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Update – AF SG on the new FP operational framework

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Agenda



Terms of Reference of the AFSG



Vision, Mission & Goals of the FP network of the future



Tailor-made areas of work



Next steps

AF Steering Group on FP Review



- ❖ **Mandate:** discuss and shape the new operational framework of the FP Network
- ❖ **Composition:** Austria, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Kosovo* (observer)
- ❖ **Chairing:** Netherlands + EFSA
- ❖ **Duration:** The AFSG will carry-out its activities from February until July 2022
- ❖ **Reporting:** AF and FP plenaries in 2022 + written procedure as needed
- ❖ **Working methodology:** The AFSG is meeting at least twice per month (every 2 Mondays)

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

ToR - Deliverables

- ❖ **Deliverable 1: ToR** of the AFSG – to be drafted by the AFSG during February 2022 and shared with AF ahead of the **83rd Advisory Forum Meeting** for **endorsement** during the Plenary;
- ❖ **Deliverable 2: Draft FP operational framework for the FP network** and **outline** of the agreement – to be prepared during **Q2 2022** and presented to the 48th FP meeting (18-19 May 2022) and 84th AF meeting (8-9 June 2022);
- ❖ **Deliverable 3: Final adoption** of a new operational Framework for the FP Network (based on flexibility – to address MSs diversity and inclusivity, a model which does not leave anyone behind delivering benefits for all, through tailor-made solutions); and an outline of the **future FP agreements** -to be endorsed by the AF by end of **July 2022**.

Table of content - ToR

TOPIC 1

Defining the overarching model for the multi-annual framework

Vision ✓

Type of model ✓

Identifying MS actions to adapt to a new framework

TOPIC 2

Defining the activities

FP network positioning within EFSA's environment/areas of impact

Identifying unique activities ✓

Identifying additional (existing and/or new) areas of activities ✓

Detail the description of activities and expected results/output/outcome indicators and identify redundant activities ✓

TOPIC 3

Looking at the financial instrument (challenges & opportunities)

Funding tools

Allocation of resources and revision of the financial ceilings (e.g. per activity/per country...)

Reflecting on deliverables, KPIs and indicators

TOPIC 4

Strengthening the Focal Point Network and awareness raising

Ensuring the support and full recognition of the host of the FP

Vision & Mission of the FP network of the future

Vision

A **fit-for-purpose** and **sustainable** network of national Focal Points working together with their national relevant actors and actors of the EU/EEA Member States and observer countries and in partnership with EFSA, to contribute to a **resilient food safety system** in Europe.

Mission

National Focal Points act as **connecting hubs** between EFSA and their relevant national actors and actors of the EU/EEA Member States and observer countries. Within a changing and increasingly complex environment and to respond to the ambitions of the EU Green Deal, Focal Points address EFSA and national needs and priorities to contribute to a **cohesive food safety system** in Europe. In this regard, Focal Points use the opportunities brought by the **Transparency Regulation** in order to foster **partnerships**.

Goals

- FPs are recognised as **connecting hubs** between EFSA and national actors by MS authorities and through integration in EFSA processes.
- FPs evolve into **well-established** and **sustainable functions** with access to a wide range of capabilities and expertise across different national organisations.
- FPs **foster partnerships** with relevant organisations to ensure a more **cohesive** and **sustainable food safety system** in Europe.
- FPs **support** and **facilitate risk assessment** and **risk communication** processes within countries, between countries and with EFSA through knowledge exchange, scientific cooperation and capacity building.

Model

- ✓ **Multiannual**
- ✓ **Flexible**
- ✓ **Mandatory task + flexible selectable tasks**
- ✓ **Cluster approach**
 - ✓ Early Identification of FP Competences
 - ✓ Support in MS recruitment



Topics / Areas of Work

Scientific production including risk assessment	Data	Risk communication
Research	Engagement of national institutions and experts	Knowledge and information management
Collaboration and partnership	Capacity building	Networking

Next Steps

April

AFSG will contribute and finalise **goals** for the new Focal Point Framework

May

AFSG will conclude the discussion on **topics /areas** and **activities** that will be included within the new framework

May

AFSG will also discuss the **financial instrument** with the support of EFSA colleagues working in this area

End of May

Finalisation of the work of the group in **May**, during a **physical meeting** in Parma around the planned CEN/FP workshop

DISCUSSION



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