PROMETHEUS

PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments



Management Board Meeting 11 October 2017



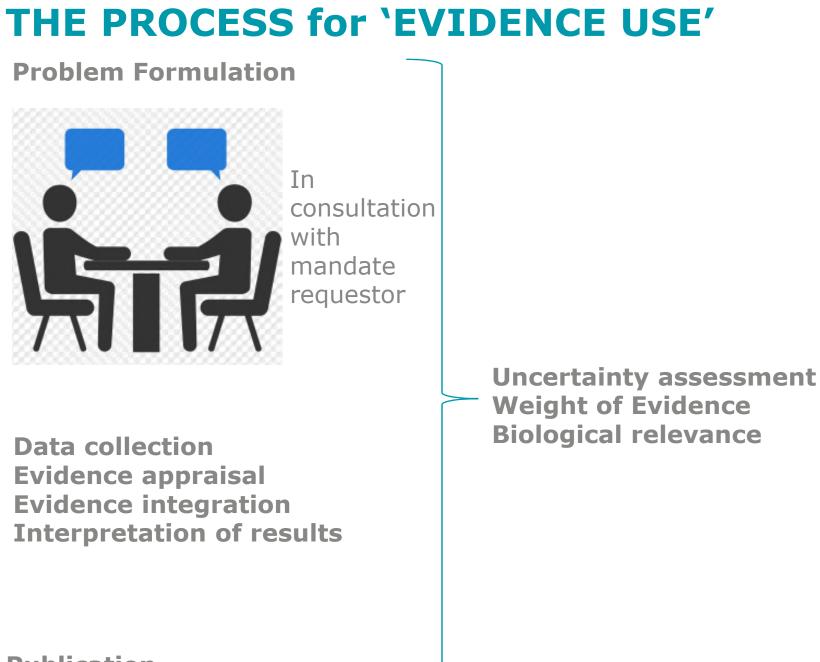
Background, rationale, objectives



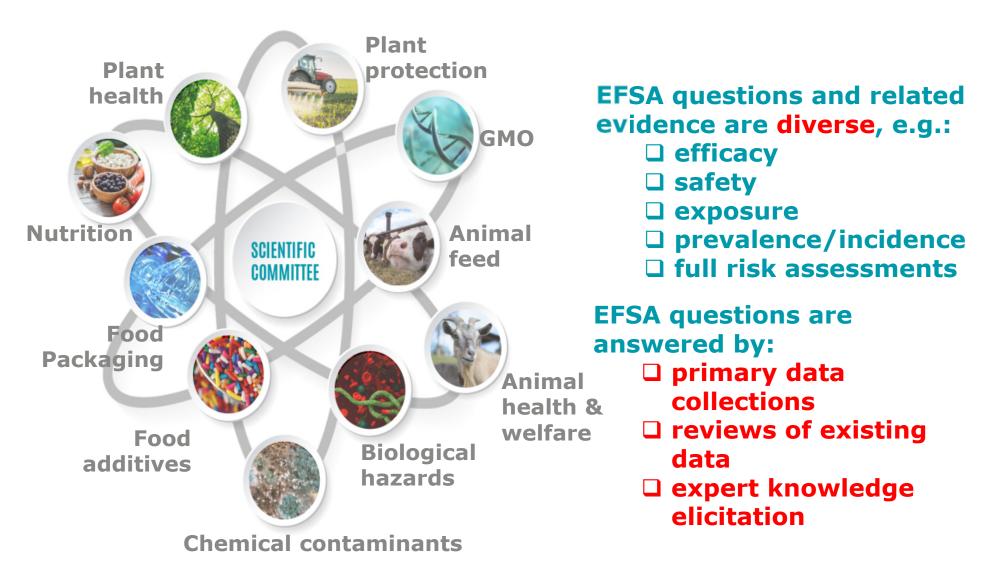
OBJECTIVE 4 OF EFSA STRATEGY 2020

'Prepare for future RA challenge' and in particular:

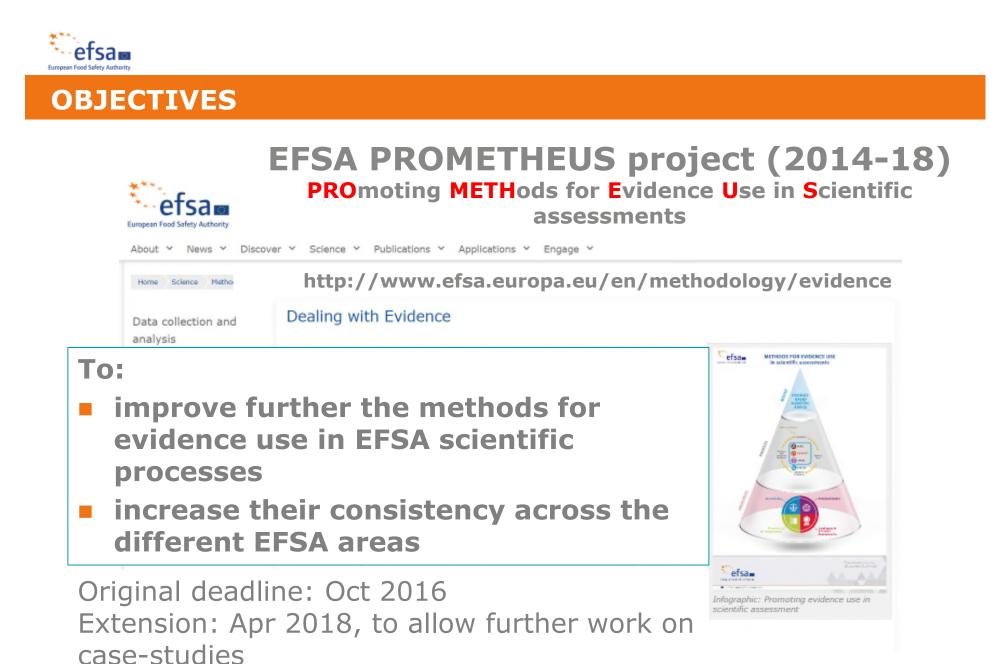
- 1. Develop and implement harmonised methodologies and guidance documents for RA across the EU and internationally
- 2. Become a hub in methodologies, tools and guidance documents for RA



THE EFSA CONTEXT



Different actors involved: experts, staff, applicants, contractors







1st Deliverable

SCIENTIFIC REPORT	efsa Journal
APPROVED: 23 April 2015	PUBLISHED: 03 June 2015
dol:10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4121	
Principles and process for evidence in scientif	
European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)	

Jun 2015

Methodological framework

2nd Deliverable

TECHNICAL REPORT efsa APPROVED: 14 September 2016 PUBLISHED: 31 October 2016 Analysis of EFSA methodological needs for evidence use in scientific assessments

