



EFSA

Trusted science for safe food

Stakeholder Forum
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EFSA MISSION AND “STRAPLINE”

To contribute to the safety of the EU food chain by providing scientific advice to risk managers, by communicating on risks to the public, and by cooperating with Member States and other parties to deliver a coherent, **trusted food safety system** in the EU

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EFSA Strategy 2020

Trusted science for safe food

Protecting consumers' health with independent scientific advice on the food chain



EFSA 2020 STRATEGY

Strategic Objective 1: prioritise public and stakeholder engagement in the process of scientific assessment

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Bringing citizens closer to EFSA, its science, the EU

↑
Citizens are informed of internal processes

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Have access to and understand EFSA output (data, methods)

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Can be engaged in EFSA scientific advice process

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Have an increased understanding of Regulator actions

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Outputs/decisions are legitimised and **TRUSTED**

EFSA JOURNEY TO "OPEN EFSA"

2014

EFSA consults widely its stakeholders to learn about their expectations

2015

Requests expressed by stakeholders are translated in measures to be applied to the Risk Assessment cycle

2015

Measures are assessed for their internal/external impact

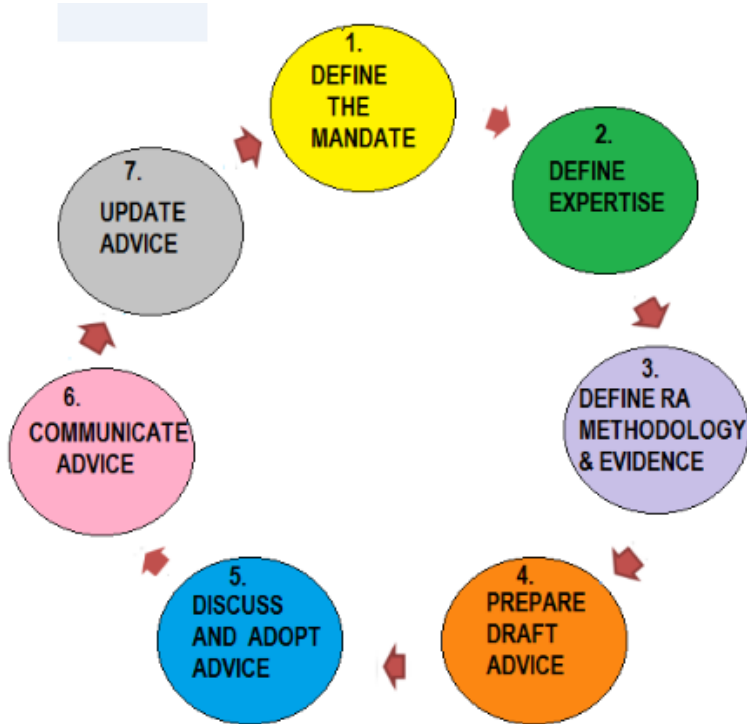
2016

Final measures implementation plan is endorsed

2020

Rolling out implementation plan

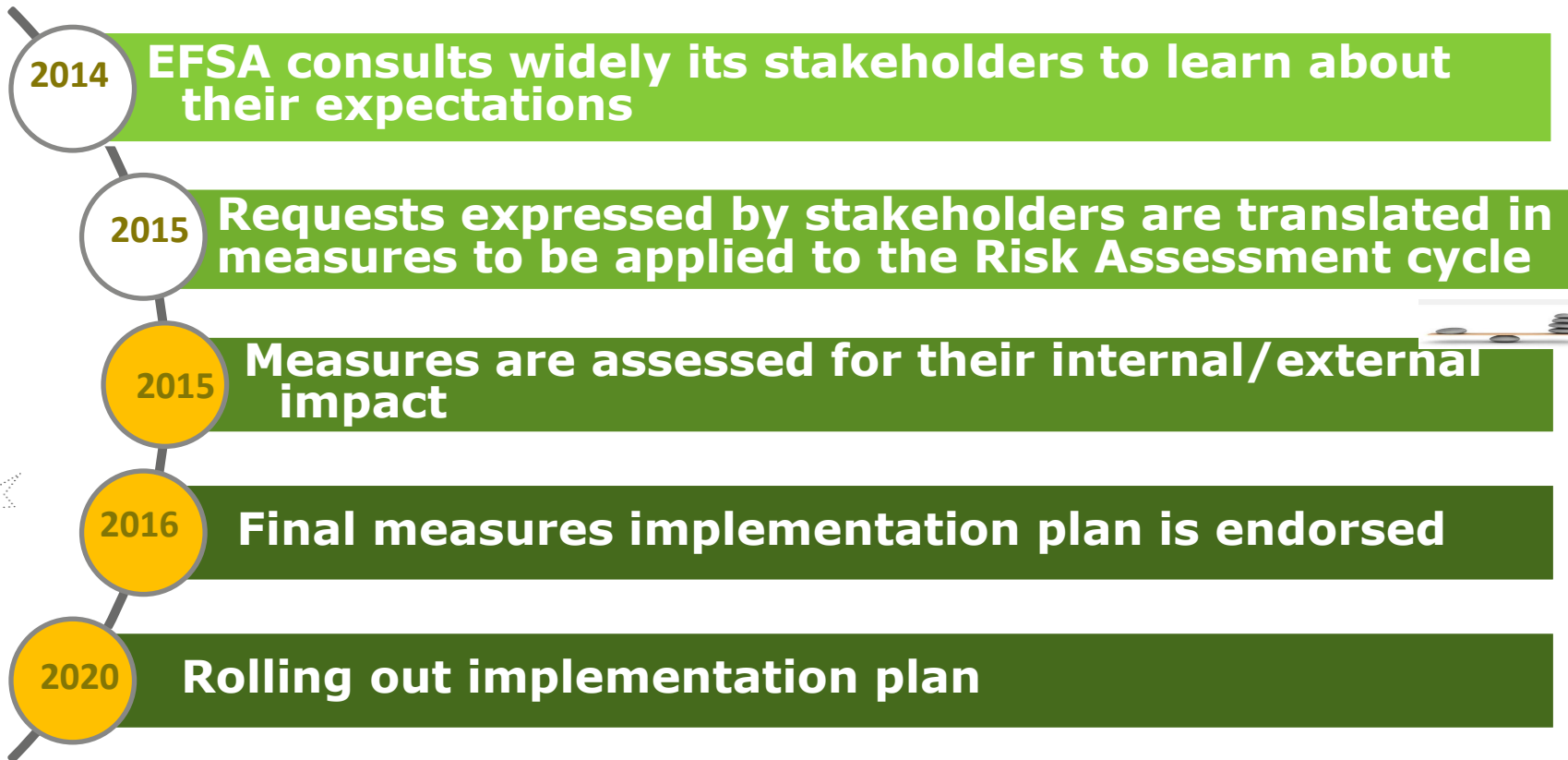
CONSULTATION PHASE RESULTS



- ✓ **35 MEASURES AIMING AT INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AND ENGAGEMENT IN THE SCIENTIFIC PROCESS**
- ✓ **APPLICABLE TO DIFFERENT STEPS OF EFSA SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT CYCLE**



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IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- **EXPECTED BENEFITS**
(for ESFA, for SHs...)



- **WORKLOAD**
- **TIMELINES**
- **COSTS**
- **BENEFICIAIRES**
- ...



