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Article 36 grants and other support activities

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Article 36 grants

- Article 36 grants are founded under the context of the article 36 of Regulation 178/2002.

*The Management Board, acting on a proposal from the Executive Director, shall draw up a list to be made public of competent organisations designated by the Member States which may assist the Authority, either individually or in networks, with its mission. The Authority may entrust to these organisations certain tasks, in particular preparatory work for scientific opinions, scientific and technical assistance, **collection of data** and identification of emerging risks. Some of these tasks may be eligible for financial support.*

Article 36 grants (II)

- Additional information on EFSA Article 36 grants can be found on EFSA web site:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/networks/art36.htm>

- Only designated organisation by Member States, with the support of Focal Points can participate to Article 36 grants. Updated list can be found here:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/docs/art36listg.pdf>

List of competent organisations in Bulgaria

1. Canning Research Institute (CANRI)
2. National Centre of Public Health Protection (NCPHP)
3. National Diagnostic and Research Veterinary Medical institute (NDRVMI)
4. Institute of Cryobiology and Food Technology (ICFT)
5. Plant Protection Institute
6. Agricultural University Plovdiv
7. Central Laboratory of Veterinary Control and Ecology
8. University of Food Technologies
9. The Stephan Angeloff Institute of Microbiology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
10. Maritsa Vegetable Crops Research Institute
11. Department of Food Hygiene, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Trakia University
12. Joint Genomic Center to Sofia University

Completed/completing Article 36 grants on electronic transmission

– Completed:

- Article 36 grants CFP/EFSA/DATEX/2009/01 (Austria, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia)
- Article 36 grants CFP/EFSA/DATEX/2010/01 (France, Latvia, Romania and Sweden)

– Completing:

- Article 36 grants CFP/EFSA/DATEX/2010/03 (Belgium and Ireland)

Status of the ongoing Article 36 grants

- Article 36 grants CFP/EFSA/DATEX/2011/01
 - Consortium of Cyprus, Netherland and Belgium with mentor country Belgium
 - Consortium of Portugal and Ireland with mentor country Ireland
 - Individual applicant Finland
 - Individual applicant Greece
 - Individual applicant Italy
- All submitted interim report

New article 36 grants terms of reference

- Transmit standardised data files to EFSA according to the Standard Sample Description SSD v.2.0
 - To code the food elements according to FoodEx2 food classification
 - Support of the SSD v.2.0
- Call was published GP/EFSA/DCM/2012/01 on 26 April 2012
- <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/it/art36grants/article36/gpefsadcm201201.htm>

Data availability (I)

- The applicant's database must **include data on monitoring programs**, or **acquire such data** in compliance with the deadline for the "Call for continuous collection of chemical contaminants occurrence data in food and feed"
(<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/data/call/datex101217.htm>) **by the time the test phase of the project will start: Month 11 from kick-off meeting**).
- **the applicant database should cover as much as possible all chemicals specified in this call for data**. The proportion coverage of the chemical will be taken into account in the evaluation of the proposals.

- The applicant's database should include as much as possible data belonging to the 1st level categories of the "FoodEx2" food description system as presented in the "Exposure hierarchy". The proportion coverage of the food categories will be taken into account during the evaluation of the proposals (in award criteria 1.2).
- The applicant's database must contain data covering at least the period from January 2011 onwards. The quantity of data transmitted will be taken into account in the evaluation of the proposals (in award criteria 1.2).

Data availability (III)

FoodEx2 - 20 top level food categories

01. Grains and grain products
 02. Vegetables and vegetable products (including fungi)
 03. Starchy roots and tubers
 04. Legumes, nuts and oilseeds
 05. Fruit and fruit products
 06. Meat and meat products (including edible offal)
 07. Fish and other seafood (including amphibians, reptiles, snails and insects)
 08. Milk and dairy products
 09. Eggs and egg products
 10. Sugar and confectionary
 11. Animal and vegetable fats and oils
 12. Fruit and vegetable juices
 13. Non-alcoholic beverages (excepting milk based beverages)
 14. Alcoholic beverages
 15. Drinking water (water without any additives except carbon dioxide; includes water ice for consumption)

