



Scientific Network on Food Contact Material (FCM)

# New operational framework for Focal Point Network

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# Focal Points Milestones



**2008**  
Focal Point  
network  
established



**2014**  
Management  
Board  
entrusts FP  
with new  
tasks



**2015**  
ED visits to  
MS facilitated



**2016**  
EU-FORA  
Programme  
promoted



**2019**  
List of  
competent  
organisation  
(Art. 36)  
revised



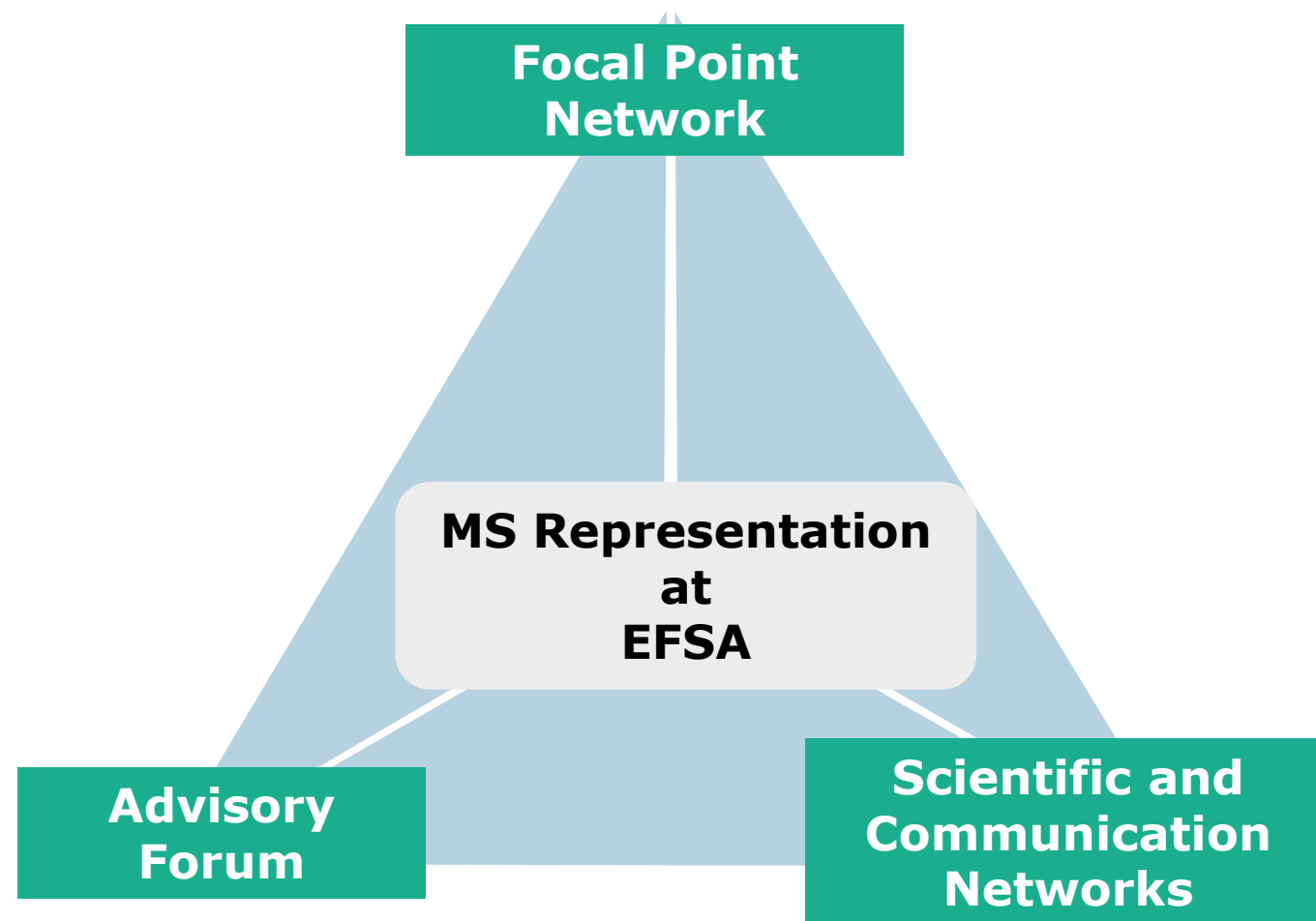
**2021-  
2022**  
FP review

# Drivers for change

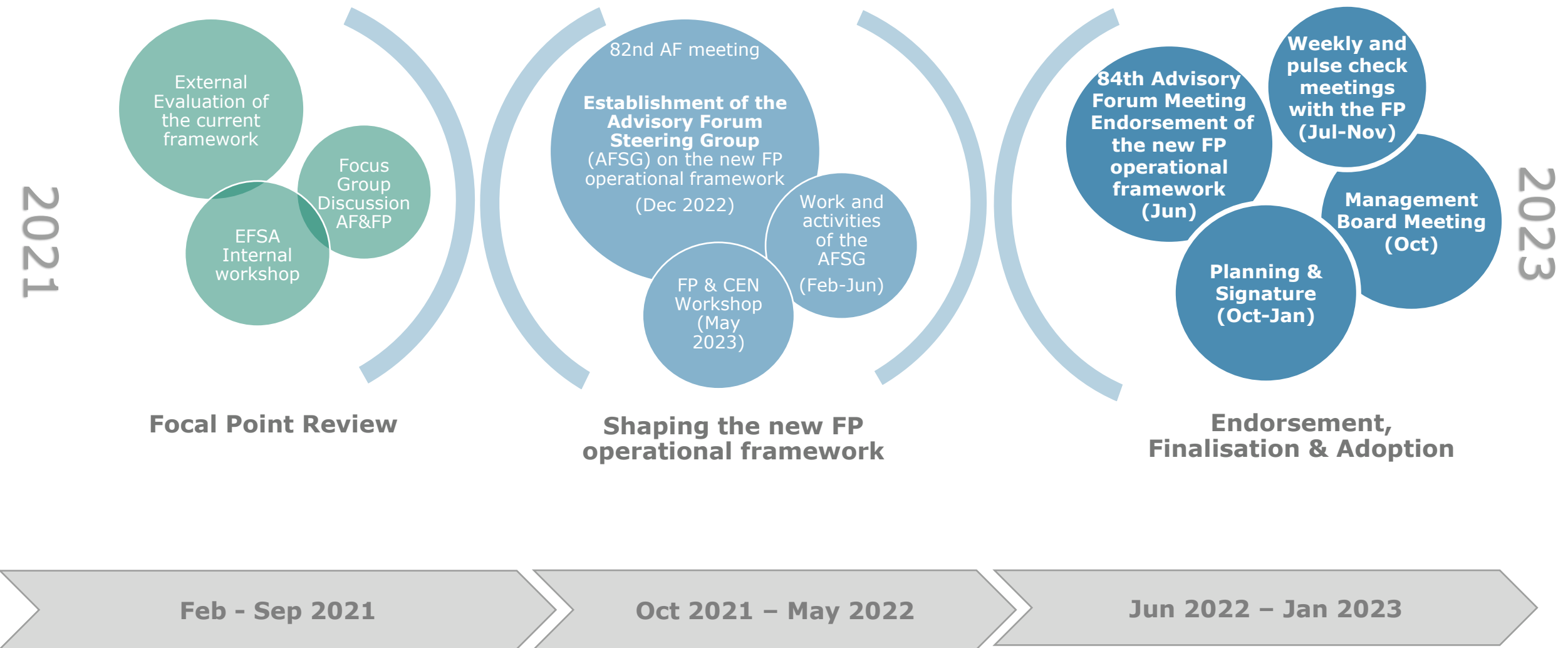
Transparency  
Regulation

EFSA Strategy 2027

- ▶ New domains for FP activities
- ▶ Increase in EFSA budget
- ▶ MS membership in EFSA's MB
- ▶ Ecosystem vision for Partnerships



# The process



# Strategic Orientation

## 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**.

## Multiannual

**5-year Framework**  
Partnership Agreement  
signed with the FP  
institution of all 27 MS +  
2 EEA countries

## Flexible

Choice of activities

**Principal activities +  
tailor-made**

Different implementation  
timeframes

**Around 5 main areas of work:**

## Tailor-made

**Specific activities** relevant  
for MS-EFSA

Tailor-made activities might  
**evolve, adapt and new  
activities** can be added

**Collaboration among MS**  
on specific project is at the  
core of the model

# 5 areas of work

Knowledge and  
information  
management and  
support to scientific  
production

Engagement,  
collaboration and  
partnerships

Capacity building

Data

Risk Communication

# Framework Partnership Agreement

Framework Partnership Agreement



Specific Grant Agreement -  
Tailor-made  
2 years (e.g. data)

