



# **Welcome and introduction to EFSA**

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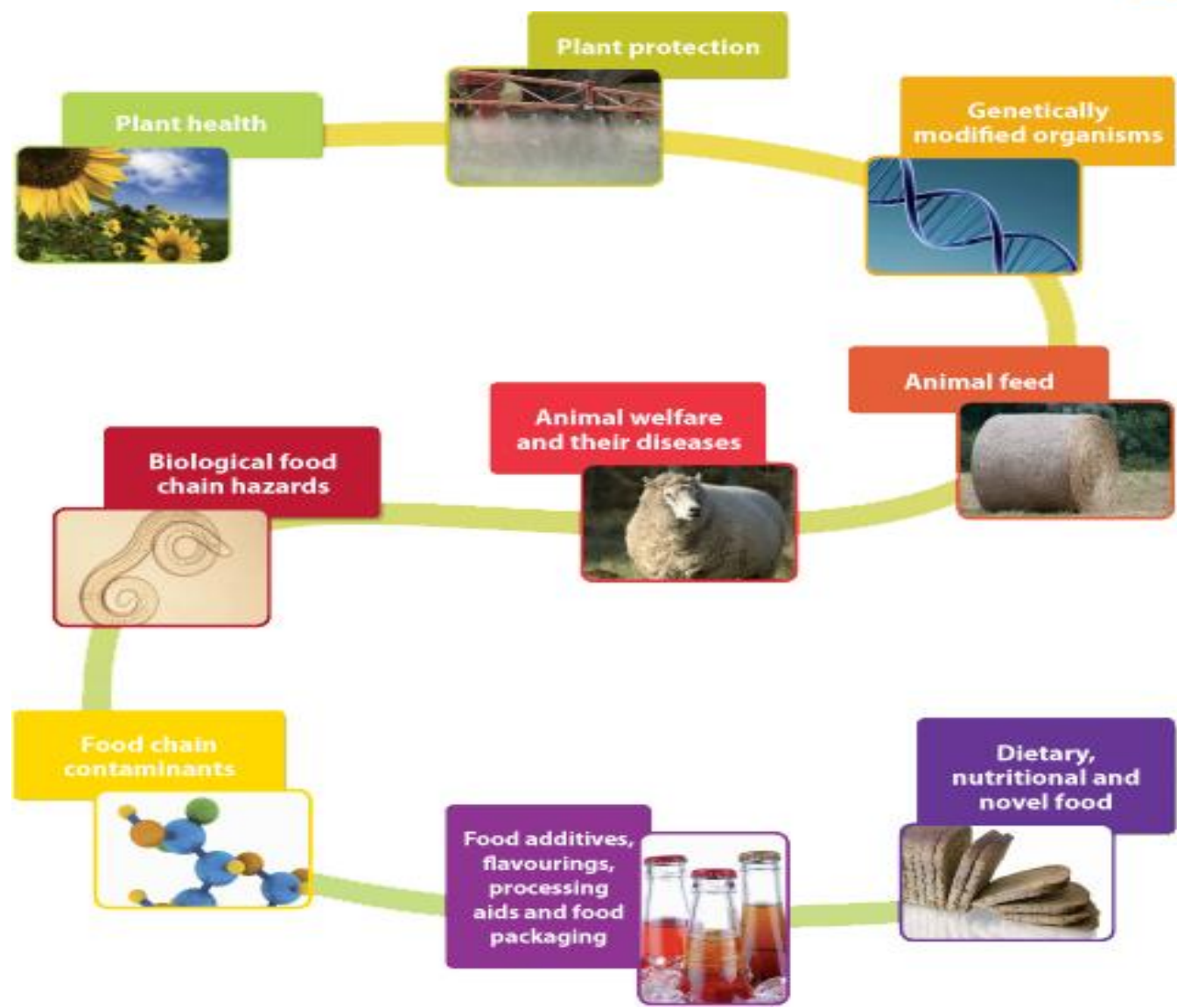
**EFSA's 19<sup>th</sup> Scientific Colloquium on Biodiversity as Protection Goal in  
Environmental Risk Assessment for EU Agro-ecosystems  
27-28 November 2013, Parma, Italy**

**WELCOME!**

**89 participants from 21 countries**

- **Set up in 2002 following a series of food crises – Reg. (EC) 178/2002**
- **Independent source of scientific advice responsible for risk assessment and risk communication on risks associated to food chain, animal health and plant health to support EU legislation/policies in all fields that impact food and feed safety**

# Scope: provide advice on safety of food and feed throughout the food chain



# How does EFSA work?



## Adoption Communication

- The **Working Group submits** its draft opinion for **adoption to the Panel or Scientific Committee**. Scientific reports (inhouse) follow approval procedure
- Adopted (Panel) or approved (EFSA) output is **provided to the requesting body**.
- **Publication on the EFSA website**
- Development of a suitable communication approach, e.g. media activities, profiling the issue on the EFSA website.
- Regular updates on the latest opinion: EFSA highlight

Adoption by  
the Panel/SC

Output to the  
requesting body

Publication of  
output on  
EFSA website

Communications



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## Sign up and be an EFSA expert

- Want to make a difference to EU food safety?
- Contribute to EU risk assessment?
- Value high profile networking with peers?
- Driven by excellence?

EFSA invites leading scientists to sign up to its new expert database.

EFSA is the European Union's scientific risk assessment body on food and feed safety, nutrition, animal health and welfare, plant health and protection.

EFSA, in cooperation with Member States, has decided to set up a database of external scientific experts able to assist its Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels, EFSA networks

and respective working groups. EFSA will draw on this database to find experts to help deliver high-quality, independent and timely scientific advice.

You can be part of that team of top scientists helping EFSA support Europe's decision makers in ensuring that Europe's food is safe.

### How can I apply?

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EFSA hosts and participates in a large number of events. These include regular plenary meetings with scientific panels and working groups, high-level visits, scientific colloquia, and consultation meetings to foster dialogue and exchange of information with EFSA stakeholders and networks.

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- EFSA Scientific Colloquium XVIII on Towards holistic approaches to the risk assessment of multiple stressors in bees  
15 May 2013 Parma
- EFSA's 17th Scientific Colloquium on low dose response in toxicology and risk assessment  
14 June 2012 Parma
- EFSA's 16th Scientific Colloquium - Emerging Risks in Plant Health: from plant pest interactions to global change  
9 June 2011 Parma
- EFSA's 15th Scientific Colloquium - Emerging Risks  
12 October 2010 Parma
- EFSA's 14th Scientific Colloquium on Food Classification: Unambiguous ambiguity – the challenge of describing food  
23 June 2010 Parma
- EFSA's 13th Scientific Colloquium - 'What's new on Novel Foods'  
10 November 2009 Amsterdam



Thank you for sharing your expertise, and wishing you a fruitful and open debate!