 16. Herbs, spices and condiments
 17. Food for infants and small children
 18. Products for special nutritional use
 19. Composite food (including frozen products)
 20. Snacks, desserts, and other foods
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Data availability (IV)

Principal substance categories

- 01. Process contaminants
 - 02. Organic contaminants
 - 03. Inorganic
 - 04. Mycotoxins
 - 06. Inherent plant toxins
 - 07. Organochlorine compounds
 - 08. Other (substances available in the DB and not listed in the call)
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New article 36 timelines

- Communicate intention to submit a proposal by 1 June 2012 (not binding)
- Send questions at any time before 13/07/2012 to the email address
RASA.PROCUREMENT@efsa.europa.eu
- Replies will be given no later than 20/07/2012
- Deadline for the submission of the proposals 30/07/2012

New grant is overlapping SSD update

- The new article 36 project will be overlapping with the update of the Standard Sample Description
- Kick-off meeting of the project should be in November
- Preliminary documentation from SSD extension WG will be made available. (In November the new guidance is going to be distributed to the networks for comments)

Subcontracting and consortia (I)

- Only one organisation per country should be responsible to submit data to EFSA (this is reflected in the grant since only one organisation per country can apply for the grant).
- Other local organisations can be subcontracted to implement the system at regional level (this will not be considered core task)
- A **set of countries** can collaborate in a consortium:
 - each country must implement the system individually
 - Only one application
 - Only one final report
- A consortium cannot be formed by organisations of the same country

Subcontracting and consortia (II)

- IT development tasks will not be considered core tasks although their costs may impact considerably in the project. The amount of costs derived from subcontracting IT tasks will be considered as eligible costs up to a maximum of 40% of the EFSA grant
- Project management tasks, scientific tasks such as the mapping against the controlled terminologies must be performed by the applicant (or coordinated by the applicant in the local organisations)

- Mentor country is possible (advisable if first time applicant to article 36 projects).
 - Help in preparing the application. The application is complex and mistakes can lead to the exclusion of the proposal
 - Help in well known implementation issues
- Applicant can form a consortium with mentor country or subcontract to a mentor country

Amount of the grant

- The EFSA grant will equal up to 90% of the total eligible project costs (the applicant can ask for a lower EFSA grant percentage).
- The total amount preliminarily available for this call for proposals is 180.000 €.
- The amount of money that a consortium can request is:
 - 68.000 for each country in the consortium
 - 20.000 for the mentor country (when it apply in the consortium)
 - If the mentor country is subcontracted no additional budget is foreseen.
- If the mentor applies as partner all documentation of a partner applicant must be provided

Assignment of the grants

“Grants will be assigned according to the ranking of the proposals until exhausting the available amount. The proposals will be ranked according to the award criteria. The first proposal of this ranking will be awarded a grant from EFSA. In case additional budget is still available, the next proposal on this ranking requesting an amount within the remaining available budget will be awarded an EFSA grant. This cascade will be applied until the available budget is exhausted. Please note that EFSA might decide in the course of the year to increase the above indicated budget of 180.000 €. The budget made available after such an increase will be distributed to remaining applicants according to above cascade procedure.”

