



EFSA

Trusted science
for safe food

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What is EFSA?

EU agencies





HEADQUARTERS
in the **heart of Parma**



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



EFSA's values



ESTABLISHED

2002



> 450 staff



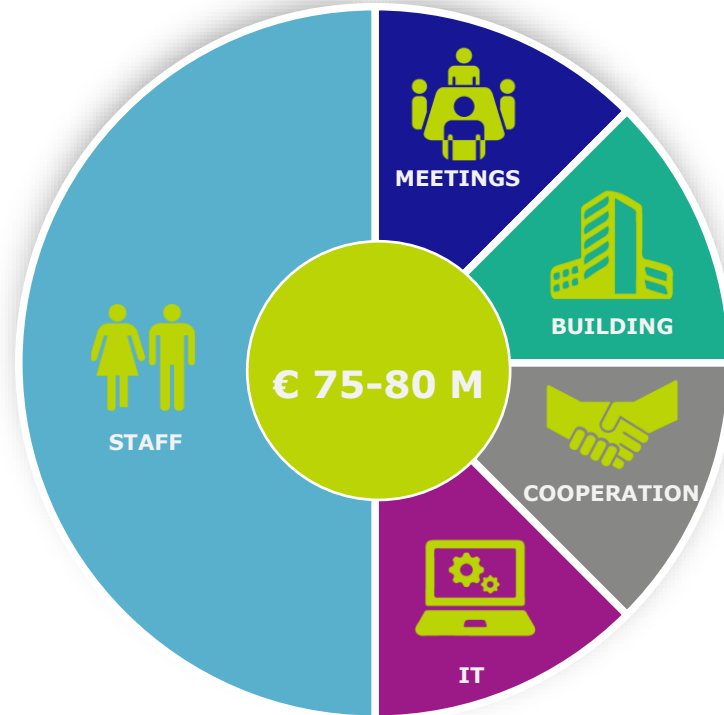
> 1,500 experts



1,000 meetings/year

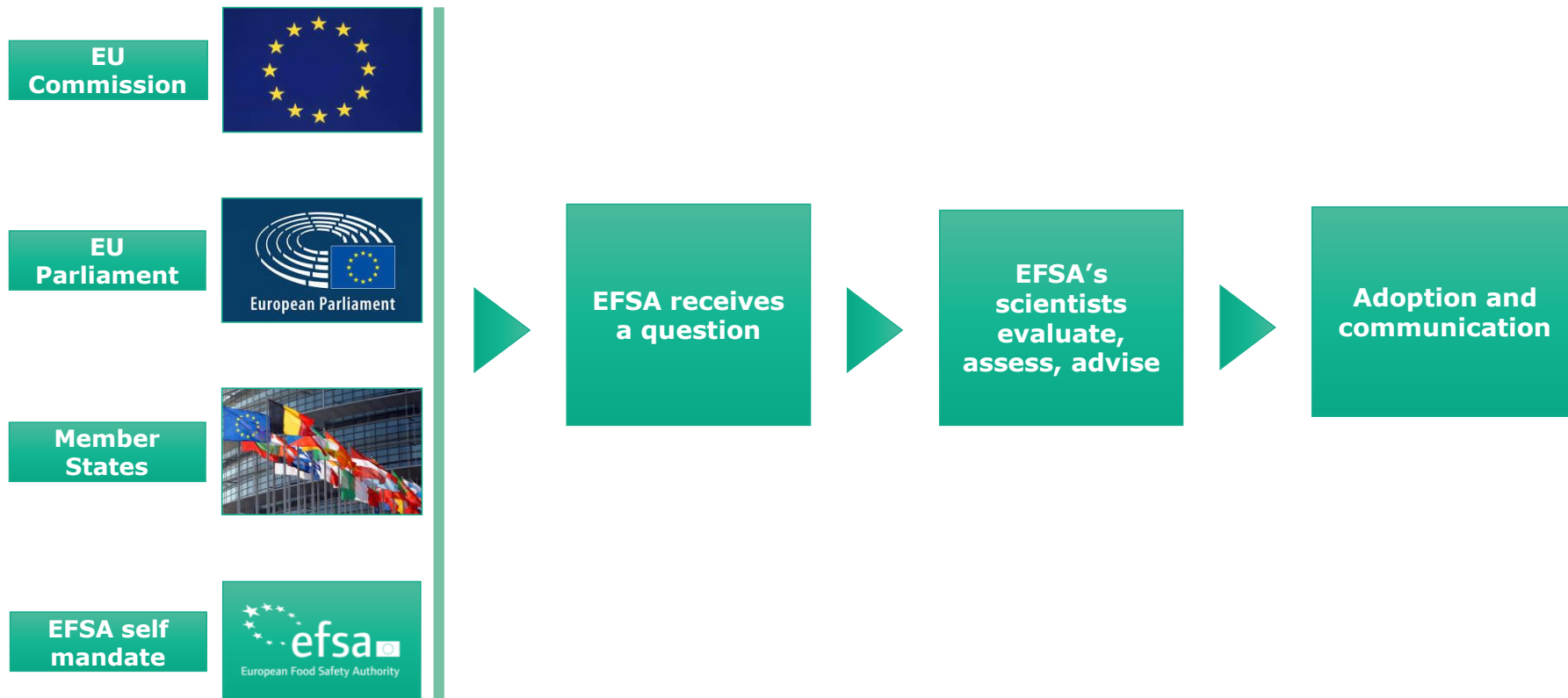


5,000 outputs /
500 a year



How EFSA works

Questions and answers



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DATA



METHODS



PEOPLE
RISK ASSESSMENT EXPERTISE

The Scientific Panels



EFSA's independence

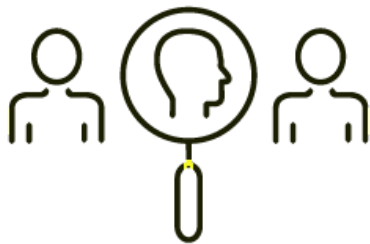
- **From risk managers** (EU Commission, Member States)
- **From private interests**

