



Europe is what we make of it: Working together to ensure food safety

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KEEPING FOOD SAFE IN THE EU





ESTABLISHED
2002

HEADQUARTERS
in the **heart of Parma**

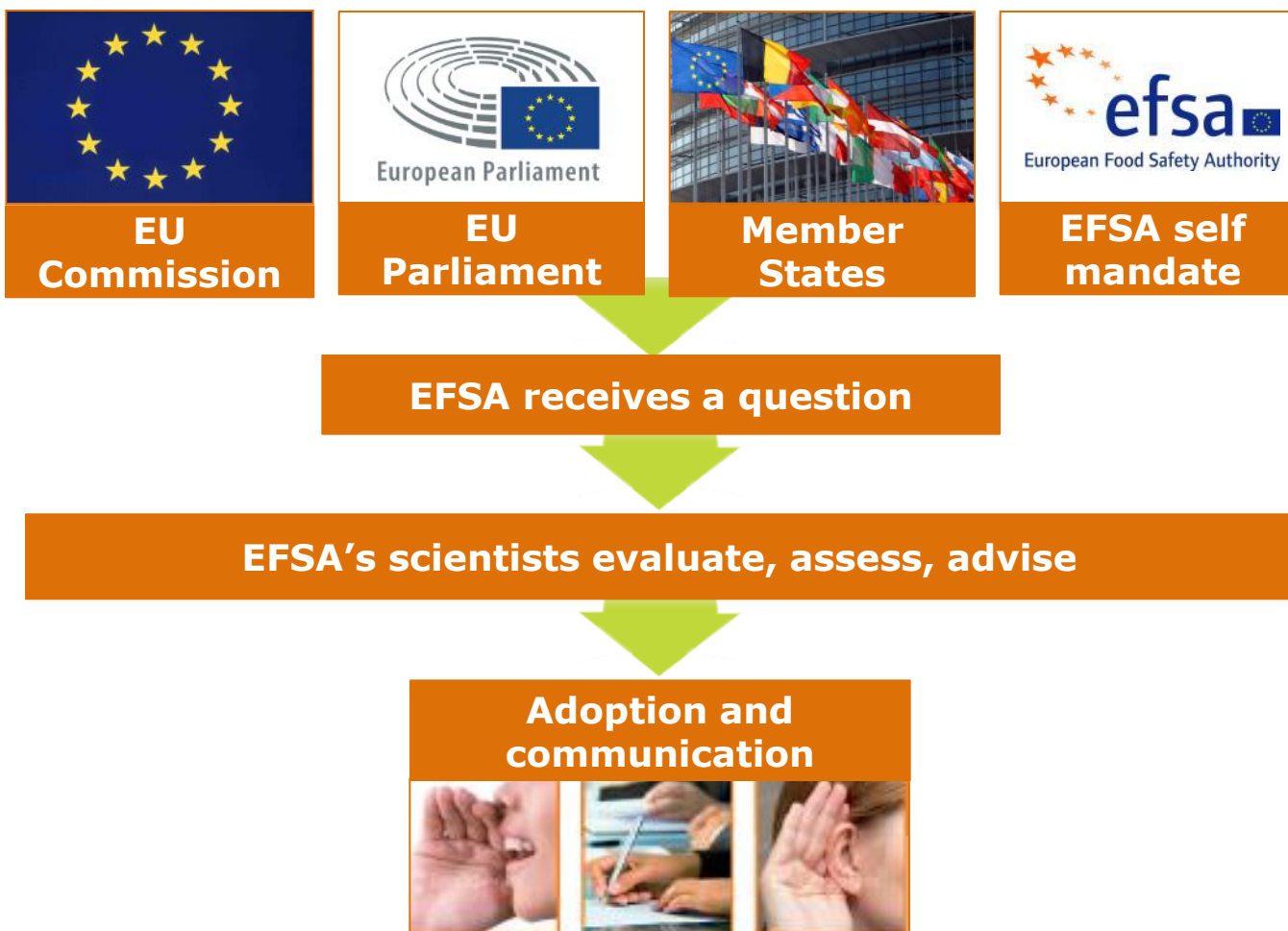
- > **450** staff
- > **1,500** experts
- ~**5,000** outputs /
500 a year



