



Emerging Risks Mapping of Activities in Member States

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BACKGROUND

- Emerging Risks identification - Priority topic EU risk assessment agenda.
- DEMETER- Determination and metrics of Emerging Risks –Strengthen EU Emerging Risks capacity.
- 62nd AF Meeting – Share knowledge. Improve collaboration

EMERGING RISKS IDENTIFICATION

- Why is it important?
- Identify knowledge gaps
- Be prepared to act
- Legal requirement

EMERGING RISKS IDENTIFICATION

	EREN network members	Countries answered	No changes	changes
2011	19	14 (AT, CY, DE, EL, IE, IT, NL, NO, SV, UK, PT, SE)		
2016	24	11	8 (AT, BE, BG, CY, DK, HR, IT, NL)	5 (DE, FR, IE, NO, SK)
2017	27	26 (+Serbia)		

OVERVIEW OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Part 1

■ **Contact points**

- EFSA, RASFF, Codex, EREN

■ **Emerging Risk Identification**

- Dedicated staff/team, horizon scanning activities

■ **Remits for Emerging Risk Identification activities**

- Impact, Hazards: Food, Hazards: Feed, issues of specific interest

■ **Permanent Scientific Network**

- Network of expertise, Stakeholder involvement

Part 2

■ **Prioritisation of Emerging Issues**

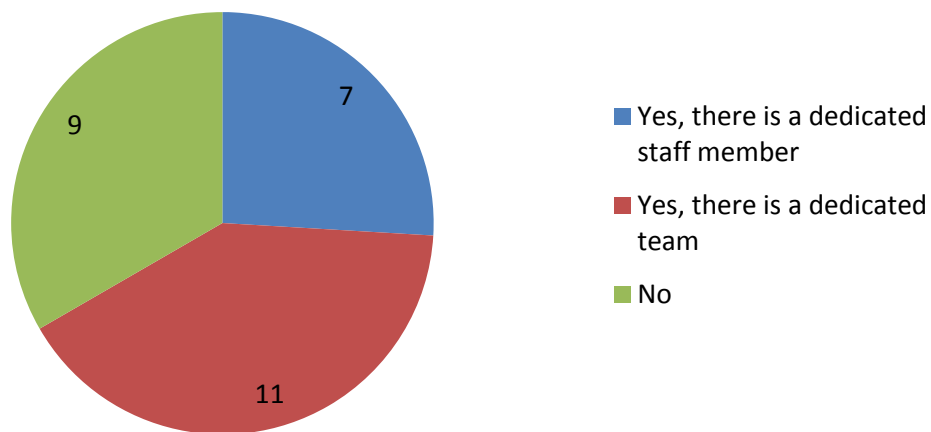
- Criteria and process for prioritisation

■ **Emerging issues/risks database**

■ **Communication Flow**

HUMAN RESOURCES

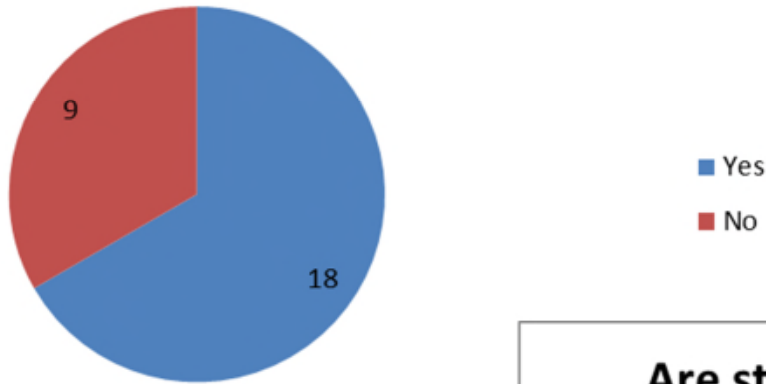
Is there a staff member or a team dedicated to Emerging Risk Identification?



