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**EFSA FOCAL POINT** 

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### **EFSA FOCAL POINTS...**

- EFSA focal points act as an interface between EFSA and national food safety authorities, research institutes and other stakeholders.
- FP network consist of representatives from the 28 EU member states, Iceland and Norway, as well as observers from the EU candidate countries (Albania, BiH, FYROM, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey).
- The BG EFSA FP team works in close cooperation with the National representative at EFSA Advisory forum and with the National representative at the EFSA Communication Expert Network (CEN).
- EFSA FPs meet 4 times per year, meetings managed by EFSA.
- Annual reporting of FP activities at EFSA.

#### **BG EFSA FOCAL POINT**

- The Bulgarian EFSA FP was established and started its activities in 2007 within the National Center for Public Health and Analysis, Ministry of Health;
- After the establishment of the Risk Assessment Center in 2011, it has been nominated for a BG EFSA Focal Point; in 2016 the Risk Assessment Center obtained a new statute and a new name – the BG EFSA FP still there;
- In December 2014 the Multi-annual FP grant agreement was signed for a 3 year period between the EFSA's head of AFSCO unit – Mr. Stef Bronzwaer, and the Director of RACFCH – prof. Boyko Likov;
- Multi-annual FP grant agreement may be extended up to 3 times before the start of the calendar year to which it relates.
- http://focalpointbg.com/

# **BG EFSA FOCAL POINT- WHO ARE WE**

• Dr. Donka Popova – Focal point



Dr. Eng. Snezhana Todorova – Alternate FP



• Dr. Silvia Peeva – expert

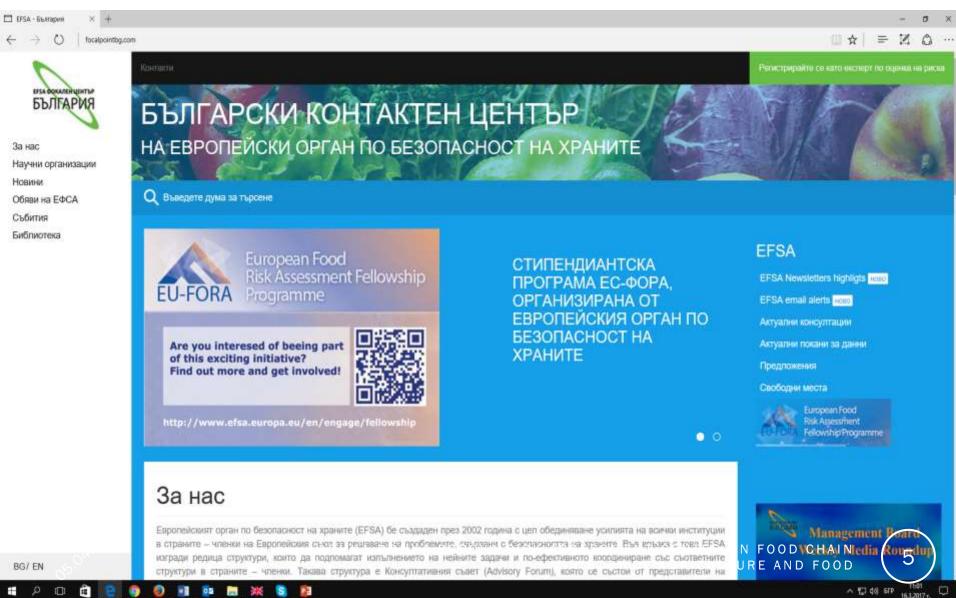


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# WEB PAGE OF BG EFSA FP:

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## TASKS OF THE BG EFSA FP

- 1. Creation and development of a national network of risk managers, research institutes, universities and interested organizations; up to now 26 interested scientific organizations;
- 2. Promotes the exchange of scientific information between EFSA and EU member states and beyond;
- 3. Supports the development and maintain of a database of national scientific experts;
- 4. Promotes EFSA's activities in Bulgaria, by dissemination of scientific information;
- 5. Annual BG EFSA FP conference;
- 6. Identifies and encourages the national scientific organizations to apply at the EFSA Article 36 list.