Guaranteed through a policy covering all actors and working processes:

- **Organisational governance:** Management Board
- **Governance of scientific processes:** mandates, selection of experts, collegial decision making, transparency, declarations of interest

Who we work with

OUR PARTNERS



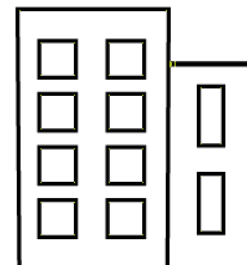
**Individual
experts**



**National food
safety
organisations**



**International
organisations**



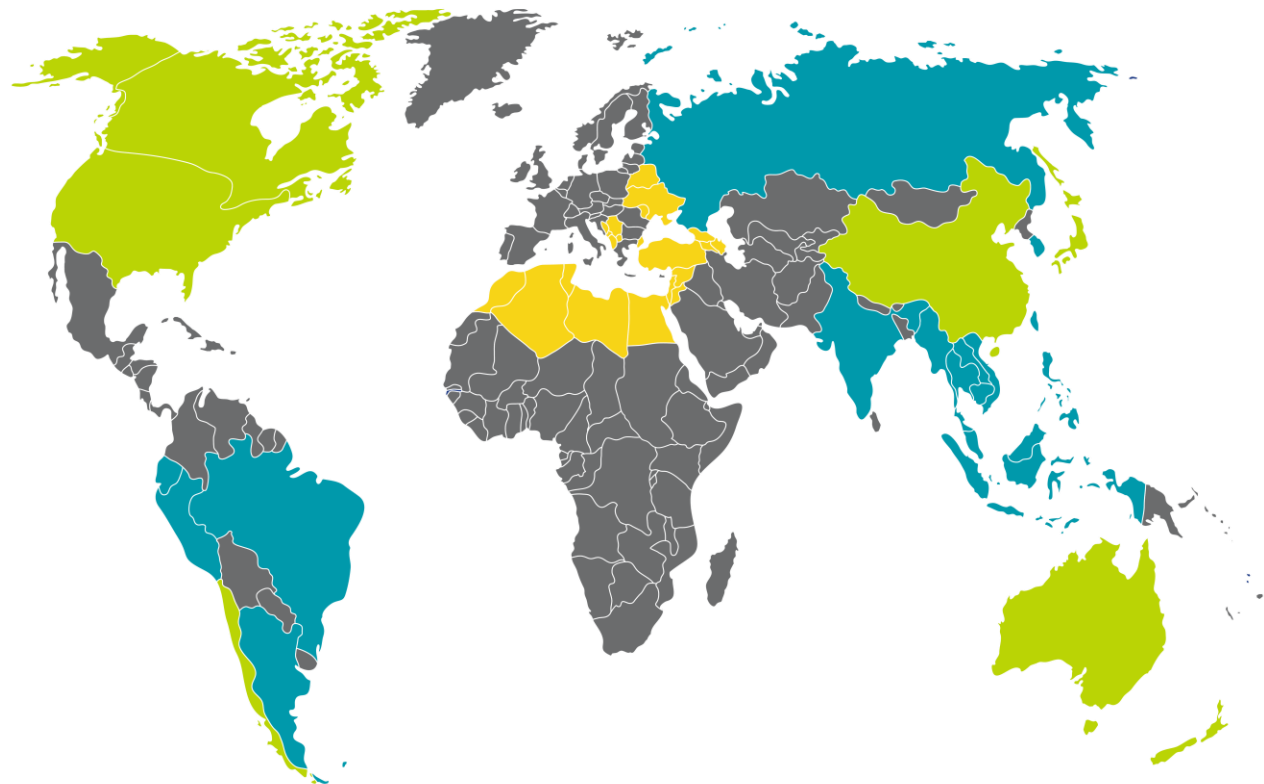
**Research
institutes &
academia**

Within Europe...

- National food safety agencies from 28 EU Member States
- 400 research institutes
- EU Agencies
- EFSA AF and FP



Outside Europe...



-  Partners
-  Established cooperation
-  IPA/ENP countries

Our stakeholders



**Risk
communication**

Risk communication is



**RISK
MANAGERS**



**POLICY
MAKERS**



**RISK
ASSESSORS**



**SCIENTIFIC
COMMUNITY**

EFSA



STAKEHOLDERS



PARTNERS



**CONCERNED
INDIVIDUALS**



MEDIA

MULTIMEDIA

- Videos
- Interactive tools
- Infographics,
- Data visualisation

EESA WEBSITE

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

MEDIA RELATIONS

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



EESA JOURNAL

- All EFSA scientific outputs

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Twitter,
- LinkedIn
- YouTube

SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH

- Science networks
- Infosessions
- Scientific Conferences
- Webinars

The future

The context of EFSA's work is changing...

Public expectations and benefits/ opportunities of greater transparency and engagement

Emergence of new risks and hazards

Evolving scientific knowledge, creating a need for innovative and collaborative approaches

The impact of globalisation

Availability of expertise for EFSA's multidisciplinary needs



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

How do we meet them?





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