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



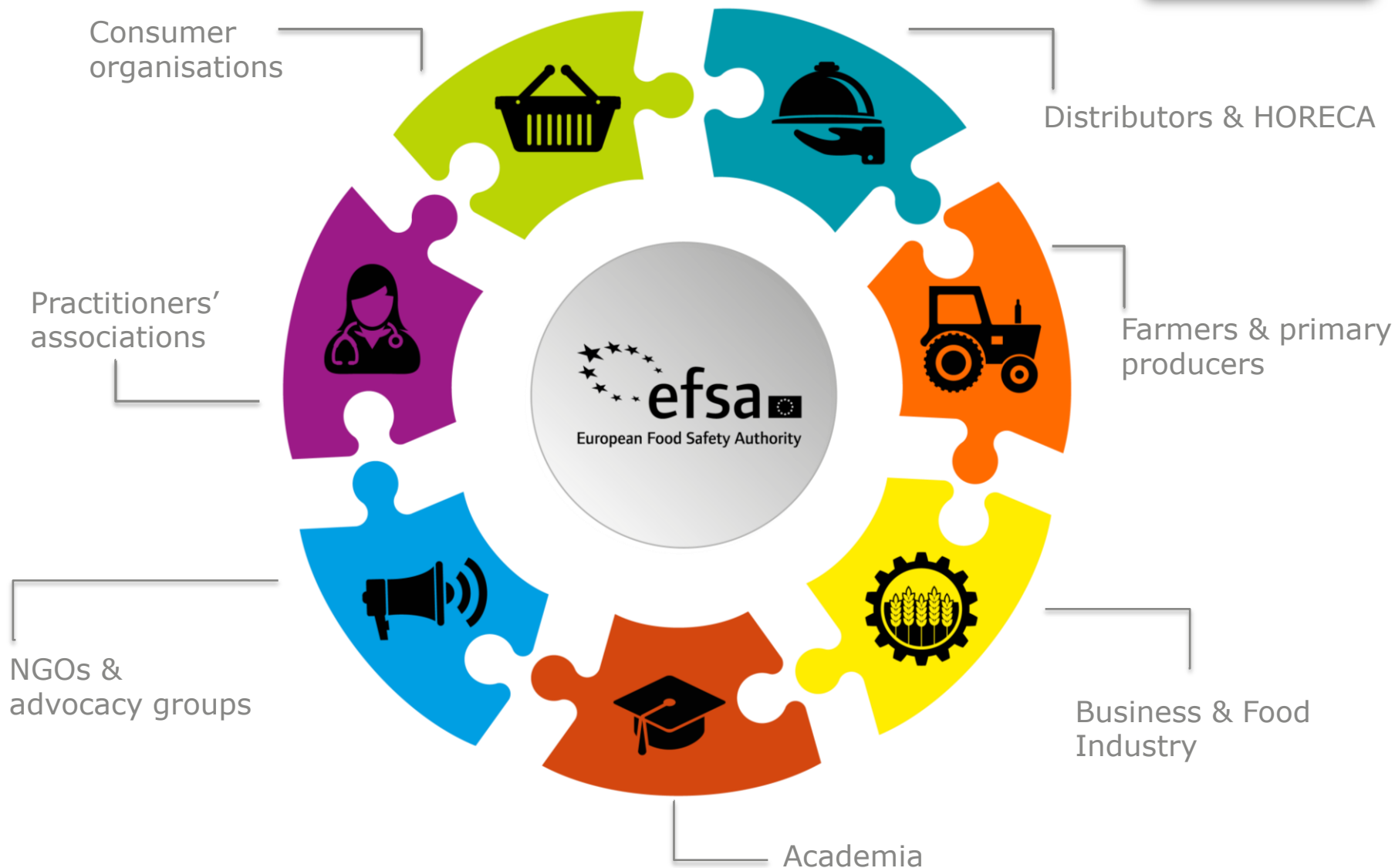
ADVISE



OUR STAKEHOLDERS



COMMUNICATE



SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION



COLLABORATE



**Individual
experts**



**National food
safety
organizations**



**International
organizations**



**Research
institutes &
academia**

TOOLS FOR THE JOB

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DATA



METHODS



PEOPLE
RISK ASSESSMENT EXPERTISE

DATA THE LIFEBLOOD OF RISK ASSESSMENT

Assessing exposure
for different

POPULATION GROUPS

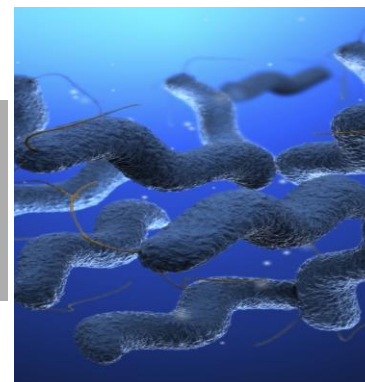


Monitoring

**PESTICIDE RESIDUES
LEVELS**

ZOONOSES

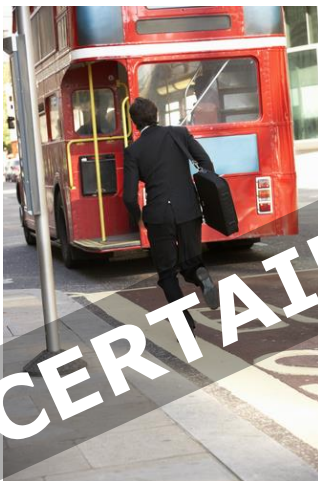
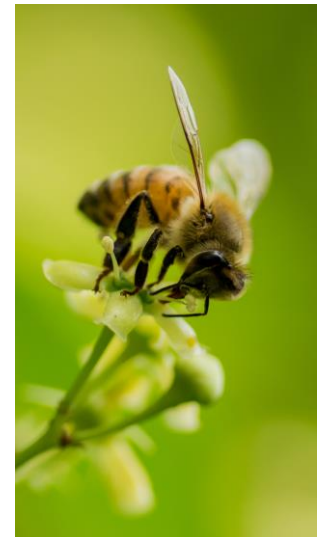
Data Collection



METHODOLOGY

APPLYING THE RIGHT METHOD

Assessing the safety of
NANOPARTICLES



UNCERTAINTIES

Combined risk factors for
BEEES' HEALTH

WHO'S BEHIND EFSA'S ACTIVITIES?



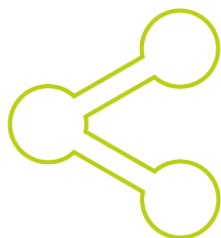
450 staff



1 Scientific Committee &
10 Panels



1500 experts



1 Advisory Forum &
15 Scientific Networks



400 Research
Institutes/Academia

EFSA'S SCIENTIFIC OUTPUTS



Advice on:

- Generic Health Issues
- Regulated Products
- Emerging Risks



Tools for Risk Assessment:

- Guidance
- Methods



Reports



EFSA'S STRATEGY 2020: VISION

Trusted science for safe food

Protecting consumers by providing independent scientific advice on risks in the food chain

Mission



ADVISE



COMMUNICATE



COLLABORATE



EFSA Strategy 2020

Trusted science for safe food

Protecting consumers' health with independent scientific advice on the food chain

NEW CHALLENGES AND THREATS



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

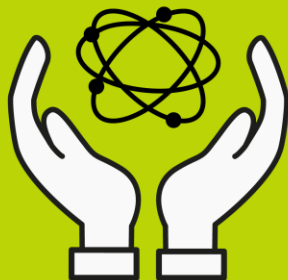


Antimicrobial resistance



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

HOW DO WE MEET THEM?



SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE



INNOVATION



COOPERATION



INDEPENDENCE



OPENNESS

EFSA'S STRATEGY 2020: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3

