

A new future for

ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT

EFSA is embarking on a major project that will transform the way we carry out environmental risk assessment (ERA) in the European Union and...

**we need your help to
make it happen**

The present

► In the EU, the ERA of regulated products – such as pesticides, genetically modified organisms, feed additives, biocides, and pharmaceuticals – is typically performed on a single substance basis, for a specific type of use.

The future

The aim of the “Building a European Partnership for ERA (PERA)” project is to facilitate the transition to more integrated (also called systems-based) ERA by developing an overarching platform that:

- **Connects** the different ERA actors, such as national competent authorities/agencies, EU Member States, EU agencies, policy makers, scientists and researchers.
- **Promotes** the development of new/complementary tools and methods for risk assessment.
- **Fosters and facilitates** the sharing of data, knowledge and expertise, and the establishment of an EU-wide cross-disciplinary network of risk assessors and risk managers.
- **Improves** efficiency and transparency.

What you can do

We are currently developing a roadmap for action with an external consortium, led by the University of Coimbra in Portugal and composed by several research and regulatory institutions, and we want to make sure that it reflects the broadest possible range of opinions.

As a first step in the development of the roadmap, we are reaching out to all interested parties to get their views, insights and advice.

If you would like to take part in an interview or workshop, please contact us at: jps@zoo.uc.pt and help us move towards systems-based, integrated ERA in the EU.

EFSA is the keystone of EU risk assessment regarding food and feed safety. In close collaboration with national authorities and in open consultation with its stakeholders, EFSA provides independent scientific advice and clear communication on existing and emerging risks.

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