

Management Board
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SHAPING ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

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EFSA's
engagement
journey

- A bit of history
- EFSA's engagement approach today
- Examples of engagement in action



A BIT OF HISTORY

THE EVOLUTION OF EFSA'S ENGAGEMENT APPROACH SINCE 2016



From affiliation-based



To topic-based

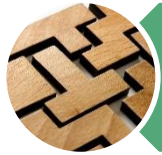


DRIVERS OF CHANGE

What do stakeholders want?



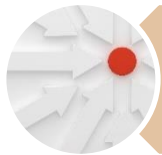
Timely and accessible information on how to engage with EFSA



New and innovative ways to input into risk assessment



Come together to discuss topics of common interest



Understand how EFSA uses their input

Strategic and regulatory framework



* Source: SEA evaluation survey 2019 and feedback collected at the Annual Stakeholder Forums.

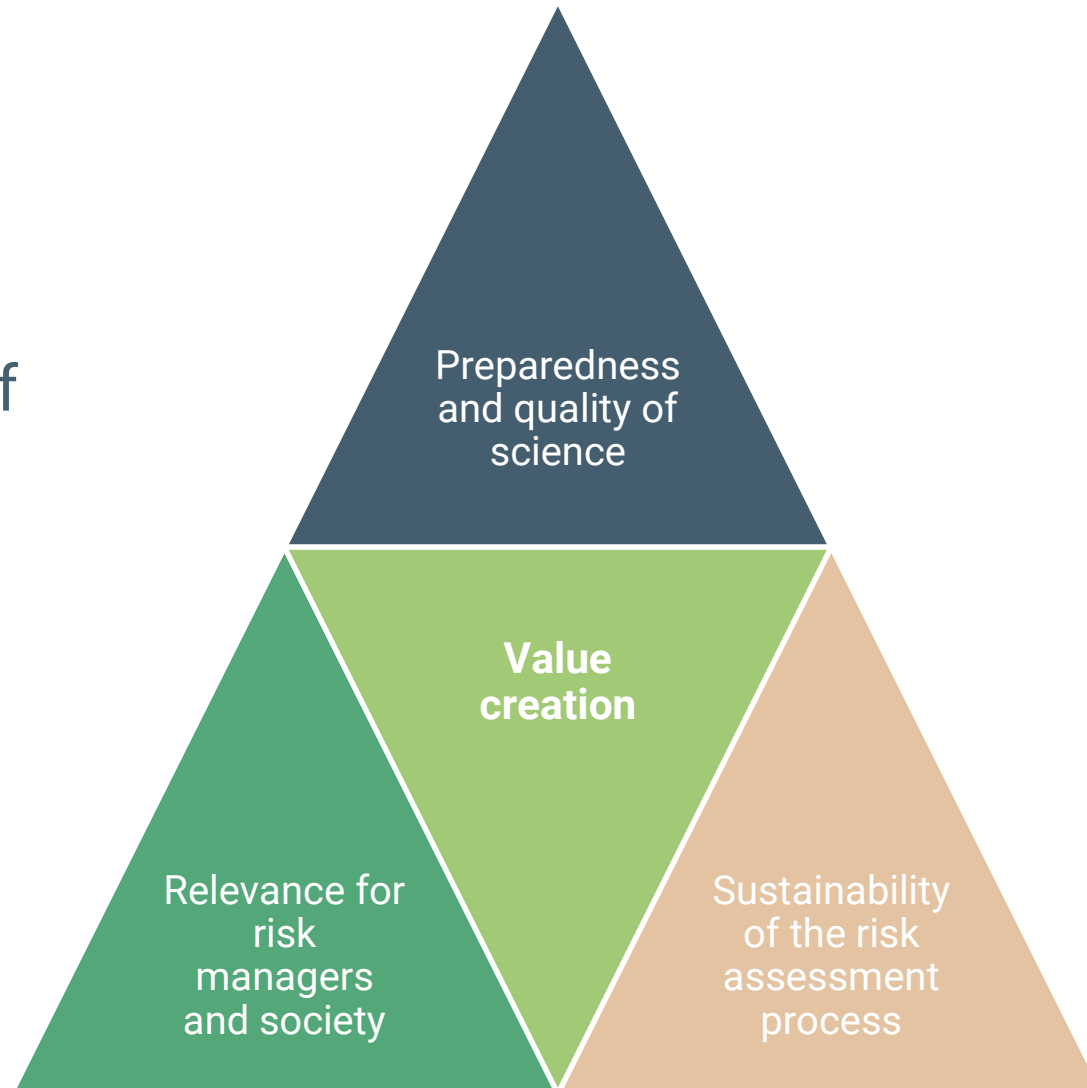


EFSA'S ENGAGEMENT APPROACH TODAY

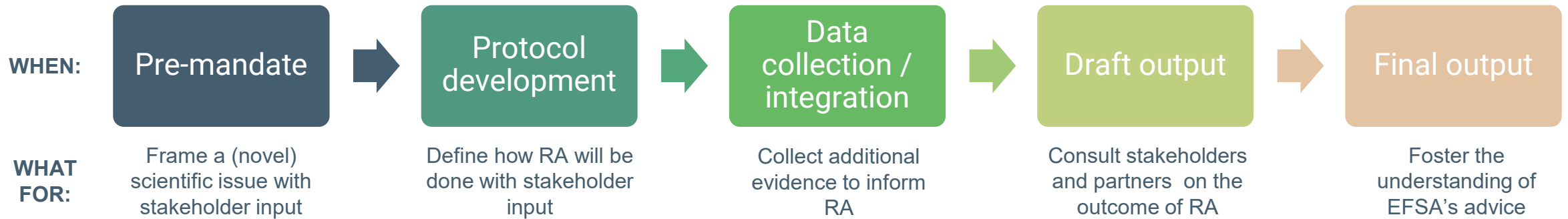
SCIENCE IS NOT IMPACTFUL WITHOUT ENGAGEMENT

“EFSA’s value lies in the **quality** of its scientific advice and in the **relevance** of that advice for risk managers and society.”

(EFSA Strategy 2027)



ENGAGING THROUGHOUT RISK ASSESSMENT (RA)





EXAMPLES OF ENGAGEMENT IN ACTION

ENGAGING WITH APPLICANTS & PARTNERS: THE NOVEL FOODS GUIDANCE UPDATE (2022-2024)



Understand innovation in food production

2022-2023

- Stakeholder mapping
- Scientific Colloquium on cell culture-derived foods



