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EFSA Scientific Committee Work-programme 2022-2024

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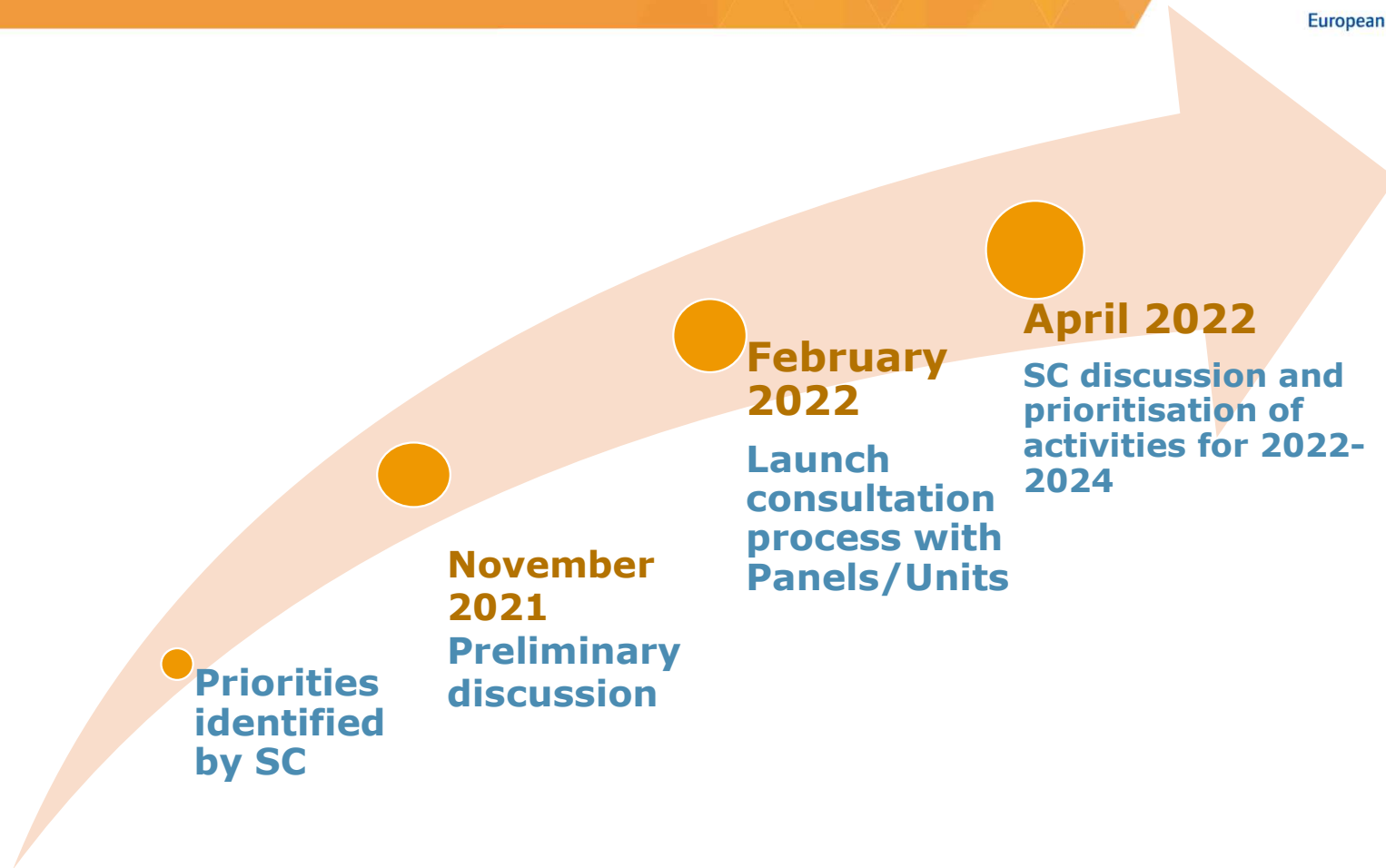
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Role and responsibilities of the SC

