



# REPUBLIC OF TURKEY



# **PREPERATION OF TURKEY TO EFSA ACTIVITIES**

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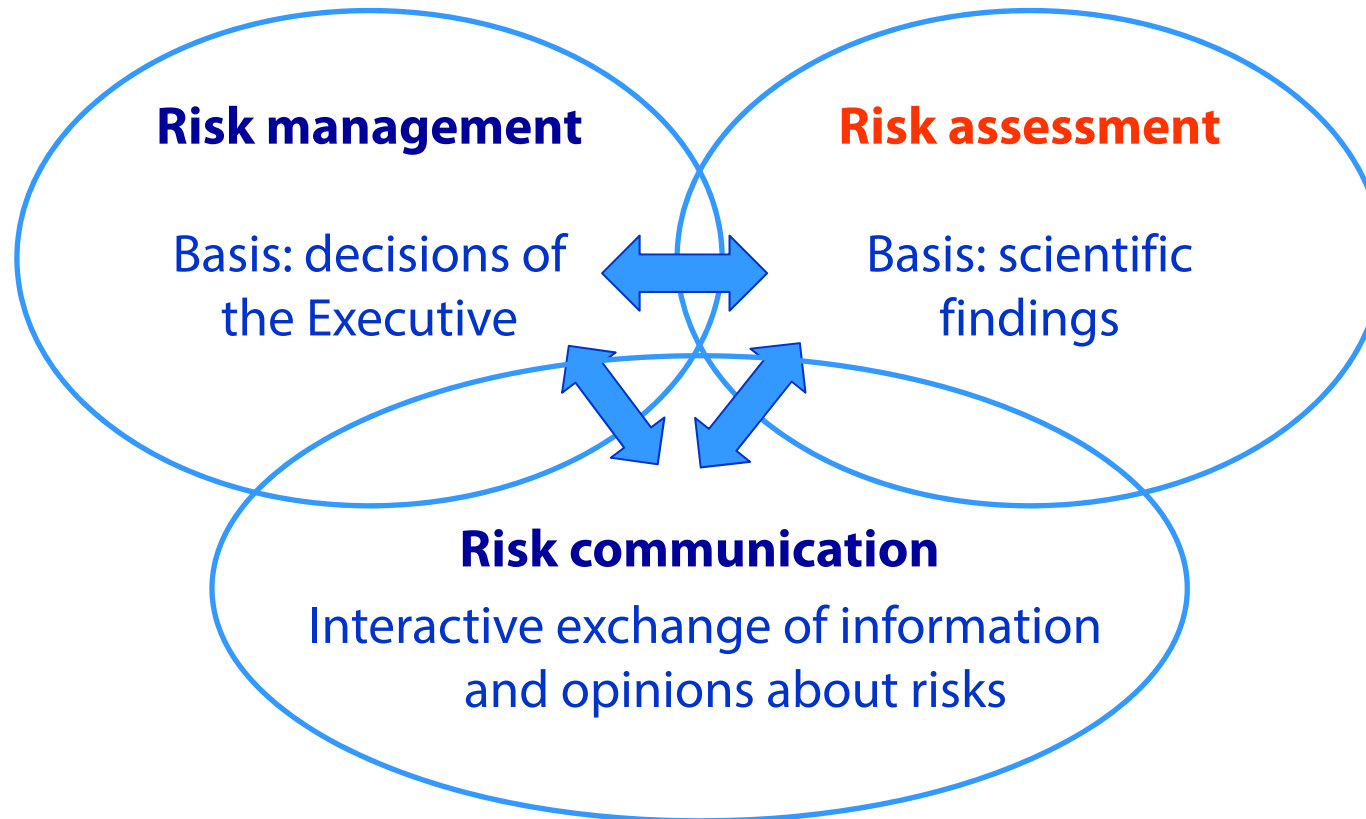
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# Risk analysis model





# EU Food Safety Structure



**EFSA**



**European level Risk Assessment  
Risk Communication**

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**European  
Commission**



Risk Management and Risk Communication  
Drafts Regulatory proposals thus making the legislation  
Controls

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**EU Council &  
Parliament**



Risk Management measures

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**Member  
States**



Risk Assessment, Risk Management, Risk Communication, through:

- National food agencies, who implement the legislation
- National or local authorities, who inspect and enforce the legislation