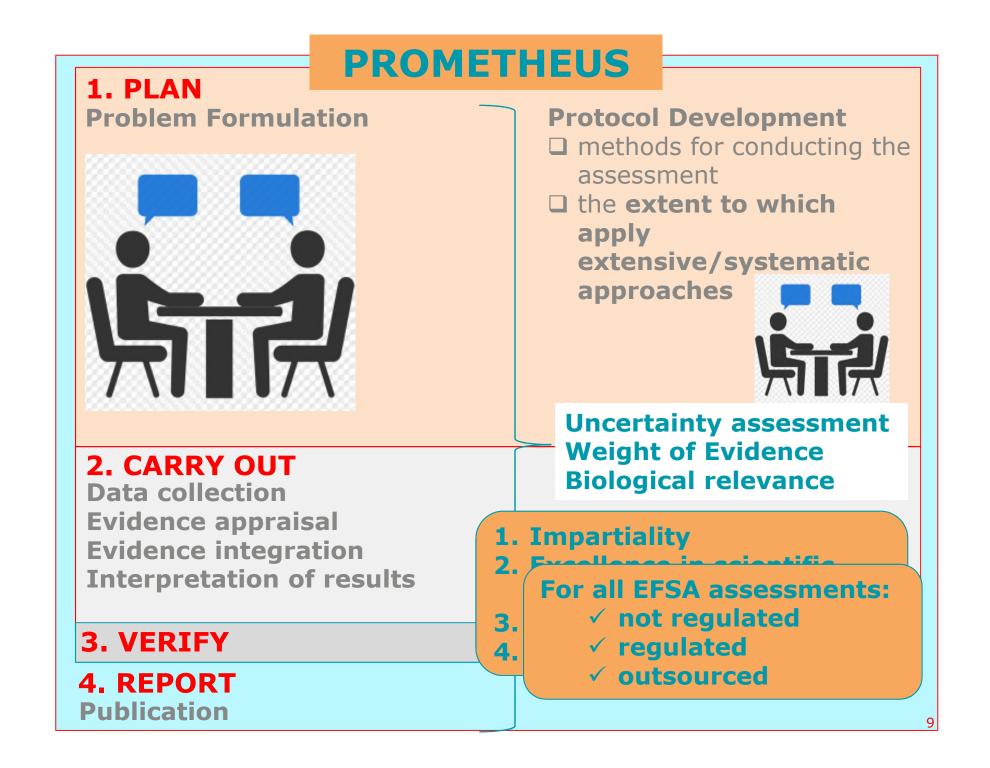
European Food Safety Authority

Oct 2016

Analysis of EFSA needs to implement the framework

In consultation with and endorsed by the SC

The PROMETHEUS framework in a nutshell (deliverable 1)



Case-studies testing the 4-step approach (2014-2019)

Panel	Subject/Type	Status (12/09/2017)	Comment
ANS	Isoflavones Non-dossier	Finished	/
BIOHAZ	Listex Dossier	Finished	Panel recommended to update GD
CONTAM	Dioxins Non-dossier	Ongoing (Jun 2018)	/
GMO	PMEM report (also for Uncertainty GD) Dossier	Finished (Protocol) On-going (GD - third quarter 2018 - tbc)	The Protocol included only the problem formulation part Panel proposed to stop and develop new GD
AHAW	Bluetongue Non-dossier	Finished	/
Pesticide s	Glyphosate animal health Dossier + EC mandate	Ongoing (Nov 2017)	Targeted consultation on protocol
CEF	BPA Non-dossier	Ongoing (end 2018 - tbc)	Public consultation on protocol
NDA	Sodium (DRVs) Non-dossier	Ongoing (Mar 2019)	Public consultation on protocol
PLH	E. Lewisi Non-dossier	Finished	Panel is considering to integrate some of the PROMETHEUS elements in the GD
FEEDAP	Lancer (also for Uncertainty GD) Dossier (old)	Finished	Contributing to GD update

□ Diverse types of scientific assessment

□ Impact of the 4-step approach assessed via a survey

Benefits, issues, possible solutions related to implementation discussed in Internal Workshop on 9-10 Oct 2017

Way forward



IMPLEMENTATION OF 4-STEP APPROACH IN EFSA ASSESSMENTS

Next steps to be defined on the basis of:

- Experience in case-studies
- Impact assessment in case-studies
- Benefits, issues, solutions identified in Internal Workshop (Oct 9-10)

Projects triggered by PROMETHEUS



PROJECTS TRIGGERED BY PROMETHEUS

- Evidence integration: EFSA Colloquium in joint collaboration with Evidence Based Toxicology Collaboration (EBTC) (Lisbon, 25-26 Oct 2017)
- 2. Definition of quality and excellence for EFSA scientific assessments, to lay down the basis for a quality management system for EFSA scientific processes
- 3. Methods for evidence appraisal (under discussion)