- **General coordination necessary to ensure the consistency of the scientific opinion procedure, in particular with regard to the adoption of working procedures and harmonisation of working methods**
- **Opinions on multisectoral issues falling within the competence of more than one Scientific Panel, and on issues which do not fall within the competence of any of the Scientific Panels**
- **It ensures the appropriate coordination between the work programme of EFSA's Scientific Panels to avoid the risk for the adoption of divergent scientific opinions**
- **It draws attention to any specific or emerging issue falling within its remit.**

Work-programme Scientific Committee




Ongoing WG activities

WG	Chair	Status	Timeline
 Cross-cutting WG on Benchmark Dose	Josef Schlatter	Updating of the guidance	March 2022: public consultation July 2022: adoption
 Cross-cutting WG Nano	Jose Tarazona (EFSA)	Advice to panels/units. Support to MS (Nano network).	Continuous proc. Stakeholders workshop to be held in Q1 2022.
 Cross-cutting WG on Genotoxicity	Diane Benford	Advice to panels/units on critical genotox data	Ongoing support
 Cross-cutting WG on Uncertainty	Fulvio Barizzone (EFSA)	Advice to panels/units on how to address uncertainties I risk assessment	Ongoing support
WG Botanicals and botanical preparations	Alexis Nathanail (EFSA)	Finalisation of the Compendium of botanicals	End 2023

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SC WG Fluoride	Thor Halldorsson	EC Mandate – opinion on risk assessment of fluoride	30 September 2023
SC WG Copper	Jean-Charles Leblanc	EC Mandate – opinion on risk assessment of copper Possible endorsement for PC in April 2022	Adoption December 2022
SC WG Read Across	Susanne Hougaard Bennekou	Development of a cross-cutting guidance	December 2024
SC WG Risk Benefit Assessment	Maged Younes	Scientific Colloquium 15-17 February 2022, Guidance under development	December 2023
SC WG synthetic biology	Pier Sandro Cocconcelli	EC mandate – draft opinion PC in March	Adoption July 2022
SC WG Protocol Development	Thor Halldorsson	Preparation of guidance document	December 2023