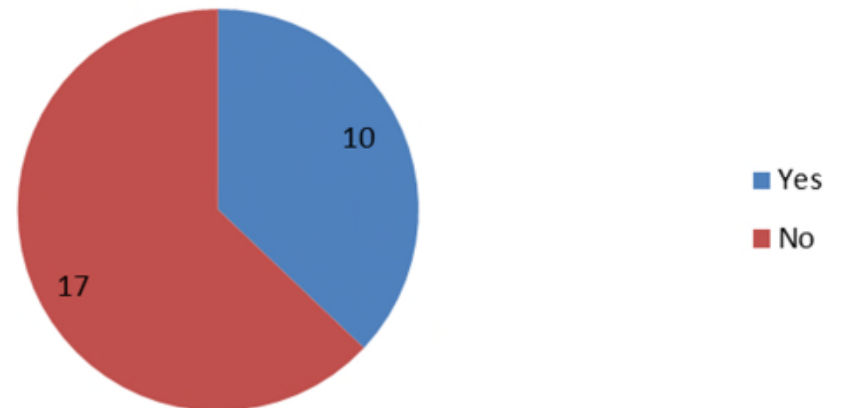
Italy	Yes, there is a dedicated team
Bulgaria	Yes, there is a dedicated team
Croatia	Yes, there is a dedicated team
Finland	Yes, there is a dedicated team
France	Yes, there is a dedicated team
Germany	Yes, there is a dedicated team
Hungary	Yes, there is a dedicated team
Portugal	Yes, there is a dedicated team
Romania	Yes, there is a dedicated team
Slovak Republic	Yes, there is a dedicated team
United Kingdom	Yes, there is a dedicated team
Austria	Yes, there is a dedicated staff member
Belgium	Yes, there is a dedicated staff member
Ireland	Yes, there is a dedicated staff member
Lithuania	Yes, there is a dedicated staff member
Netherlands	Yes, there is a dedicated staff member
Sweden	Yes, there is a dedicated staff member
Switzerland	Yes, there is a dedicated staff member
Cyprus	No
Czech Republic	No
Denmark	No
Estonia	No
Greece	No
Norway	No
Poland	No
Serbia	No
Slovenia	No

NETWORKS OF KNOWLEDGE

Are networks of scientific expertise involved in emerging risk identification?



Are stakeholders involved in emerging risk identification?



