



**Working document on proposals, based on discussions during the meeting, for possible follow up in terms of scientific cooperation and future activities (including research)**

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# THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FIP SCIENTIFIC NETWORK

## The FIP Scientific network in operation since 2014 to

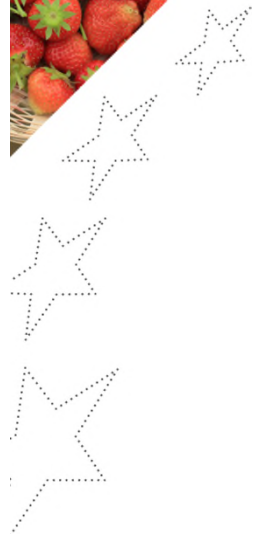
- **enhances cooperation between scientists involved in risk assessment to support and harmonize risk assessment practices in specific sectors;**
  - **shares information and experience as well as to establish thematic work programmes and active communication between risk assessors;**
- has already achieved through three yearly meetings considerable results in promoting the exchange of information and experience and in identifying several issues of common interest which may promote future collaborations.**




## A SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE

**An important confirmation of the success of the FIP Network has been the decision of the Advisory Board to extend the mandate for three additional years.**

**The main suggestion for the future is to be more active in promoting joint projects including the exchange of junior scientists among MS.**



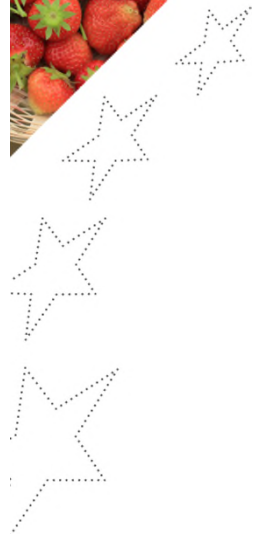
## SHARING RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS

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- **Sharing EFSA Risk assessment tools with Member States:**
    - (i) **Benchmark Dose (BMD) modelling and computational toxicology and modelling tools;**
    - (ii) **EFSA Document Management System (DMS); and**
    - (iii) **EFSA Comprehensive database.**
  - **Training is offered to interested MS representatives to facilitate collaborations.**
  - **Similar approaches apply to relevant databases available in some Member States or intergovernmental Organizations (i.e. CoE).**
  - **Obviously, sharing assessment tools also offer an opportunity to contributing to issues of common interest.**




## THE EC DG SANTE ACTIVITIES; UPDATE ON EC FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS BASELINE STUDY

- **The availability in a couple of months of the JRC baseline study to support the EC in mapping the situation in the EU MS concerning non-harmonized FCMs in relation to existing regulations and market overview is very important and opens the way to a new phase in which the EC will take further steps such as the English translations of national legislation and deep consideration of many open questions.**
- **For instance, the possibility of more effectively and directly comparing national legislations may actually promote reflections on specific collaboration needs.**



## MIGRATION TESTING GUIDELINES FOR NON – PLASTIC FCM



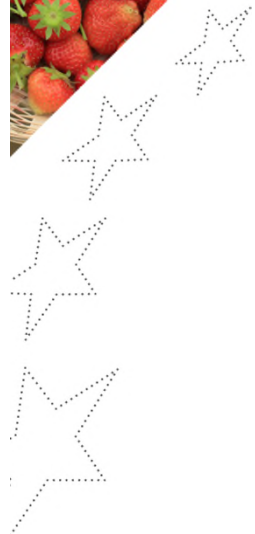
**Very interesting testing projects/strategies concerning the migrations from different specific materials were presented by some MS representatives together with the Industry view on the applications of plastic testing conditions/methodology to non plastic FCMs.**

**This is clearly a priority area that may substantially benefit from future constructive collaboration among different partners, including the industrial sector and scientific institutions.**



## MIGRATION TESTING GUIDELINES FOR NON – PLASTIC FCM

**With the aim of promoting harmonization, Member States with more experience in specific sectors could, for instance, produce and make available for the consideration of other MS a common proposal for migration testing of a specific material together with identified needs for research needs. Such an approach may facilitate the availability of European research grants.**



## NIAS

**A high priority applies to NIAS which may migrate from different materials and objects. Very interesting presentations were offered by several MS and EFSA representatives.**

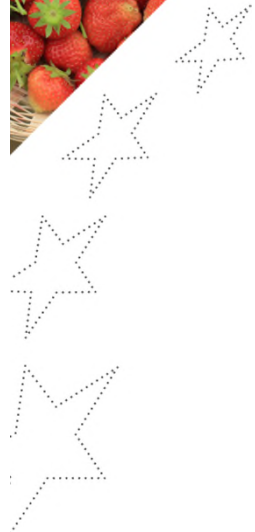
**While a future collaborative activity on Risk assessment guidance will take place in the already planned future activity of the CEF Panel, very important additional collaborative tasks deal with the development of:**

- **a database on the NIAS identified/evaluated as migrating from different food packaging materials; and**
- **analytical methodologies and other approaches to evaluate human exposure.**



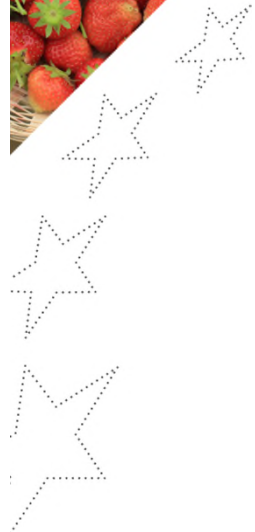
## COMPILATION OF MEMBER STATES PROJECTS/ RESEARCHES (DMS)

- **Proposal for a format and a procedure to list on going and future projects/ research for general information and promote adhesion and collaboration.**
- **Support from Member States representatives for this very useful tool would be highly welcomed.**



## MS COOPERATION ON SAFETY EVALUATIONS

**The on-going collaboration between Germany and Switzerland is an encouraging example of a successful joint evaluation procedure of specific substances.**



## OVERALL CONCLUSION

**The main suggestion for the future is to be more in active in working together through promotion of joint projects.**