Total amount available

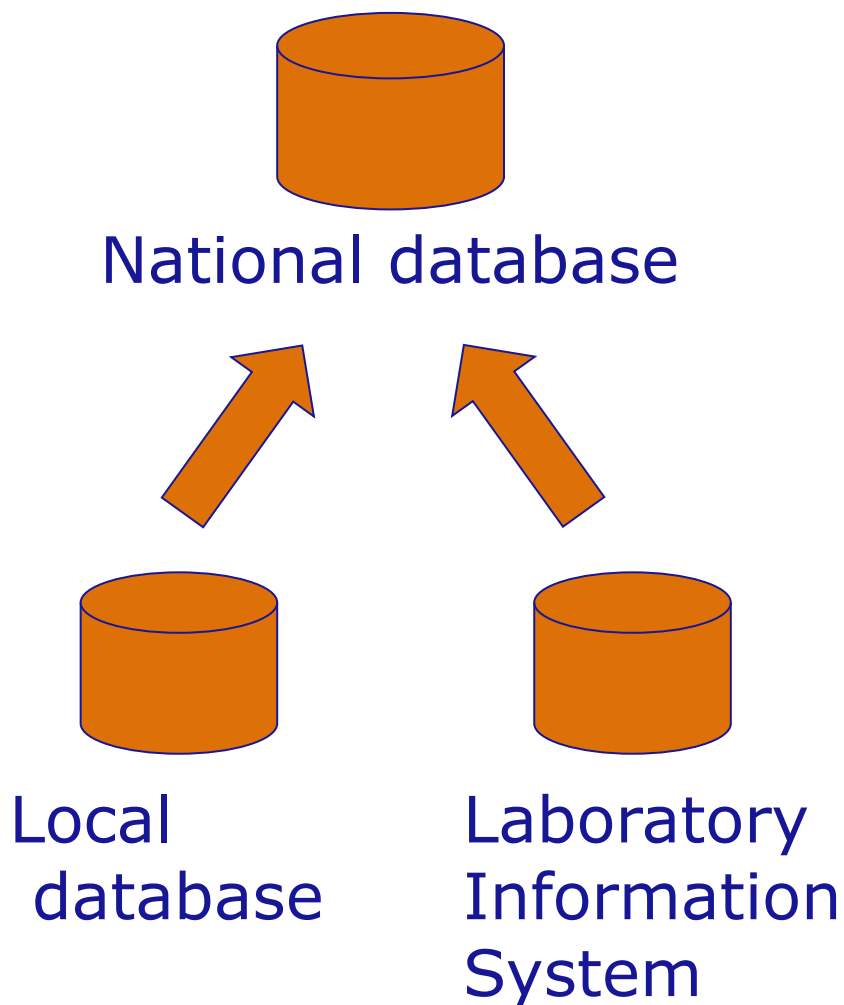
Number of the partners of the consortium excluding mentor country	Total amount for a consortium with no partner 'mentor country'	Total amount for a consortium with subcontracting 'mentor country'	Total amount for a consortium with partner 'mentor country'
1	68,000€	68,000€	88,000€
2	136,000€	136,000€	156,000€
>2	180,000€	180,000€	180,000€

- Single point of contact for chemical occurrence
- Enhance an existent system (e.g. Sweden)
- Add an export tool to an existent system (e.g. Germany, Austria, Hungary, etc...)
- Develop a tool (Romania)

Standard: Unique point of contact at national level

- EFSA preferred option is to have a single point of contact for data transmission at national level on chemical occurrence
 - Mainly to channel efficiently communication and training on the methods and tools