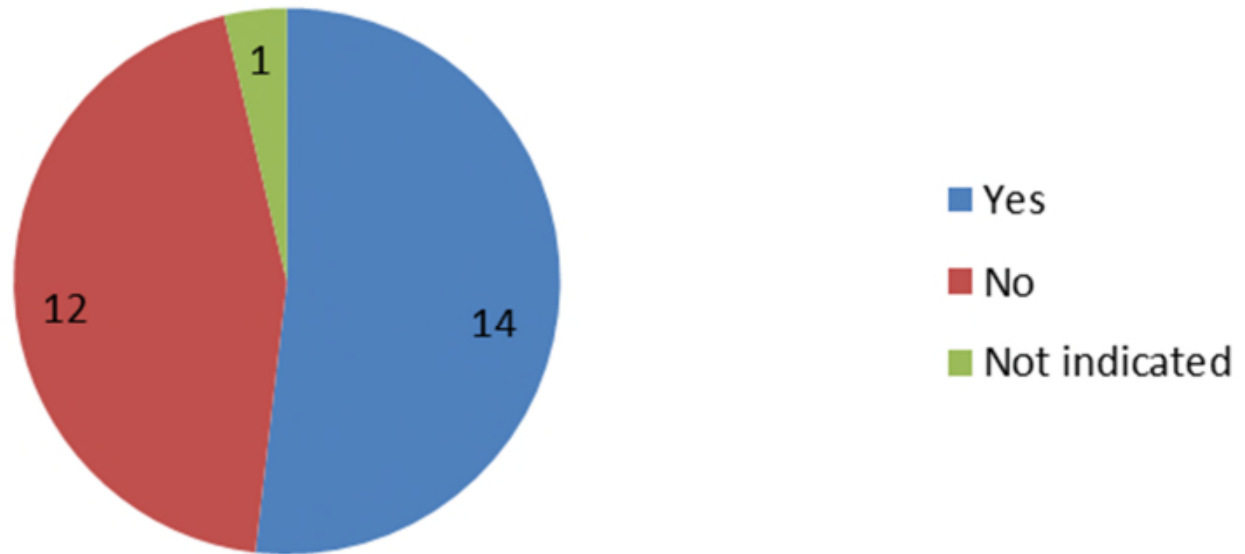
NETWORK OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE: EXPERTS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Country	Networks of scientific expertise in ERI	Experts: Ad-hoc or Permanent	Experts: EKE Methods	Stakeholders involvement in ERI	Stakeholders: Ad hoc or Permanent
Austria	Yes	Ad-hoc	No	Yes	Ad-hoc
Belgium	Yes	Ad-hoc	Yes	Yes	Ad-hoc
Bulgaria	Yes	Ad-hoc	Yes	Yes	Ad-hoc
Croatia	No			No	
Cyprus	No			Yes	NGO
Czech Republic	No			No	
Denmark	No			Yes	Ad-hoc
Estonia	Yes	Permanent	No	No	
Finland	Yes	Permanent	No	No	
France	No			No	
Germany	Yes	Ad-hoc	No	No	
Greece	Yes	Permanent	No specific method	No	
Hungary	Yes	Permanent	No	No	
Ireland	Yes	Permanent	No	Yes	Permanent
Italy	Yes	Ad-hoc	No	No	
Lithuania	No			No	
Netherlands	Yes	Ad-hoc	Not indicated	No	
Norway	No			No	
Poland	No			No	
Portugal	Yes	Permanent	Yes	No	
Romania	Yes	Permanent	Not indicated	No	
Serbia	Yes	Ad-hoc	No specific method	No	
Slovak Republic	Yes	Permanent	No specific method	Yes	Permanent
Slovenia	No			No	
Sweden	Yes	Ad-hoc	No specific method	Yes	Ad-hoc
Switzerland	Yes	In development	In development	Yes	In development
United Kingdom	Yes	Permanent	In development	Yes	In development
	Yes: 18/ No:9	Ad-hoc: 8/ Permanent: 9	Yes: 3	Yes:10/ No:17	Ad-hoc: 5/ Permanent: 2

- ❖ For many Member States, there is no dedicated expert network for emerging risks. Emerging risk is one of the items on the agenda of these networks.

PRIORITISATION OF EMERGING ISSUES

**Are identified emerging issues
prioritised?**

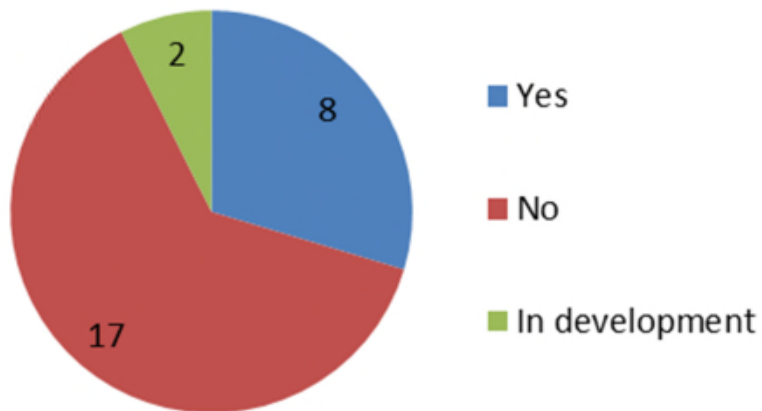


PRIORITISATION OF EMERGING ISSUES

Country	What are the criteria for prioritisation of emerging issues?				
	Novelty	Severity	Scale	Imminence	Soundness
Austria		Severity	Scale		
Belgium	Novelty	Severity	Scale	Imminence	Soundness
Bulgaria	Novelty	Severity	Scale	Imminence	Soundness
Greece	Novelty	Severity			
Hungary		Severity	Scale		
Netherlands	Novelty	Severity	Scale	Imminence	Soundness
Norway		Severity	Scale	Imminence	
Portugal		Severity		Imminence	
Slovak Republic	Novelty	Severity	Scale	Imminence	Soundness

