



# Scientific Cooperation: What can we do to support partnership building?

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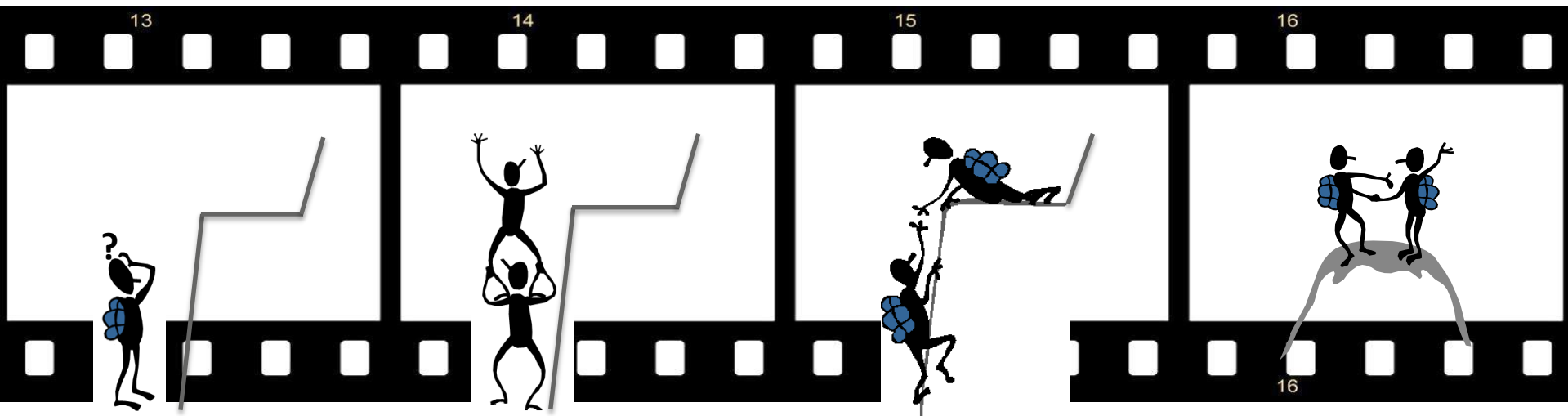
# WHY SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION?

## EFSA Strategy:

*'We believe that the totality of food safety expertise in Europe and internationally is greater than the sum of its parts'*

Build capacity and  
knowledge community

Make the most  
of resources



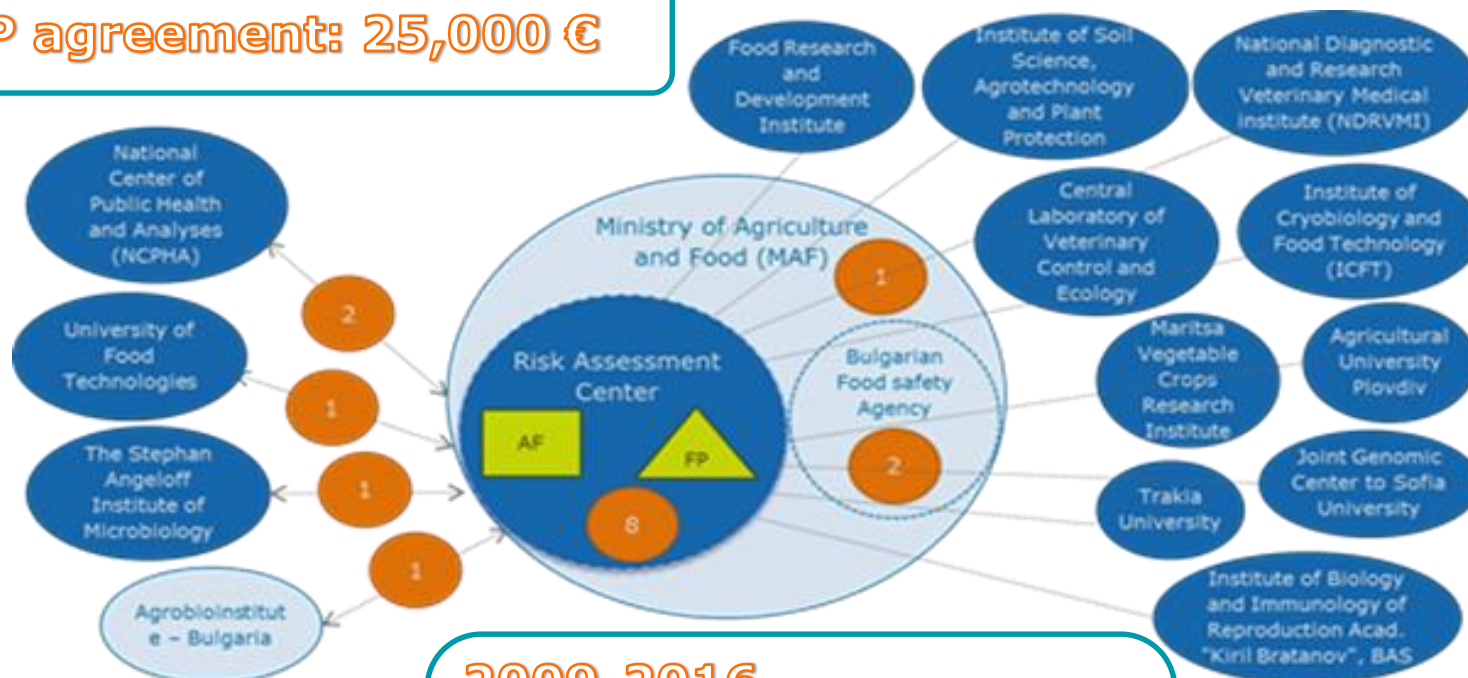
## BUILDING THE EU'S SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT CAPACITY AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY



# BULGARIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN EFSA ACTIVITIES

Experts in scientific networks: 16 (8 from RACFCH)

FP agreement: 25,000 €



2009-2016

- 3 grants: 1,4 M €
  - Data, Nutrition, Plant Health
- 1 tender: Data

## ARTICLE 36 LIST

### Article 36 of EFSA's Founding Regulation :

EFSA "...shall promote the European **networking** of organisations operating in the fields within the Authority's mission..."



**List of competent organisations**



Financial support may be provided in the form of **grants**

# USE OF THE ARTICLE 36 LIST

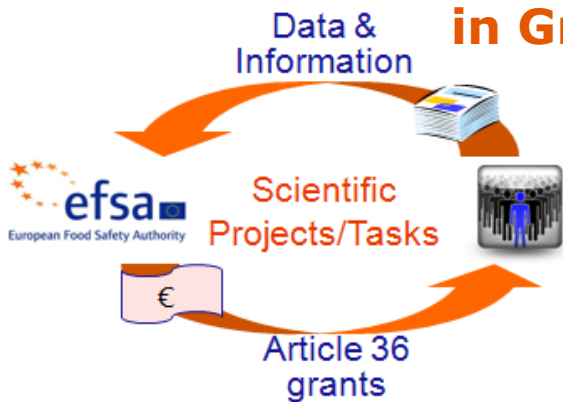
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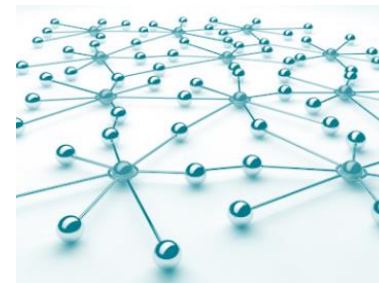
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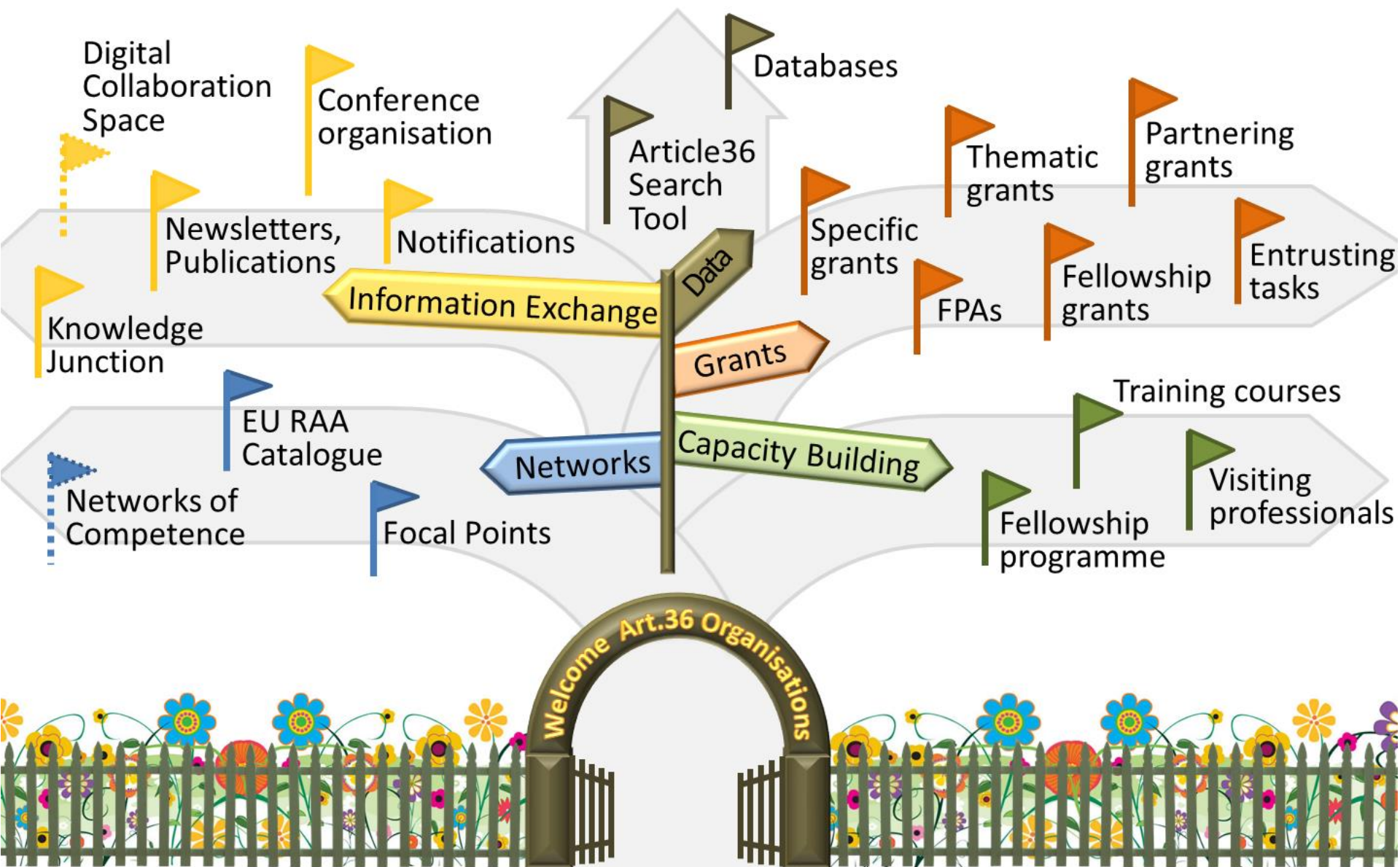
**Participate  
in Grants**