Understand the needs of applicants

OCT-NOV 2023

- Ad-hoc meeting with industry representatives and follow-up survey

NOV 2023

- Info point at EFSA's annual Stakeholder Forum

Collect input to inform the update of the novel food guidance

MAR 2024

- Meeting with Member States and Observer Countries and
 - Public webinar
- In conjunction with
- Public consultation

Present the updated guidance

JUN 2024

- Guidance adoption at the Open Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel

DEC 2024

- International Conference with BfR, US FDA, Singapore Food Agency and Icelandic Food and Biotech R&D "Alternative protein sources for food and feed"

After adoption

- Public webinar to present the adopted guidance document

Continuous support to the applicants

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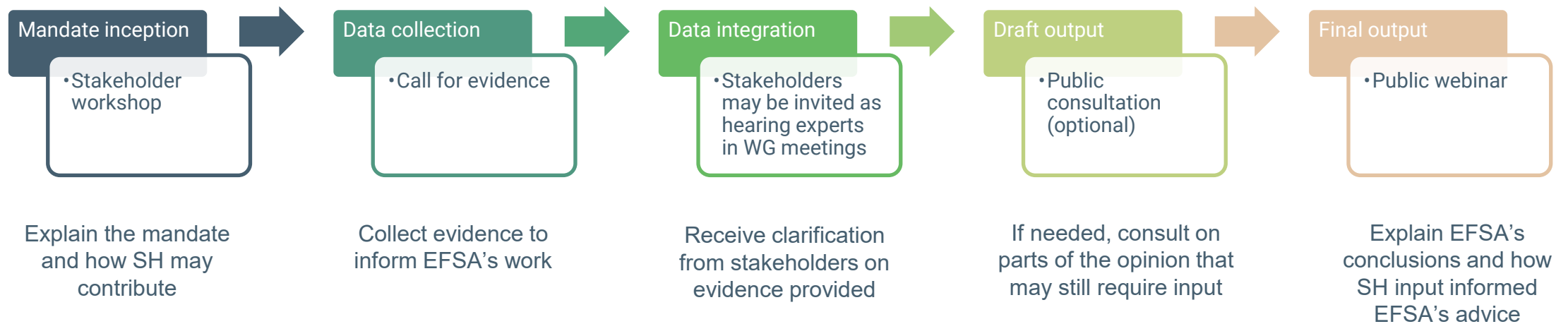
- Support novel food applicants in submitting their dossiers.

Throughout the mandate:

- Participation to third-party events and ad-hoc meetings.
- Involvement of Member State competent authorities.
- Liaison with international partners (e.g., WHO, FAO, OECD).



ENGAGING WITH STAKEHOLDERS: THE FARM TO FORK ANIMAL WELFARE MANDATES (SINCE 2023)



Same engagement approach for all mandates to ensure consistency.





Concluding remarks

- Science is not impactful without engagement
- Engagement needs to happen throughout the risk assessment process
- EFSA is committed to listening to stakeholders to shape its engagement approach

