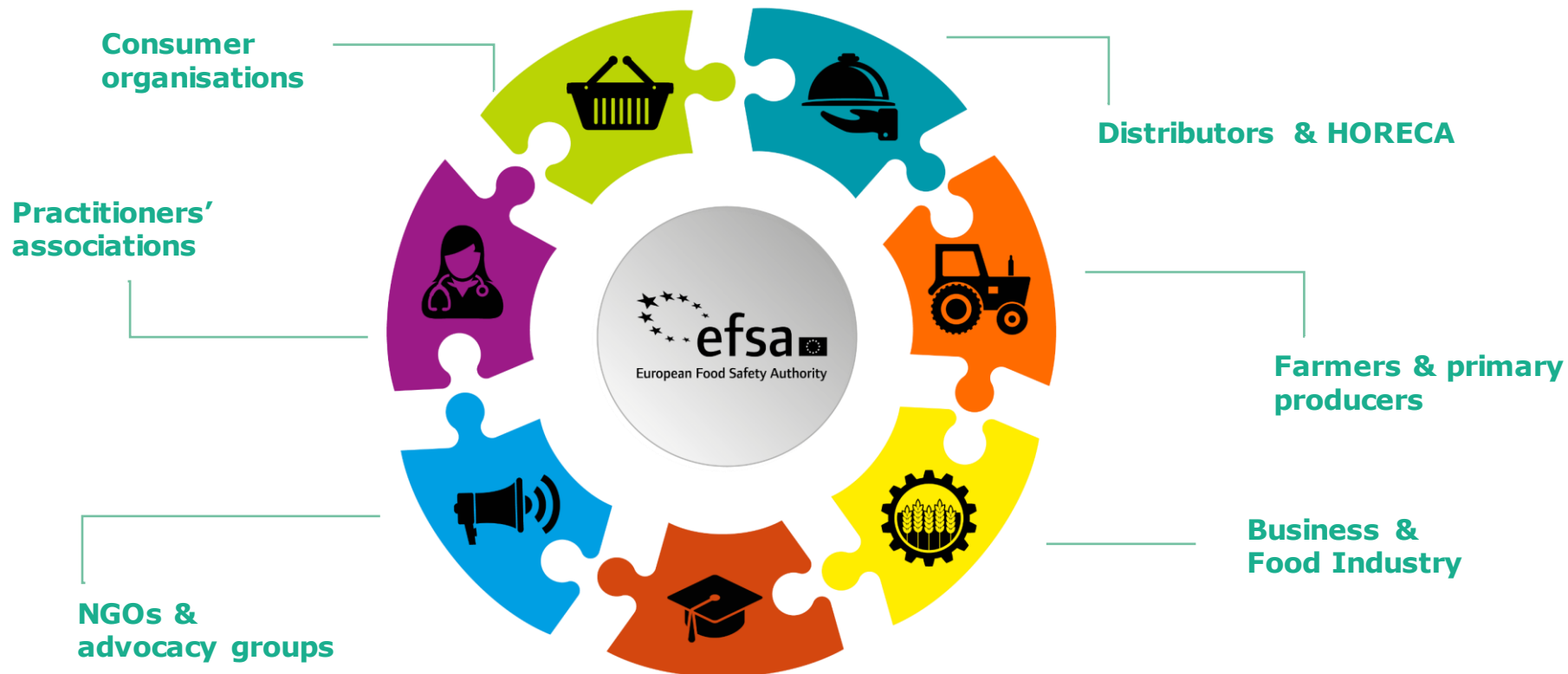


**International  
organisations**



**Research  
institutes &  
academia**

# Our stakeholders





- **RA should be independent from risk management and from private interests and opinions based on Scientific Evidence available (Science Driven Process)**
- **RM should not consider only Scientific info but also Political, Economic, Cultural and Social Considerations (Policy Driven Process)**
- **There should be defined protocols and procedures between RA and RM Bodies**
- **It should be clear who can set RA questions and to whom the RA opinions are addressed**
- **It should be clear what a RA Question (mandate) should contain (Template)**

# Risk communication is



## MULTIMEDIA

- Videos
- Interactive tools
- Infographics,
- Data visualisation

## EFSA JOURNAL

- All EFSA scientific outputs

## EFSA WEBSITE

- News,
- Topics
- Alerts,
- Newsletter
- Lay Summaries
- Factsheets
- Events

## MEDIA RELATIONS

- Questions and Answers
- Statements
- Interviews
- Responses to media queries

## SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH

- Science networks
- Infosessions
- Scientific Conferences
- Webinars

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Twitter,
- LinkedIn
- YouTube



# New challenges and threats (Horizon Scanning is required)



Environmental risks e.g  
multiple stressors and bees



Evaluation of the safety of  
new products

•e.g. novel foods



Development of new  
assessment methods:

- nanotechnology, active and intelligent packaging
- '-omics', less animal testing



Chemical mixtures/ combined  
toxicity of substances in  
food



Antimicrobial resistance



Hazards linked to  
globalisation: plant pests,  
animal diseases, vector-  
borne diseases



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