**Participate  
in Networks**

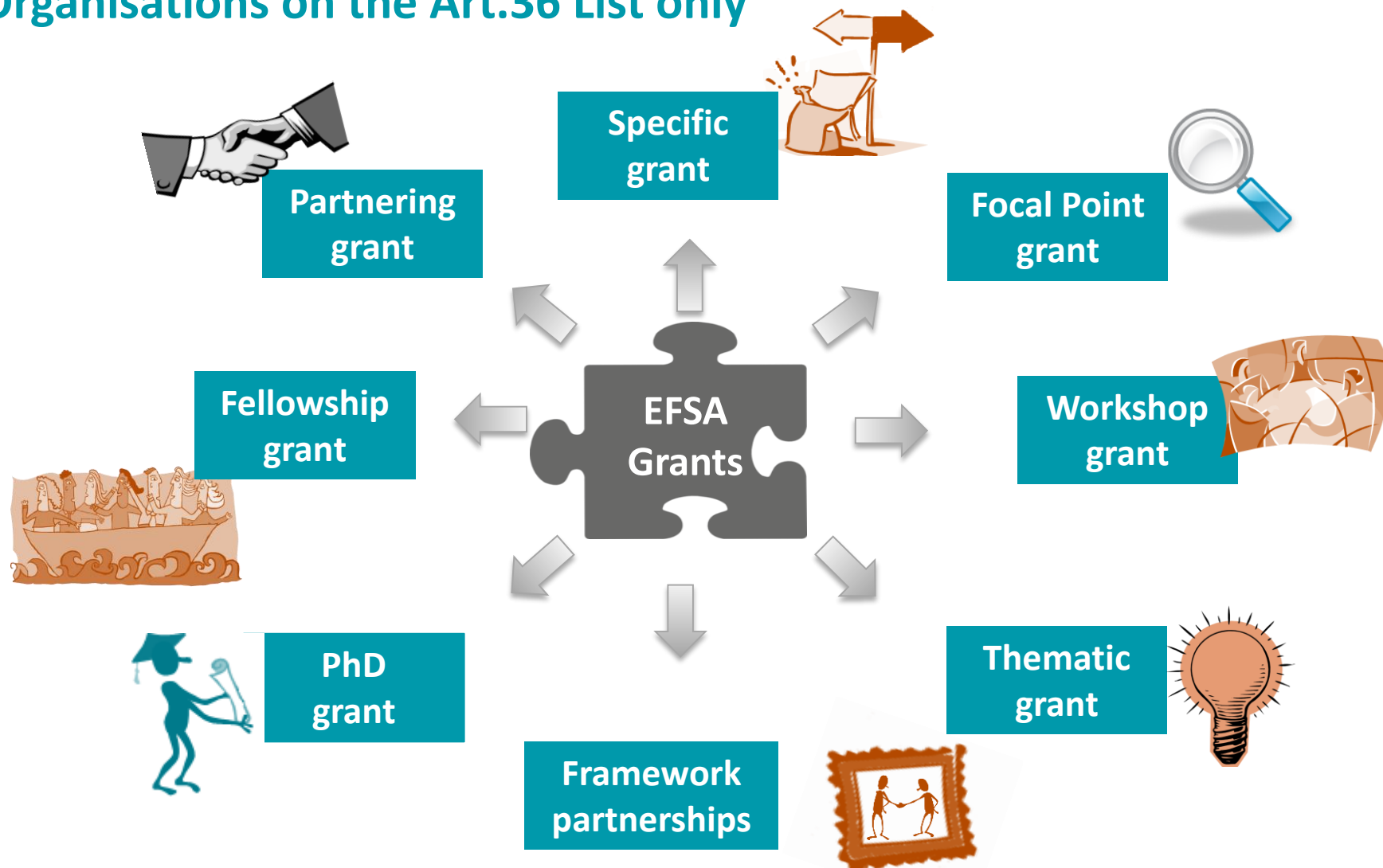


# SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION – COMPETENT ORGANISATIONS



# EFSA GRANT INITIATIVES

Organisations on the Art.36 List only



# WHAT IS NEW IN GRANTS?

**NEW**

**Main driver:** *MS partnership aiming knowledge transfer/exchange*



## **Thematic Grants**

- ***Innovation***
- ***Consortia***
- ***Support EU RAA***



## **Framework Partnership Agreement**

- ***Long-term partnership***
- ***Umbrella for specific agreements***
- ***EFSA / MS***

***Coming soon***



## **Partnering Grants**

- ***Knowledge transfer / exchange among MS***
- ***Support EU RAA***
- ***Build RA capacity***

# PARTNERING GRANTS - CONCEPT

2017

**Mentor** – org. with  
RA capacity in  
certain scientific  
area



**KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER**



**Beneficiaries** – org.  
wanting to strengthen  
RA capacity in certain  
scientific area

**Partner** – org. with  
RA capacity seeking  
partner with  
complementary RA  
capacity



**KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE**



**Partner** – org. with RA  
capacity willing to partner

# FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME



## Placement + Training



start



finish



## VISITING PROFESSIONAL (STAFF EXCHANGE)



**Aims:** Transfer of knowledge and foster cooperation between EFSA and its partners



# EU RISK ASSESSMENT AGENDA (EU RAA)

Priorities are defined and attained collaboratively by MS and EFSA



Identify concrete activities / **joint projects** – translated from Delphi priority topics

Identify **partners** - leading and interested countries

Identify **funding** opportunities

**Engagement** with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EU RAA

## Exploring funding opportunities at:



**FP network:** portfolio of possible funders for each country and at European/ international level

## European Cooperation in Science and Technology

COST funds networks to bring together European researchers. In 2015, there were 347 running actions, funded with € 137 000 on average.

## Easy & Open Funding

**Join at any time:** existing actions can be joined, and new ones may be proposed through a permanently open call. Projects are funded for **four years** and must involve at least **five countries**.

## Funded activities

meetings, workshops, working groups, seminars, trainings and dissemination activities

*No funding for the research itself!*

## What's in it for you?

- Spread knowledge and results
- Extend the life-span of completed research projects
- Support partner projects

# EXPLORING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## Horizon 2020 programmes/ initiatives

### **Twinning call**

- opening in May 2017
- funding for strengthening a defined field of research (e.g. food safety, risk assessment) in a university or public/private research organisation from a widening country (e.g. Bulgaria)

### **Policy support facility (PSF) on**

Bulgaria's research and innovation structures