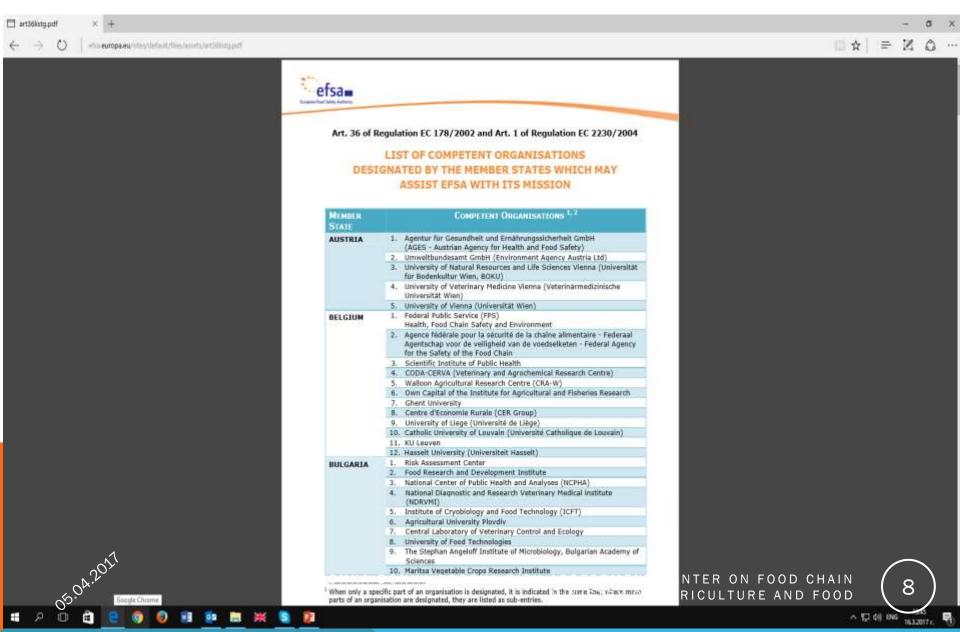
# ARTICLE 36 - REGULATION 178/2002

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety

'Networking of organizations operating in the fields within the Authority's mission

1. The Authority shall promote the European networking of organizations operating in the fields within the Authority's mission. The aim of such networking is, in particular, to facilitate a scientific cooperation framework by the coordination of activities, the exchange of information, the development and implementation of joint projects, the exchange of expertise and best practices in the fields within the Authority's mission.'

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- 14 BG scientific organizations so far approved into EFSA Art. 36 list;
- Risk Assessment Center on food chain under number 1 into EFSA Art. 36 list since 14 June 2012; currently in a process of update due to its new statute;
- 2 BG scientific organizations in a process of approval for inclusion into EFSA Art. 36 list.
- Application of BG scientific organizations for inclusion into EFSA Art. 36 list through the national focal point;
- Criteria for application into EFSA Art. 36 list laid down in detail at COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2230/2004 of 23 December 2004 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 with regard to the network of organizations operating in the fields within the European Food Safety Authority's mission;
- Guidelines for application developed by EFSA.

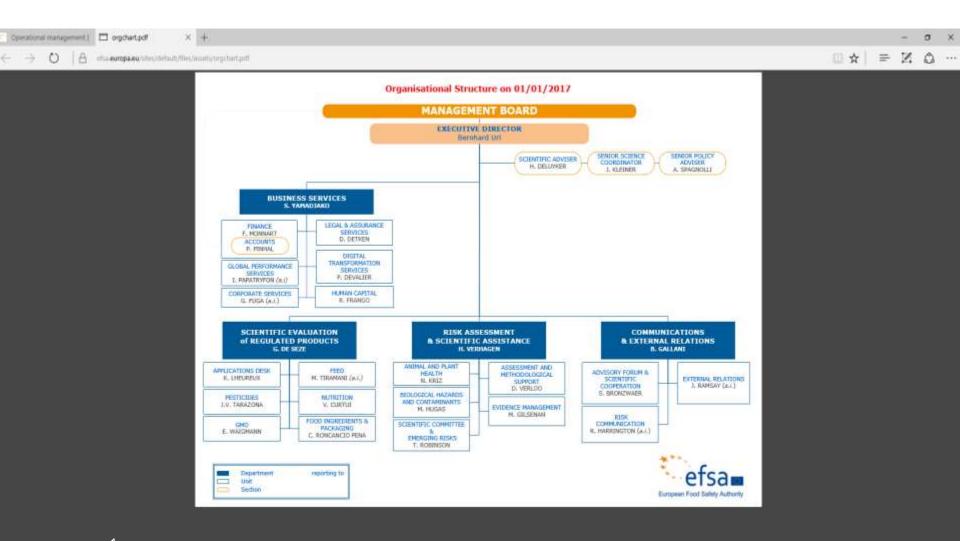
# COOPERATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 36 (REGULATION (EC) № 178/2002)

- Encourages organizations under EFSA Art. 36 list to update their profile in EFSA's database;
- Encourages organizations under EFSA Art. 36 list to apply for grants and procurements;
- Provision of information about events, EU projects, monthly reports of EFSA, etc., assignment of scientific opinions in the remit of RACFCH and EFSA;
- Regular meetings between the EFSA BG FP and the national research organizations from the RACFCH scientific network and those under EFSA Art. 36 list.

