

6th Stakeholder Bureau meeting
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Science Studies and Project Identification & Development Office (SPIDO)

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- The Transparency Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 foresees:

- +  **Additional tasks:**
EC to mandate EFSA to commission studies with the objective of verifying evidence used in its risk assessment process (in specific cases)

- +  **Additional budget:**
Annually 24-40 mio € for grant & procurement (verification study) activities.

- EFSA 2027 draft strategic directions

- Strengthen citizen trust in regulatory science
 - Deliver fit for purpose scientific advice
 - Contribute to the EU's "sustainable farm to fork" strategy



- Opportunities to address EFSA's needs
(may redirect money to perform studies under Art. 32 of the TR)



- Investing in forward-thinking scientific studies and projects to integrate the latest scientific developments in regulatory science to stay relevant in food safety risk assessment





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- Enhance EFSA 's capacity to influence studies and data generation in regulatory science in selected scientific themes
- Preparedness for possible verification studies
- Foster connectivity among the study/project objectives, enhance capacity building and partnerships (MS, EU, International)
- Tools: Identify multi-annual, multi-partner and high-value scientific grants (co-funding) and procurements projects
- Means (planned, pending on MFF 2021-2027):
2021: 8 mio €; from 2022 onwards 16 mio € annually



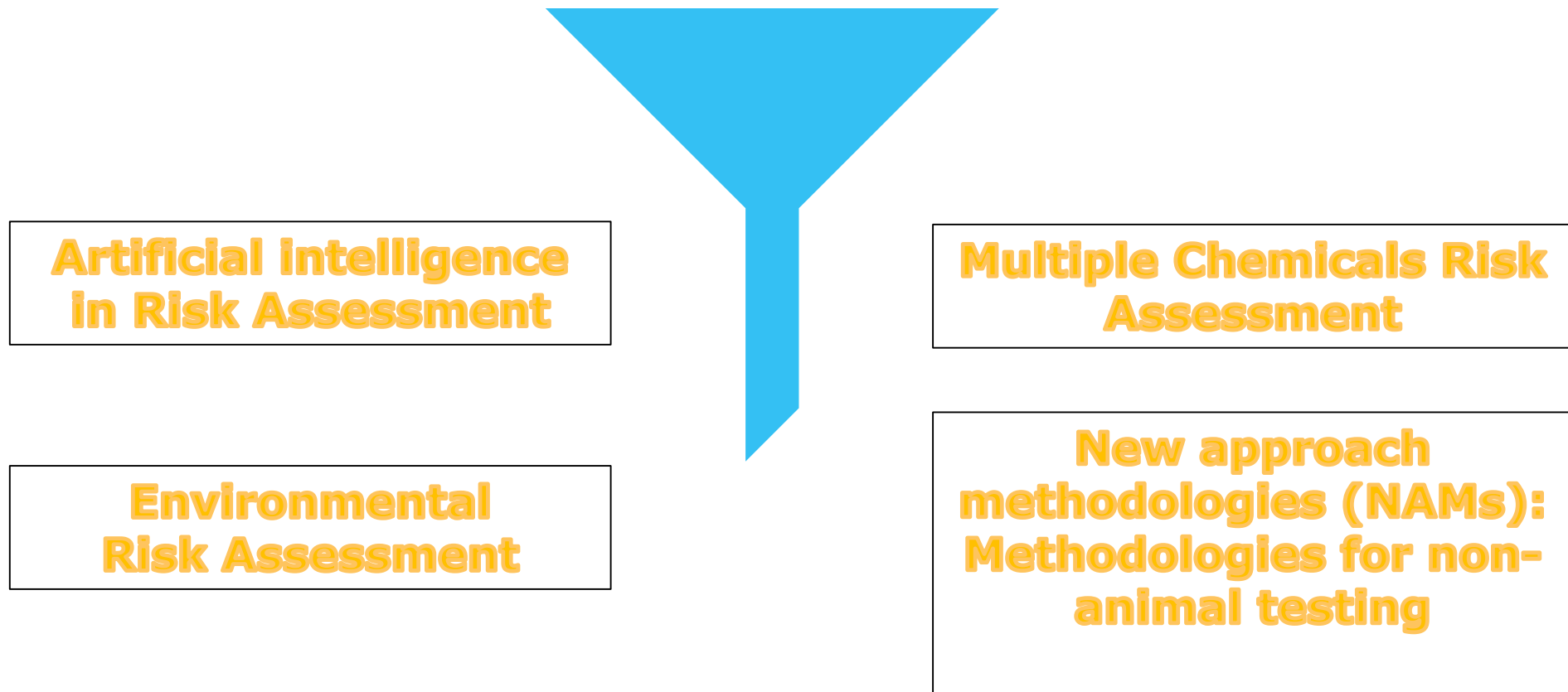
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- New methodologies, data and communication science in food safety risk assessment implemented in a prioritised, harmonised and faster way in EFSA (mid-term); and at MS/EU agency (international level) (long-term).
- Better involvement of MS/EU Agencies, Third Countries and knowledge sharing in defined scientific themes (short term).
- Connecting to political directions (green deal, farm to fork, biodiversity, one health) (mid-term)

- **Co-ordinating the identification of selected scientific themes** directed to address risk assessment challenges **requiring multi-annual cooperative arrangements with Member States, EU Agencies**, and if adequate with **international organisations and risk assessment bodies in Third countries** to be prepared for the future.
- **Identifying where collaboration on scientific studies and projects is possible** by analysing the work in the Member States, EU Agencies and international partners on **selected scientific themes**.
- **Identifying partners** such as Member States, EU Agencies, and international organisations that can **contribute to the delivery of scientific studies and project objectives**
- **Possibly capture stakeholders' views on selected thematic themes and scientific studies and projects.**
- **Overseeing and co-ordinating the outsourcing of multi-annual, multi-partner and high-value grants and procurement of scientific studies and projects under selected scientific themes.**
- **Contributing to define indicators** measuring the transfer of scientific studies and projects results into risk assessment activities.



Future of science themes



- **Reaching out** on this new activity to a broad community (DG Sante, EC JRC, Scientific Committee, Advisory Forum, EU Agencies, Stakeholder Bureau, International bodies as adequate) (Feb-May)
- Next milestone preparation of **framework document** (addressing e.g. process and criteria to select future themes) **by EFSA and agreed with DG Sante** (June-July)
- Targeted, phased approach on **receiving inputs** on these themes from various audiences (DG Sante, EC JRC, EU Agencies, International organisations and possibly stakeholders) (June-September) 2020.
- Launching a **call on roadmaps for actions** related to these four themes (autumn 2020) aiming to start implementing the roadmaps from 2022 onwards.
- In parallel to the ongoing roadmap activities, **first project calls** related to SPIDO activities might be already launched in 2021.



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