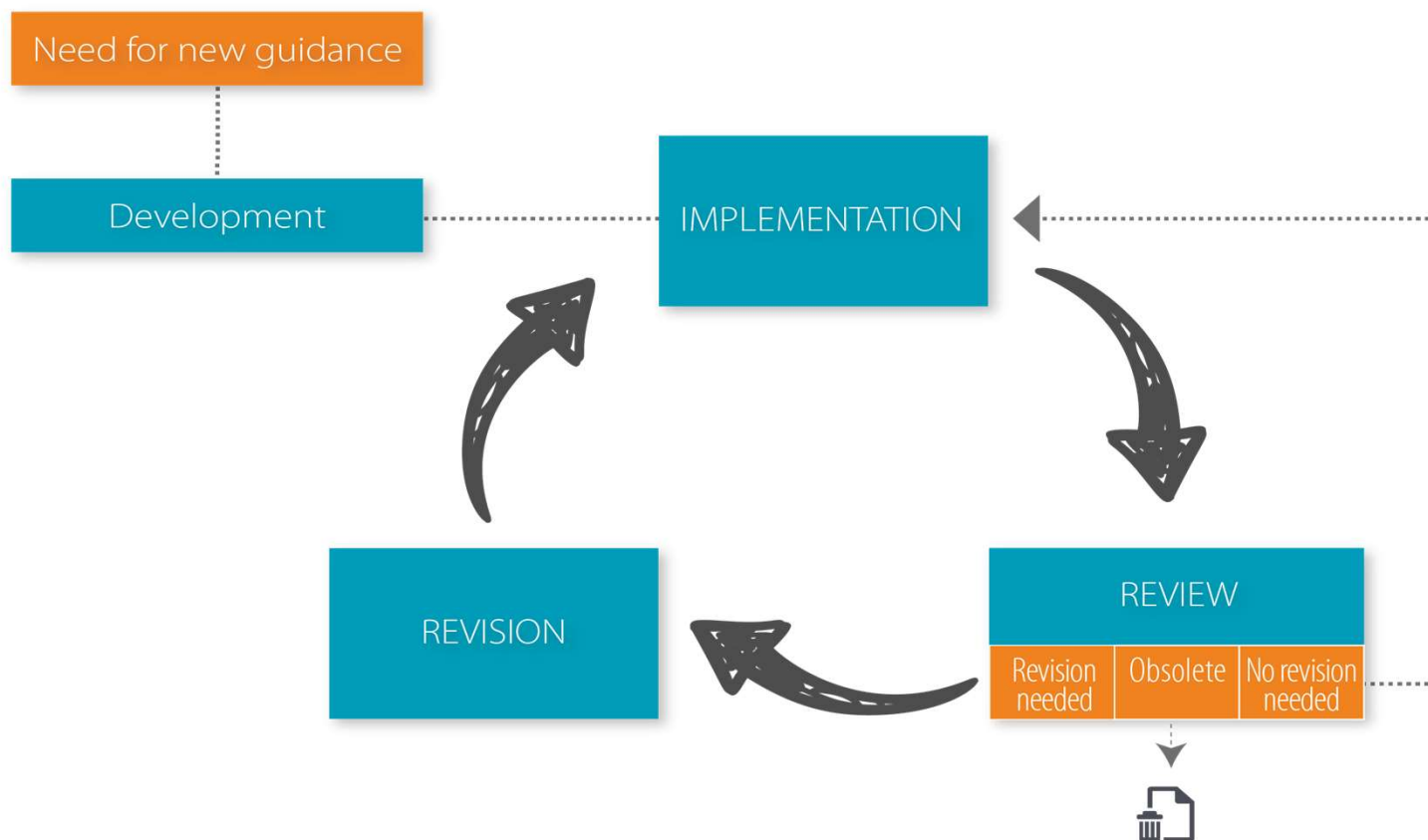
Network activities

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<p data-bbox="71 667 478 873">Network on Risk Assessment of Nanotechnologies in Food and Feed (NANO)</p> 	<p data-bbox="541 721 926 760">Jose Tarazona (EFSA)</p>	<p data-bbox="1016 711 1444 1036">Ongoing MS participation to exchange information and achieve synergies. Facilitate harmonization of methodologies. To provide expertise in certain areas.</p>	<p data-bbox="1491 667 1942 829">Continuous activity. Yearly technical report published, summarizing activities.</p>

New activities identified by the SC

WG	Status	Timeline
WG Epidemiological studies	Revision of comments and update of the document with panel-specific sections. Public Consultation to be done.	To be initiated in 2022. Finalisation by end of 2023-beg 2024.
WG MUST B - ApisRAM	Several actions needed as follow up activities.	To be initiated in 2022. Various activities to be finalised by 2026.
SC WG on Biomarkers of effect	There is a need to incorporate information on latest scientific and technical developments.	To be further discussed

Cross cutting guidance lifecycle



Revision on cross-cutting guidance

WG	Status	Timeline
Guidance on Expert Knowledge Elicitation (2014)	Discussed in 2021 and update agreed.	To be further discussed
Revision of the guidance on the margin of exposure approach (MoE) (2005)	Discussed and agreement for revision at the 106 th SC Plenary. Last version in 2005, there is a need to incorporate information on latest scientific and technical developments.	To be further discussed
Revision of the Guidance on default values to be used in the absence of actual measured data (2012)	Collect info from Panels/Units and discussion at the 108 th SC plenary, April 2022.	To be further discussed

Next steps

March 2022:
Consultation with the Units/Panels on their needs and suggestions.

April 2022:
Discussion at SC plenary and prioritisation exercise

- **Finalised workprogramme 2022-2024 will be communicated to relevant stakeholders (e.g. AF, DG Sante, sister agencies)**



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Re-launch of literature reviews Framework Contract

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- conduct or support EFSA in conducting full or parts of **Systematic Literature Reviews** (SRs) (includes extensive literature searches - **ELS**)
- conduct or support EFSA in conducting **narrative literature reviews**
- conduct or support EFSA in conducting **scoping literature reviews**
- Reviewing, assessing and appraising the quality of **already conducted reviews**

Contract practical details

- Multiple Framework Contract in **cascade**
- Maximum 10 contractors
- **4 M euros, 4 years**
- Launch: 23/03/2022
- **Closing date: 30/05/2022**
- Evaluation: June-July 2022
- Contract signature: Est. July 2022

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