#### EFSA = EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

- Created in 2002 with the adoption of Regulation 178/2002, located in Parma, Italy;
- A key element of the EU for risk assessment and risk communication regarding food safety and animal feed;
- Provides independent scientific advice and support for EU risk managers and policy makers on food and feed safety
- Works in close cooperation with the national competent authorities, research institutes, academia and stakeholders;
- Does not carry out control activities and does not develop food safety policies and legislation.

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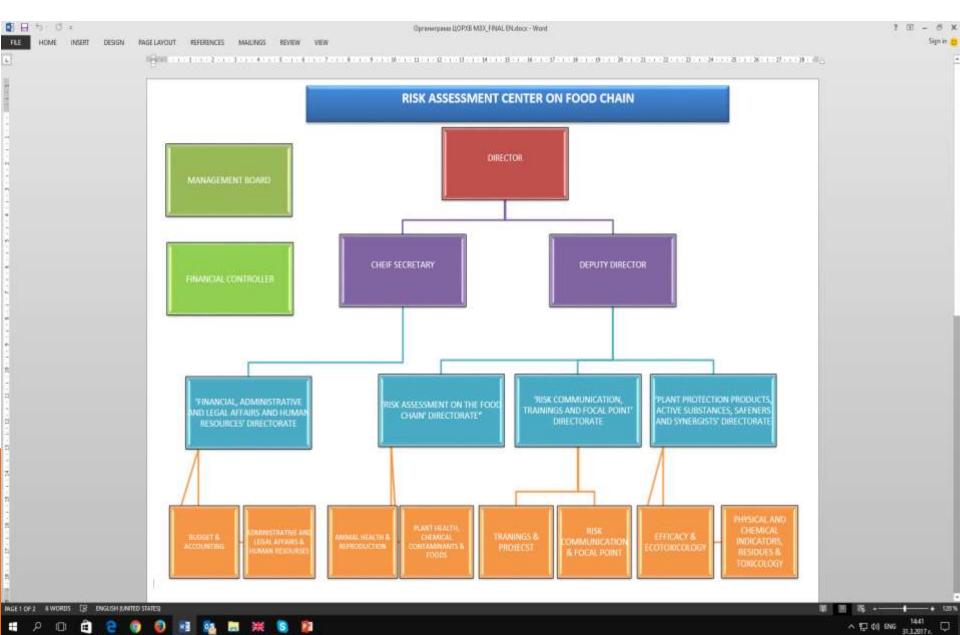






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# EFSA = RACFCH



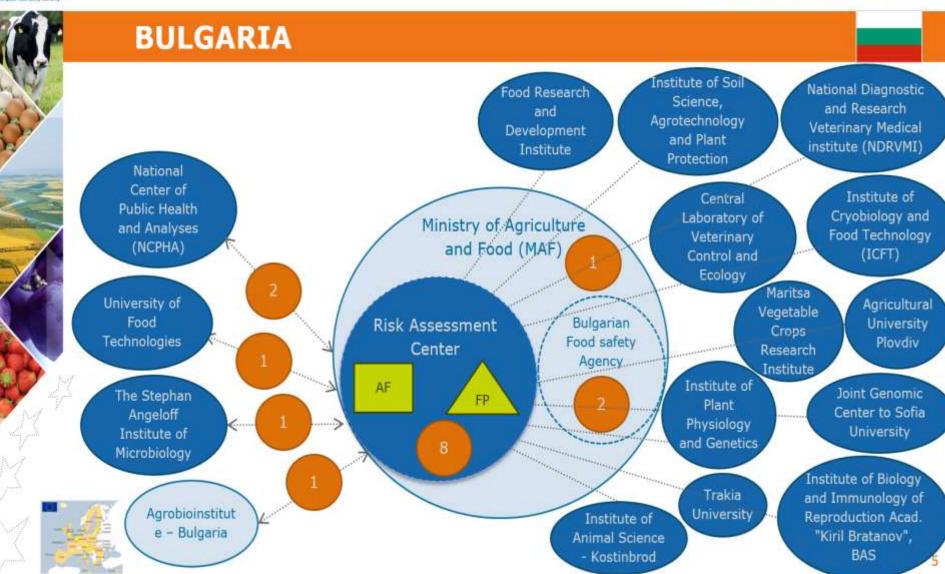
#### **COOPERATION WITH EFSA**

- RACFCH part of EFSA`s Article 36 list, currently in a process of update due to its new statute;
- National representative at EFSA Advisory forum (RACFCH);
- National EFSA focal point (RACFCH);
- National representative at the EFSA Communication Expert Network (MAF);
- National representatives of EFSA Scientific networks (mainly form RACFCH);
- Providing data chemical contaminants, pesticides, zoonoses;
- Distribution of EFSA scientific information;
- Contribution to EFSA scientific outputs FMD, LSD, Anthrax.

#### **COOPERATION WITH EFSA**



Strengthening National Networking



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