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EFSA

**Trusted science
for safe food**

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Trusted science for safe food



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

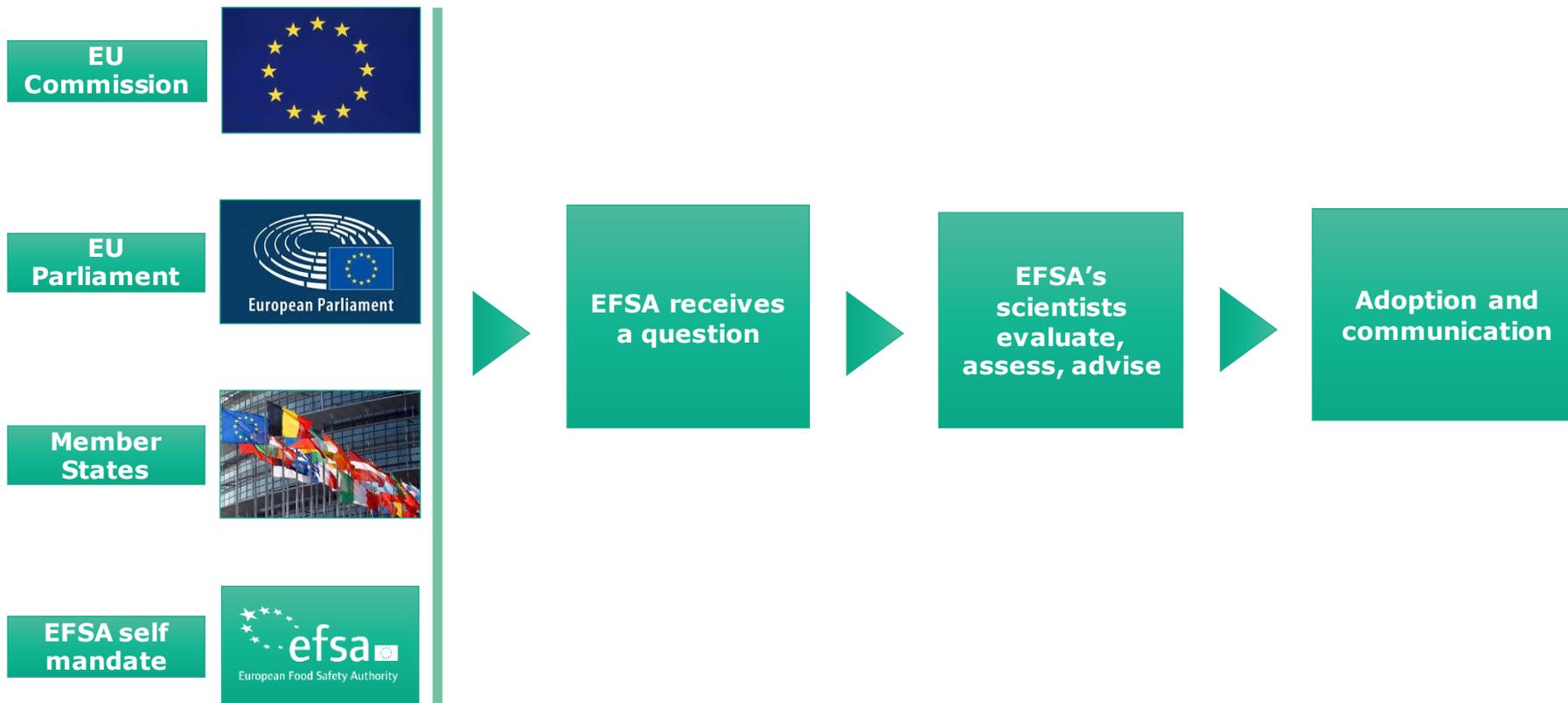


Promotes scientific cooperation

What efsa does **not** do



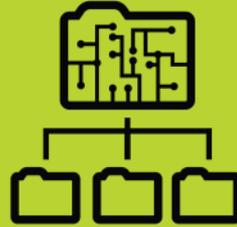
Questions and answers



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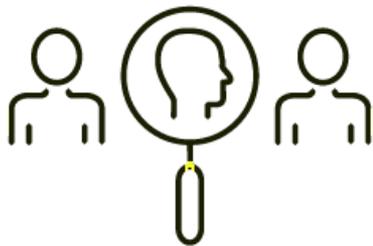


METHODS



**PEOPLE
RISK ASSESSMENT EXPERTISE**

OUR PARTNERS



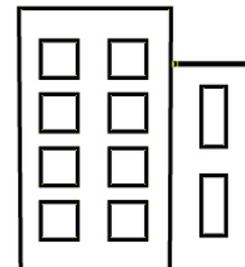
**Individual
experts**



**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



**RISK
MANAGERS**



**POLICY
MAKERS**



**RISK
ASSESSORS**



**SCIENTIFIC
COMMUNITY**

EFSA



STAKEHOLDERS



PARTNERS



**CONCERNED
INDIVIDUALS**



MEDIA

MULTIMEDIA

- Videos
- Interactive tools
- Infographics,
- Data visualisation

EFSA JOURNAL

- All EFSA scientific outputs

EFSA WEBSITE

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



SOCIAL MEDIA

- Twitter,
- LinkedIn
- YouTube

MEDIA RELATIONS

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

SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH

- Science networks
- Infosessions
- Scientific Conferences
- Webinars

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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