**DECISION TAKEN ON THE MEASURES
IMPLEMENTATION AND TIMELINES**

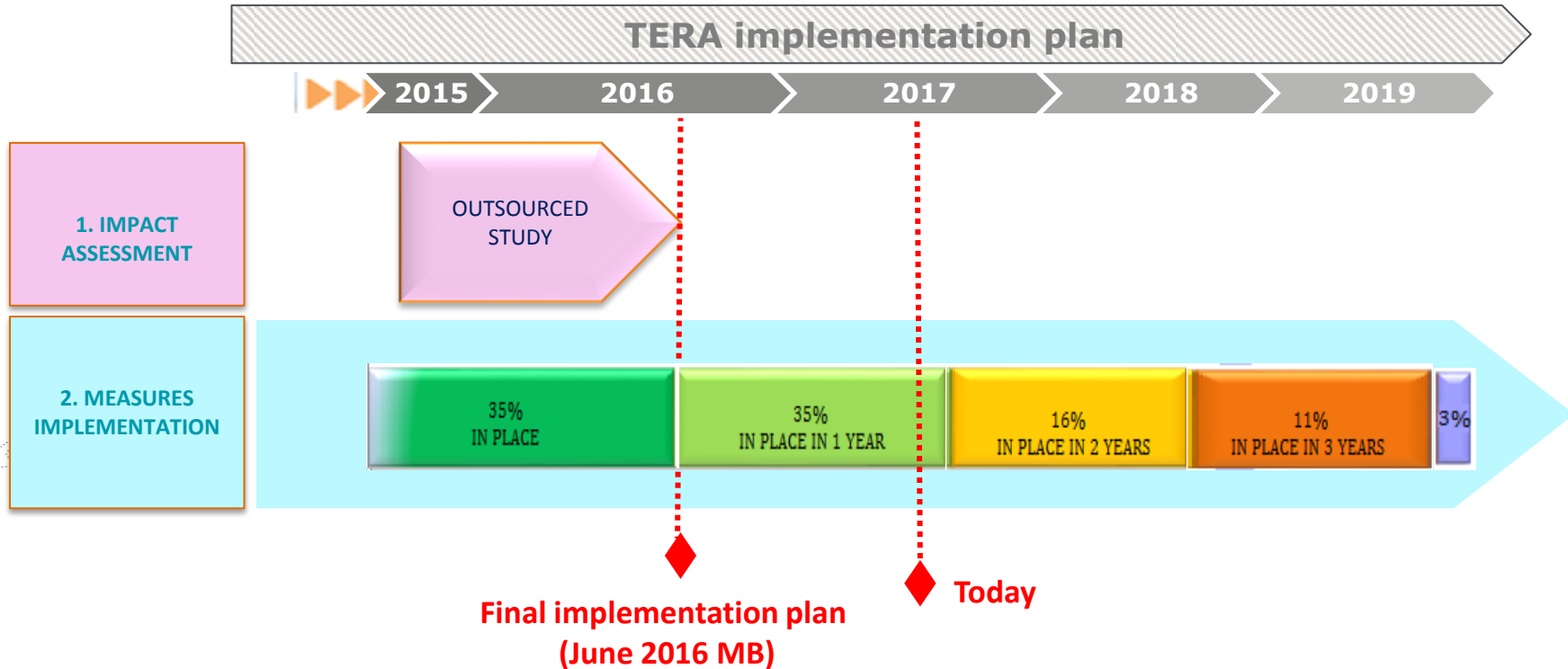


MEASURES IMPLEMENTATION

- ☑ MORE INFORMATION ON EXPERTS, WORKING GROUPS AND THEIR MEETINGS
- ☑ INCREASE CLARITY OF OUTPUTS (INCL. GUIDANCES)
- ☑ ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY ON EVIDENCE/METHODS CHOICES
- ☑ INCREASE AVAILABILITY/ACCESSIBILITY TO EVIDENCE AND METHODS USED
- ☑ ENHANCE ENGAGEMENT VIA CONSULTATION (AND LINKED INITIATIVES)



FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO "OPEN EFSA"





FOCUS ON ENGAGEMENT VIA CONSULTATION

- **CONSULTATION ON FRAMING OF MANDATES AND RELATED QUESTIONS**
 - *Outcome: potentially adjusted risk assessment question/s, mutual understanding of question to be addressed; scope: scientific outputs, except application assessments*
- **DURING AND POST PUBLIC CONSULTATION TECHNICAL HEARING**
 - *Outcome: increase likelihood of convergent opinions; scope: scientific outputs, except application assessments*
- **CONSULTATION MEETINGS WITH MSs**
 - *Outcome: decrease likelihood of divergent opinions; scope: scientific outputs, except application assessments*
- **CONSULTATION ON THE RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGIES APPROACH AND/OR EVIDENCE NEEDS**
 - *Outcome: improve scientific quality and ownership; scope: scientific outputs except application assessments*

OUTSTANDING MEASURES

- More information on experts and their meetings (WGs)- Q2 2018
- More engagement and transparency on RA approaches(evidence/methodologies)(PROMETHEUS)- Q4 2017
- Friendly guidances (progressive implementation)- Q4 2018
- Proactive release of evidence in readable/reusable format – 2020



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ATTENTION!**