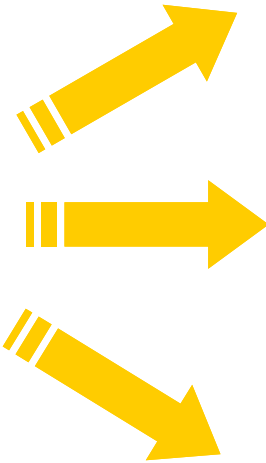


# Creation of EFSA



## Founding Regulation 178/2002:

**Scientific advice  
and technical  
support**



**to inform risk managers**

**with the best available  
scientific evidence**

**for the development of EU  
policy and legislation in  
the area of food and feed  
safety**

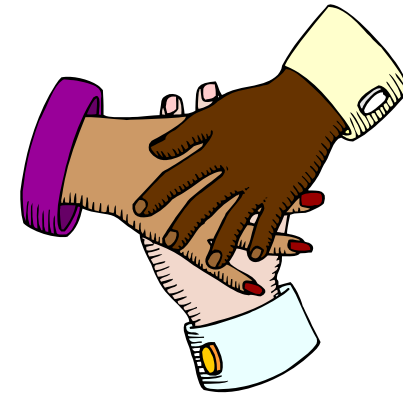


# Working together



## EFSA's partners:

- **European Commission;**
- **European Parliament;**
- **Member States (MS);**
- **Stakeholders:**  
(*e.g.* consumer groups, non-governmental organizations (NGO's), industry...)



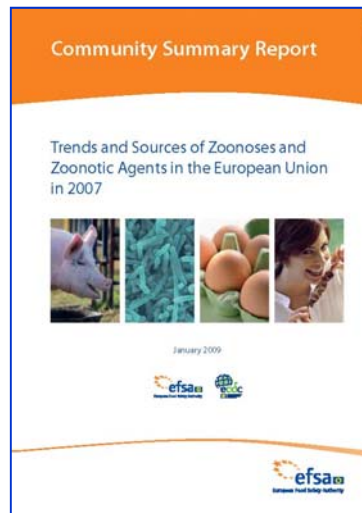


# Working together



## Cooperation with:

- **38 national food safety agencies**
- **400 research institutes**
- **1200 experts**



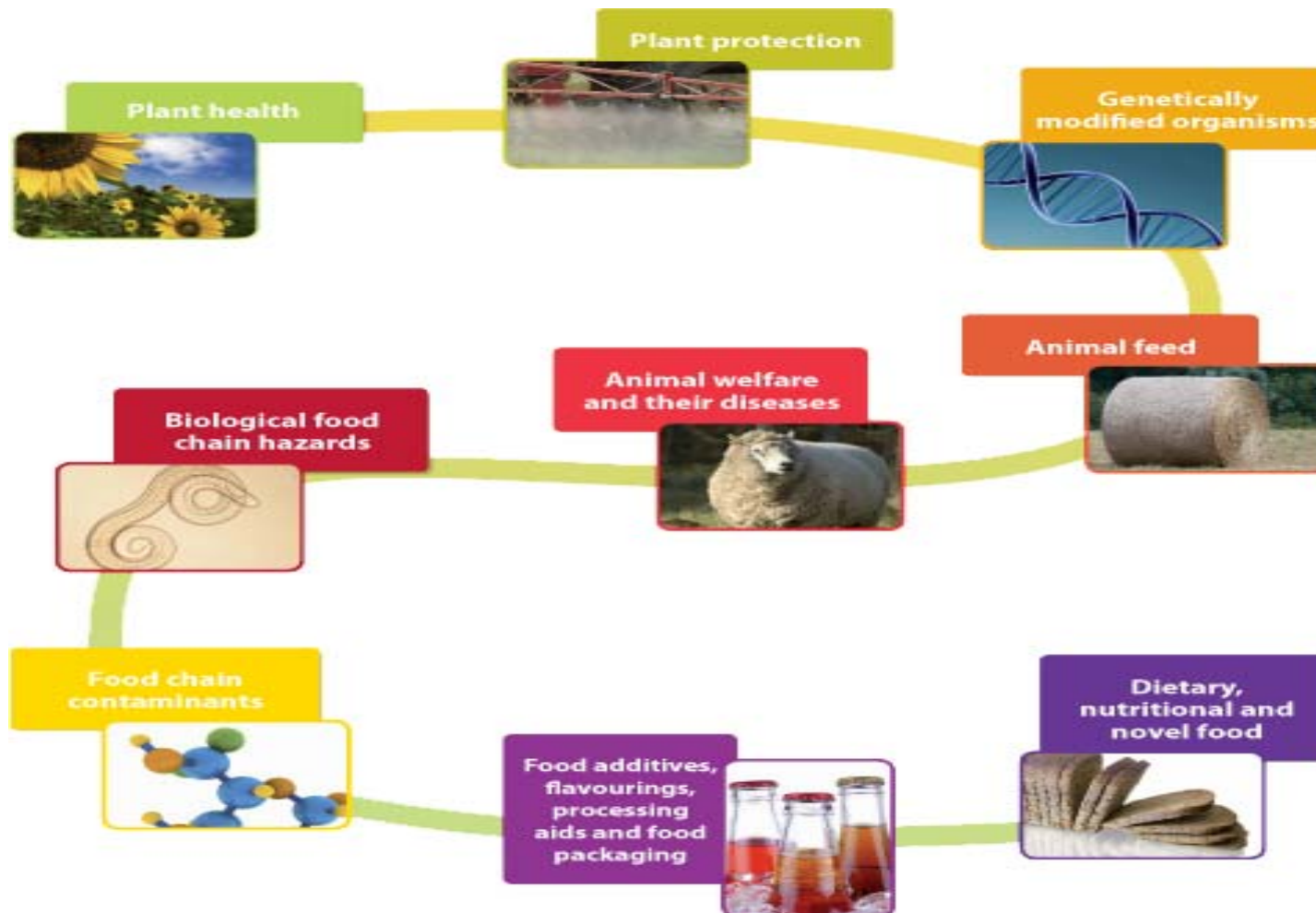
- **EU Agencies**
- **3rd country organisations**