Specific Grant Agreement -  
Principal activities  
1 year

Specific Grant Agreement - Tailor-made  
5 years (e.g. EEL)





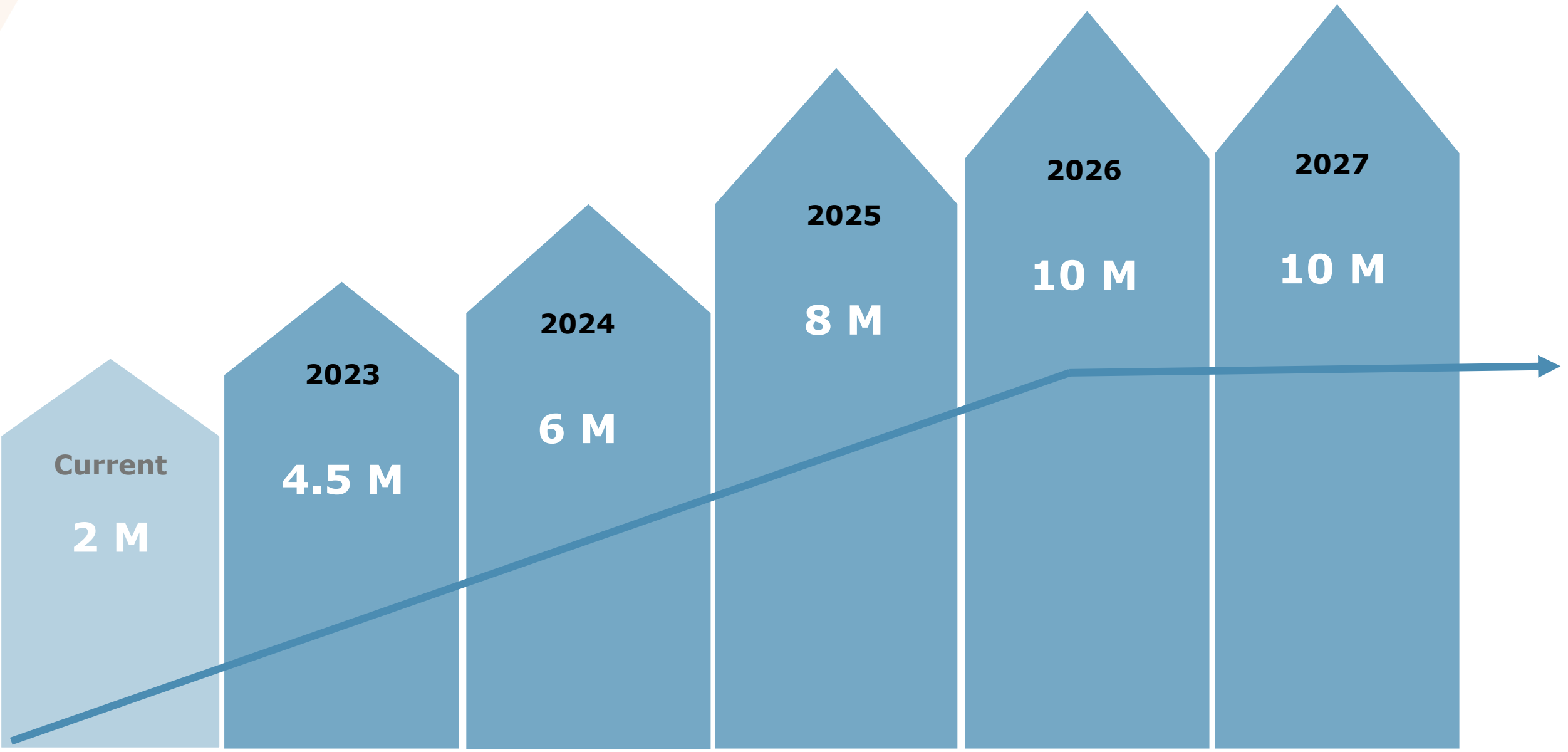
## Principal activities

- **Main activities** of the FP function
- **Constant list** throughout the entire framework
- **Same for all** countries with possibility to choose
- Possibility of subcontracting for identified activities

## Tailor-made part

- Specific activities identified by EFSA/MS addressing **country-based priorities**
- The **implementation timeframe might differ** from the one of the principal activities
- It can be implemented by single countries and/or **groups of interested countries** collaborating on a specific topic of interest
- It might envisage leading countries and participating countries
- It can change over the years

# Road to 2027





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