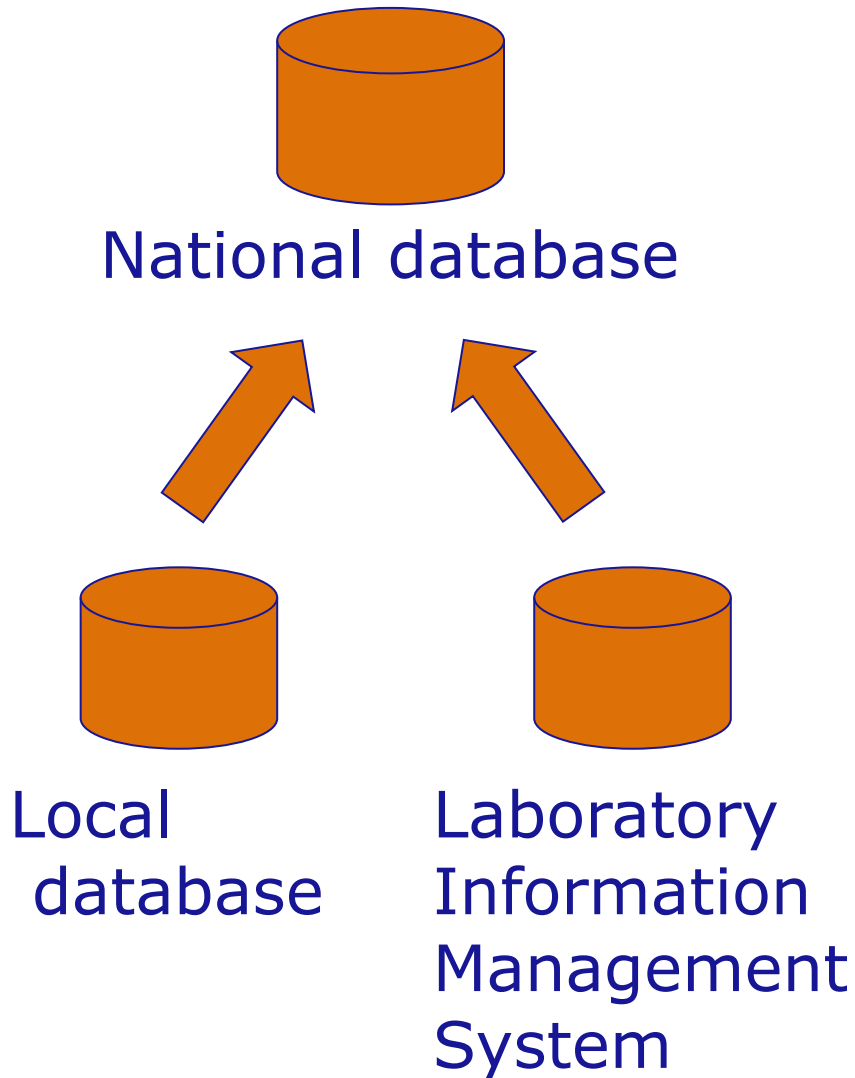
Collect national data



At national level data transfer can be:

- Unique National file format (Germany)
- Different format from different labs (Ireland)
- Via SSD (Romania)
- Via customised version of the SSD