EMERGING ISSUES/RISKS DATABASE

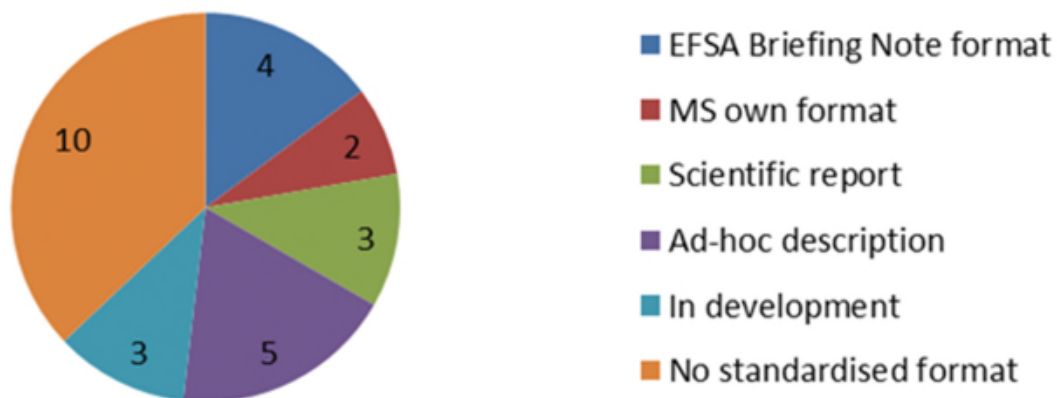
Are identified emerging issues compiled and stored in a single repository?



Member States with an active emerging risk repository	Repository with accessible user interface
Austria	
Belgium	Accessible user interface
France	Accessible user interface
Germany	Accessible user interface
Lithuania	
Netherlands	
Slovak Republic	
United Kingdom	Accessible user interface

RECORDS FOR EMERGING RISK IDENTIFICATION

Is there a standard format for describing an emerging issue? For example, a briefing note



Country	Format
Greece	EFSA Briefing Note format
Ireland	EFSA Briefing Note format
Netherlands	EFSA Briefing Note format
Sweden	EFSA Briefing Note format
France	MS own format
Germany	MS own format
Croatia	Scientific report
Italy	Scientific report
Slovak Republic	Scientific report
Belgium	Ad-hoc description
Lithuania	Ad-hoc description
Norway	Ad-hoc description
Romania	Ad-hoc description
Slovenia	Ad-hoc description
Austria	In development
Switzerland	In development
United Kingdom	In development
Bulgaria	No standardised format
Cyprus	No standardised format
Czech Republic	No standardised format
Denmark	No standardised format
Estonia	No standardised format
Finland	No standardised format
Hungary	No standardised format
Poland	No standardised format
Portugal	No standardised format
Serbia	No standardised format

COMMUNICATION FLOW:

- Communication to/from public
- Information sharing with other MS
- Third countries information sharing
- Dedicated platform for information sharing
- Inter institutional meetings

NEXT STEPS

- The survey will be reported in the 2017 annual activity report on Emerging Risk activities of EFSA
 - Survey results will serve as a reference for the Demeter Project.
 - A written publication will be prepared
 - Contact points are available on Excel workbook
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- Anything else?



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Emerging risks

The successful identification of emerging risks is at the heart of protecting public health and the environment. By identifying emerging risks in the food chain early, EFSA supports risk managers in anticipating risks and taking effective and timely prevention measures to protect consumers. Identifying emerging risks also helps to improve EFSA's ability to meet future risk assessment challenges. EFSA defines an emerging risk as: "A risk resulting from a newly identified hazard to which a significant exposure may occur, or from an unexpected new or increased significant exposure and/or susceptibility to a known hazard."

Networks

Activity reports

Methodologies

Completed work

Emerging risk identification is a complex process requiring broad expertise and close cooperation with Member States, stakeholders, and EU and international agencies. Dedicated networks provide the structures needed to exchange experience, methods and data and to assess emerging issues.

- [Emerging Risks Exchange Network](#)
- [Discussion Group on Emerging Risks](#)

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