# What does EFSA do?

- **EFSA advises on food/feed safety across the entire food chain**





# What EFSA can not do?



- **Be responsible for food safety legislation**
- **Take charge of food safety/quality controls, labelling or other such issues**
- **Act as a substitute for national authorities**



# EFSA Structure





# Advisory Forum (AF)



## AF Members

- 27 EU Members
- Observers (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and 3 CCs: Turkey, Croatia, Macedonia)

## Advising EFSA on:

- scientific matters
- setting priorities
- work programmes
- emerging risks



# Scientific Panels

- **Animal health and welfare (AHAW)**
- **Food additives and nutrient sources (ANS)**
- **Biological hazards (BIOHAZ)**
- **Food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings (CEF)**
- **Contaminants (CONTAM)**
- **Feed additives (FEEDAP)**
- **Genetically modified organisms (GMO)**
- **Nutrition (NDA)**
- **Plant health (PLH)**
- **Plant protection products (PPR)**





# Who can task EFSA?



EFSA's scientists evaluate, assess, advise



Adoption and communication





# Database of Scientific Experts

Sign up

as an

**EFSA Expert**





# Expert Database

## What is it?

- a searchable database of scientific experts
- to select external experts to cooperate with EFSA or MS



## Who will use it?

EFSA & Member States





# Expert Database



## Disciplines

EFSA is looking for experts in a **wide range of disciplines...**



**...e.g. food and feed safety, nutrition, toxicology, chemistry and animal health & welfare, plant protection & plant health;**

## Application process:

Experts invited to fill in an **on-line** form and make a **declaration of interests** (in order to ensure their independence).



# Expert Database



## Eligibility criteria

- **University degree**, or equivalent in one or more areas of expertise within the remit of EFSA;
- **Relevant professional experience** in risk assessment, data collection on biological or chemical hazards, as appropriate;
- Scientific **articles in peer reviewed journals** or other scientific documents / reports relevant to the expertise declared;
- Ability to **communicate** and work **in at least one Community language**;
- Completed an **Annual Declaration of Interest**.



# Expert Database – apply online



www.efsa.europa.eu

The screenshot shows the EFSA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with language options (de, en, fr, it) and a search bar. The main content area features a 'European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)' section with a description of the organization's role. Below this is a 'Latest news' section with three items: a meeting of EU agency heads, a video of a management board meeting, and a news item about health claims. On the right side, there is a 'Sign up as an Expert' button highlighted with a blue arrow, a search bar, a newsletter subscription form, and a 'See Also' section with links to various EFSA resources.