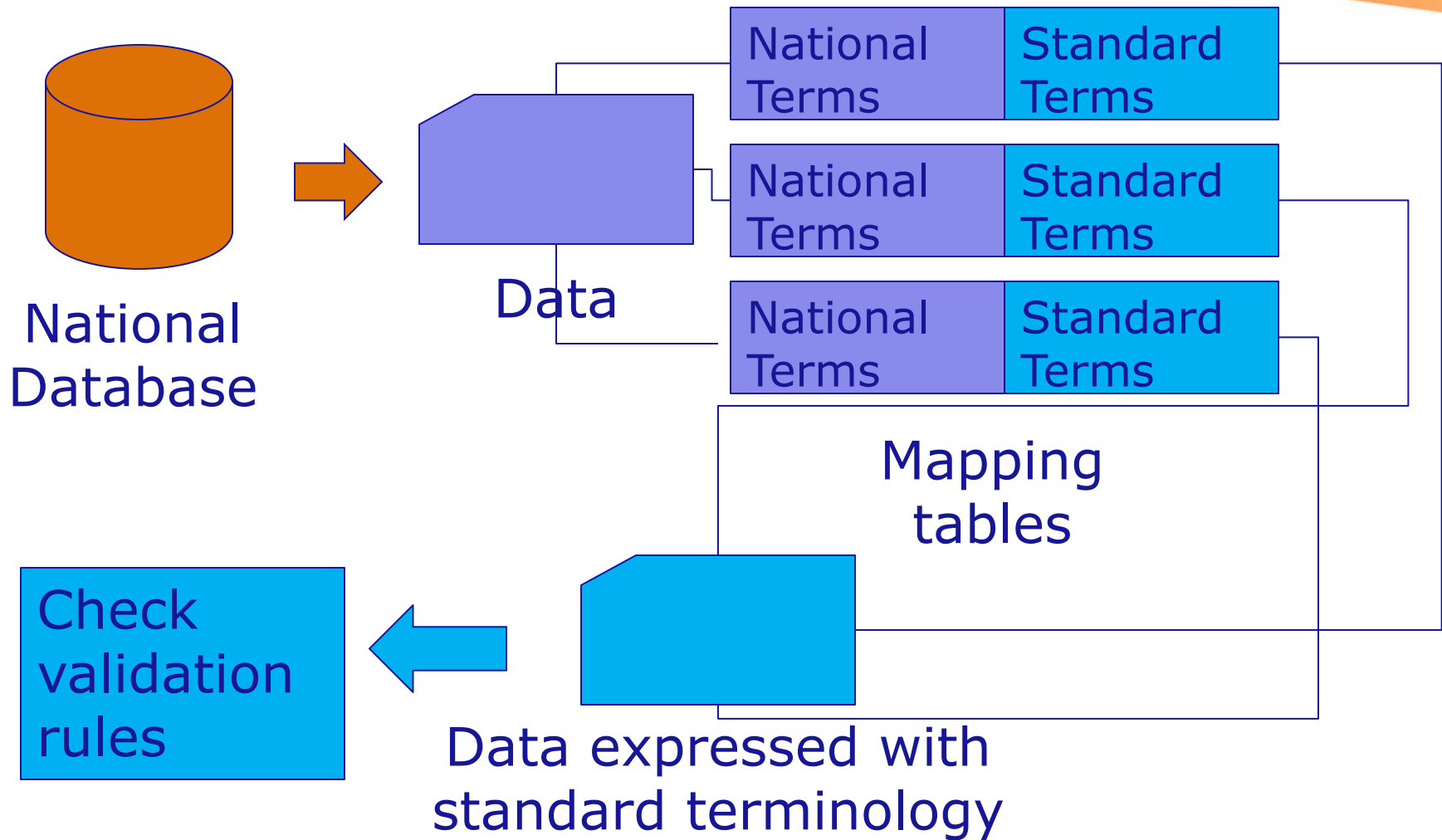
Store national data



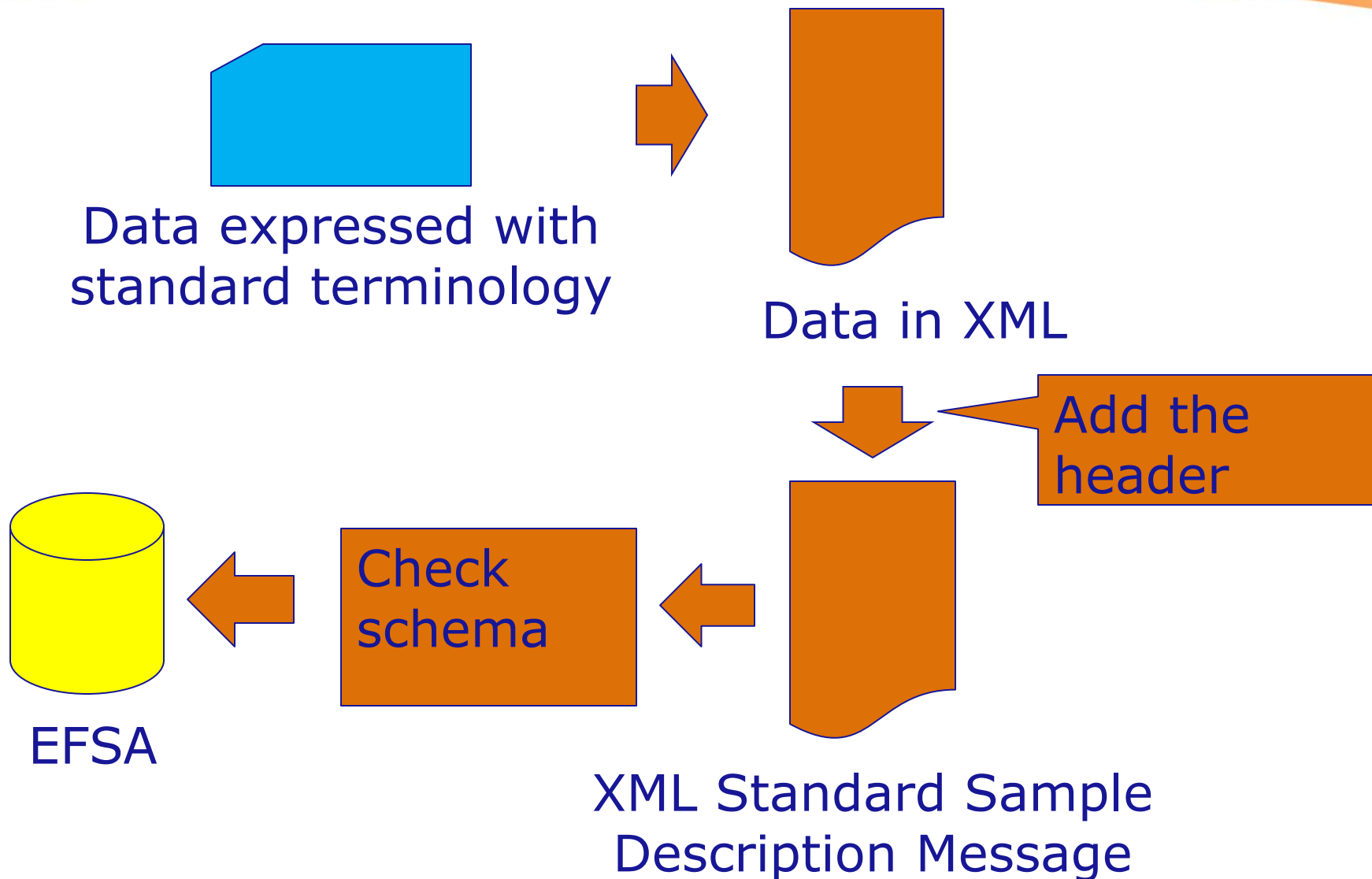
At national database can:

- Use national coding (Germany, Austria)
- SSD coding (Romania)

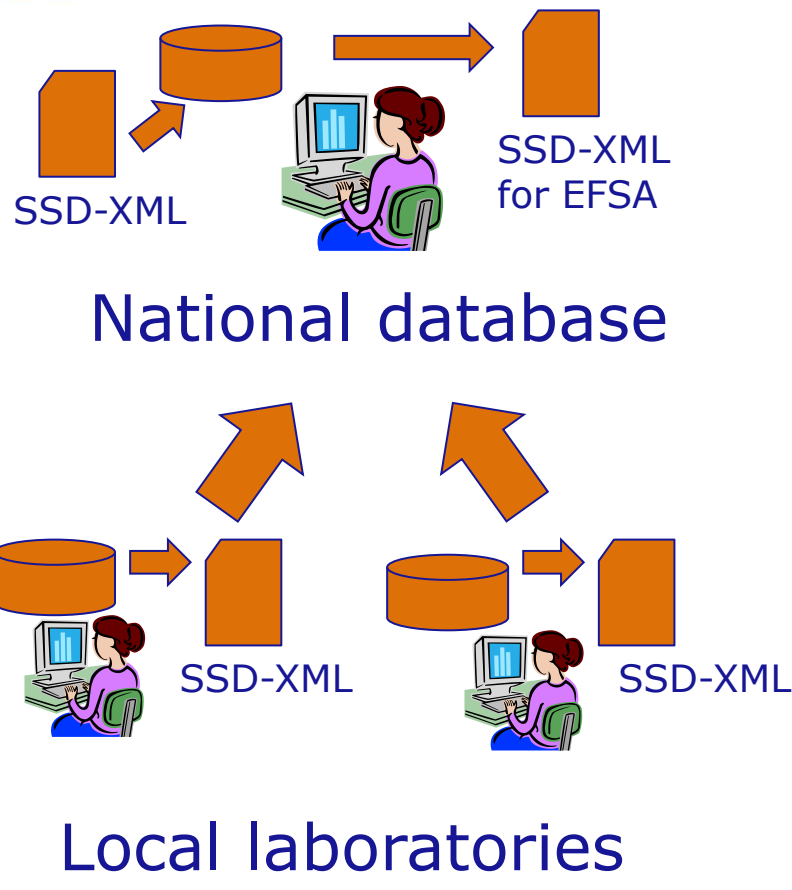
Data extraction and conversion



XML generation



Develop a tool for data-entry, data storage



Same data entry tool
used:

- In the local laboratories to perform data entry of analytical results
 - Data are exported in SSD-XML format
 - Data are imported at national level
 - Data are collated and exported for EFSA in SSD-XML format
- Approach used by Romania

Any questions?

- Thanks!