**Build the EU's scientific assessment
capacity and knowledge community**



EU Risk Assessment Agenda

through

Partnership

Joint projects

Sharing expertise



EU RISK ASSESSMENT AGENDA-THE WAY AHEAD

Priorities are defined and attained collaboratively - MS together with EFSA

Delphi study completed



Compendium of project ideas



Interested partners



EU Services & Agencies



WHY SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

Building further EU scientific assessment capacity and knowledge community

Sharing expertise
Working together



THE SCIENTIFIC PANELS

**Renewal in
2018
We need you!**



EFSA'S STAFF

*EFSA Strategy 2020:
Foster talent pool and
community knowledge*

Operational Objective	Expected outcomes	Implementing activities and outputs
Foster the growth of the EU and international risk assessment community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFSA, MS and international partners to cooperate closely to build a wider risk assessment community; • EU actions to be put in place towards capacity building and to attract EU risk assessment experts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperate with Member States and other stakeholders to foster a risk assessment talent pool and community of knowledge



VISITING PROFESSIONAL (STAFF EXCHANGE)

Transfer of knowledge and foster cooperation
between EFSA and its partners

Guest scientists

Fellowship

National experts in
professional
training

Seconded national
experts

- New Call launched in 2017

PhD exchange

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DEVELOP YOUR CAREER IN EFSA

A rewarding mission:

- be part of an organisation that works to keep Europe's food safe

Staff growth and development:

- opportunities to develop professionally

Multicultural work environment:

- work with experienced colleagues from all over Europe and beyond.

Healthy lifestyle and ... life in Parma

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR THE ORGANISATION



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