# Turkey's Food Safety Structure



## **Ministry of Agriculture And Rural Affairs (MARA)**

**competent authority in the fields of food and feed safety,  
veterinary and phytosanitary**

- **Risk assessment**
- **Risk management**
- **Risk communication**

## **Ministry of Health (Mineral Waters, foods for special medical purposes)**

- **Risk assessment**
- **Risk management**
- **Risk communication**



## **General Directorate for Protection and Control (GDPC) under MARA**

- **the main central service unit of the Ministry in charge of **regulating** and **controlling** food and feed safety, veterinary and phytosanitary sectors.**
- **GDPC ; the contact point for International institutions and agencies (**EFSA**, OIE, Codex Alimentarius etc.)**



# Legislation



- **“Law (No 5996) on Veterinary Services, Phytosanitary, Food and Feed” (published in Official Gazette dtd. 13 JUNE 2010)**
- **Implementing Regulations**



# Legislation



## Article 3 of Law No 5996/2010

**defines the:**

### **Risk analysis**

- **Risk assessment**
- **Risk management**
- **Risk communication**

**based on the Regulation (EC) 178/2002**





# Legislation



## Article 26 of Law No 5996/2010

- **MARA sets the Risk Assessment Unit,**
- **Risk Assessment Unit cooperates with the national and international similar agencies**



# Currently



**No “seperate national risk assessment body” like FSA (UK), BfR (Germany), AFSA (France), in Turkey yet!**

**Risk assessment is conducted by :**

**– Ad-hoc and Permanent “Scientific Commissions/Committees” and the “Expert Committees” under GDPC**

**and**

- Research Institutes of MARA**
- Turkish Research Institute (TUBİTAK)**
- Universities**



# **EFSA Pre-Accession Programme**



# EFSA Pre-Accession Programme



**The purpose of Programme to the Candidate and Potential Candidate Countries is;**

- to promote the understanding of EFSA's work, share expertise and create information exchange mechanisms and to enhance co-operation before accession.**





# EFSA Pre-Accession Programme

European Food Safety Authority

- **Through the Pre-accession Programme, EFSA is working with the competent authorities of Candidate and Potential Candidate countries on food and feed safety issues within EFSA's remit and their information and communication officers, legal officers and scientists.**
- **Focus is on development of the cooperation between authorities and the stakeholder groups .**



**Pre-Accession Programme 2005-2006 for  
Bulgaria and Romania**

**Pre-Accession Programme 2006-2007 for  
Turkey and Croatia**

**Pre-Accession Programme 2008 for  
Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic  
of Macedonia and Croatia**

**Pre-Accession Programme 2009-2010 for  
the Candidate and the Potential Candidate  
countries**



# Main activities



- **Series of seminars, workshops, trainings, colloquia, conferences**
- **Various EFSA meetings**
- **Study tours to Member States**





- **Permanent AF member**
- **Permanent Focal point**
- **27 EU Members and**
- **Observers**
- **Interface between EFSA and National Authorities**
- **National Contact Points**
- **Assists AF Members**





- **EFSA FOCAL POINTS CONTACT DETAILS**
- **<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fp/fpmembers.htm>**
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## **Direct results of the Programme:**

- **14 seminars and Project Steering Committee meetings with national authorities and stakeholders were organized with average number of 40 participants per meeting.**
- **Expert from Turkey and Croatia participated as observers in 60 different meetings such as EFSA's Management Board (5), Advisory Forum (4) and Advisory Forum Working Groups on IT (4) and Communication (4), Stakeholders Consultative Platform (1), Scientific Panels (33) and Working Groups (2), Conferences (5), IT Web and Videoconferences (2).**



## **Direct results of the Programme:**

- **23 EFSA meetings and one study visit where 60 experts from Turkey, Croatia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia took part in**
- **6 seminars: BSE, GMO, Handling Crisis, Advisory Forum&Management Board, Microbial Risk Assessment, EFSA Institutional Framework**
- **1 regional meeting on food safety in Turkey**



## Pre-Accession Programme 2009 - 2010

European Food Safety Authority

- **The 2009/2010 Programme started officially 01.04.2009 and run up to 31 April 2011**
- **Candidate Countries**  
**Turkey, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**  
**-continuation of the work in 2008 including training seminars, study tours and participation in EFSA meetings, networks, colloquiums and conferences.**
- **Potential Candidate Countries**  
**Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo (under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244), Montenegro and Serbia**  
**- introduction to EFSA with seminars, a study tour to an EU Member State and observership in EFSA networks, colloquiums and conferences**



# Benefits of the Programme



- **Beneficiary countries stay informed on recent developments in the EU food safety area,**
- **Participation in EFSA networks (Advisory Forum, BSE Network, GMO network),**
- **Taking active part in EFSA initiatives on data collection (Task Force on Zoonoses Data Collection, Working group on Chemical occurrence data),**



# Benefits of the Programme



- **Taking part in training seminars on topics of relevance for competent food authorities in the context of accession negotiations,**
- **Development of networks and collaboration with the Member States institutions Candidate and Potential Candidate countries.**





**Thank you for your attention**

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