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# **Extension of EFSA Publishing Platform**

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# Reminder of Background



- Investigate whether extending EFSA's publishing capacity to include content from Member States & Art. 36 members is feasible and desirable
- Collaborate with national agencies and Article 36 members
- Align with requirements of Transparency Regulation, EFSA
   Strategy 2027 and Advisory Forum Partnerships philosophy
- Present a proposal to the Advisory Forum in 2021

### Research carried out in 2021



- Formation of Taskforce from national agencies, nominated experts
- Surveys of national agencies and Article 36 members
- Investigation of types of publications available, language, copyright etc.
- Discussions on feasibility with Wiley in the context of new contract
- Align with WG on Knowledge Junction

#### Outcomes in a nutshell



- High level of favourability among respondents
- Opportunity to create a valuable repository to benefit the community
- Wiley is prepared to create a new channel with similar functionality to EFSA Journal
- EFSA would fund and coordinate the channel
- A revised Editorial Advisory Board (EAB) with new ToRs would have a key governance role
- Preprints not seen as a priority but should not be ruled out in future

# **Expected benefits for community**





### **Community building**

- Knowledge exchange
- Collaboration
- Sustainability



#### **Standardization**

- Metadata
- Format
- English abstracts

### **Visibility & impact**

- Credit for agencies, scientists
- Discoverability
- Database coverage



- Avoid duplication
- Single, searchable repository
- Alerts, personalization





# Potential risks & mitigations



# Poor uptake or usage

- Promotional campaigns
- FPs, EU channels, Wiley
- Central EU initiatives in open science etc.

# Resource intensive

- Limit content initially, start small
- Outsource routine aspects as necessary

# Quality

- Role of new Editorial Advisory Board
- Clear definition of channel objectives and selection criteria
- Endorsement by Wiley

### Technical solution





EFSA Library

Search

Login / Register

@EUEnvironment @EMA\_News @EU\_ScienceHub



# Resources



	Publishing costs	Total costs	Operational FTE <sup>2</sup>
Setup	EUR 10 k new channel setup	EUR 19 k	0.4 (2022)
	EUR 9 k improved navigation		
Back-file load + running costs	EUR 15 k EUR 25 k translation service	EUR 40 k	0.3 (2022)
Running costs	EUR 15 k EUR 25 k translation service	EUR 40 k	0.5 (2023 and subsequent years)

# Outline of proposed next steps



Action required	Timing	
Consultation with current Editorial Advisory Board	December 2021	
	(scheduled meeting)	
Roadmap on channel construction agreed with	January 2022	
Wiley		
Consultation begins on composition and ToRs of	January 2022	
new Board		
Composition and ToRs agreed	February 2022	
New Board first meeting	March 2022	
New channel completed on Wiley	April 2022	
Promotional campaign begins	April 2022	
First content is received	May-June 2022	
Testing phase	July-August	
Launch and further promotion	September 2022	
Monitoring via regular Board meetings, metrics etc.	Ongoing	

# Decisions required



### The Advisory Forum is kindly asked to:

- Raise any questions on the feasibility report that members may have;
- Discuss the issues at the Dec 1 meeting;
- Based on the discussions, decide on whether to ask EFSA to proceed as proposed

# Thank you to:



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