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Risk Assessment Research Assembly programme

Please note that the programme may be subject to change

Time	Session	Topic
09:00 – 10:30	Opening session	Opening speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome speech by EFSA (Bernhard Url) Welcome by German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) - Andreas Hensel) Video-messages from: DG SANTE (Sandra Gallina) and DG RTD (Joanna Drake)
		Round table moderated by Claire Doole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine NELLEMANN, Danish Technical University (DTU) Pikka Jokelainen, Statens Serum Institut (OneHealth EJP) Markus Lipp, FAO Tom Arnold, High level expert group on International Platform for Food Systems Science (IPFSS)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	Networking
11:00 – 12:30	Plenary session	Keynote speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connecting research and science for policy: what do risk, crises and sustainability transitions have in common? – Karen Fabbri, European Commission (DG RTD) Green Deal – Farm to Fork Strategy: moving towards Sustainable Food Systems - European Commission (DG SANTE), tbc
		Panel discussion - moderated by Claire Doole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effie Amanatidou (University of Manchester- Institute of Innovation Research) - (15') on 'why' to align between EU and national funding (ERA-LEARN) Panel/interactive debate (30') on benefits, opportunities and challenges to align <ol style="list-style-type: none"> European Partnership on Chemical Risk Assessment - PARC (ANSES – Adrienne Pittman) Antoaneta Kuhar, Agricultural Institute of Slovenia (KIS)- H2020 Excalibur & EFSA NEMDETECT) Zoe Mousia, Hellenic Food Authority (EFET) - National Funder experience
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break	Networking



14:00 – 16:00	Parallel sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research & Innovation programming environment for regulatory science (Moderator: Stef Bronzwaer, EFSA. Rapporteur: Ákos Jozwiak, Digital Food Institute- University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest) Session 1 • Current and Future Regulatory Science opportunities: EFSA science policy function & funding schemes (Moderator: Filipa Melo Vasconcelos (ASAE), Rapporteur: Matthew Ramon, EFSA) Session 2 • Food Safety Research Needs - Prioritization and involvement of risk assessor community (Moderator: Alisdair Wotherspoon (UK Food Standards Agency- retired), Rapporteur: Simon More, University College Dublin) Session 3
16:00 – 16:45	TEA Health break	Networking
16:45 – 18:00	Closing session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting back from break-out sessions • Main messages (Claire Doole) • Closing speeches (Carlos das Neves, Chief Scientist, EFSA and Pamela Byrne, FSAI) • Next steps (moderator) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National (Lucija Perharic, Slovenian Institute of Public Health) 2. Follow-up (Stef Bronzwaer, EFSA)
18:00 – 20:00	Buffet	Networking

RARA 22 Objectives:

1. Showcase how food safety regulatory research can support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and relevant European policies, including the Green Deal
2. Foster alignment of food safety R&I investments to support regulatory science outcomes at European, regional and national level
3. Networking and relationship building in the wider food safety risk assessment ecosystem



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DRAFT Outline Parallel session 1
Research & Innovation programming environment for regulatory science

Moderator: Stef Bronzwaer (EFSA)

Rapporteur: Ákos Jozwiak (Digital Food Institute- University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest)

This session will discuss with Panelists from different funding instruments the importance of a **paradigm shift in research funding** programmes, where R&I activities are an enabler that delivers **impact**. A good understanding of this evolution will help researchers to be successful in applying, as well as to deliver research that supports regulatory science, supports risk assessment and informs policy. The session will also discuss the importance of **synergies among research programmes and activities** at national, regional and EU level.

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14.15 - 15.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Panel on Impactful research ▪ Case-study: e.g., POLNOR Grant ▪ Sum-up (Key take-home messages) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tbc, Horizon Europe - DG RTD, Common Policy Centre • Judit Litjens, COST Association • Radoslaw Pytlak, Warsaw University of Technology (Regional Grant) • Annemie Geeraerd Ameryckx, KULeuven
15.05 - 15.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intermezzo 	
15.10- 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Panel on synergies among programmes and activities ▪ Case-study: e.g., ONEHEALTH EJP ▪ Sum-up (Key take-home messages) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikola Hassan, Project Management Juelich - Germany • Hein Imberechts - OHEJP, Belgium • Declan Troy, Teagasc, IE



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DRAFT Outline Parallel Session 2

Current and Future Regulatory Science opportunities: EFSA science policy function & funding schemes

Moderator: Filipa Melo Vasconcelos (ASAE)

Rapporteur: Matthew Ramon (EFSA)

This **parallel session 2** will discuss the importance of preparedness to address current and future regulatory science needs. Focus will be placed on processes that lead to the identification of needs and enable **outcomes of (applied) research to inform policy decisions**. The session will have wide approach exploring relevant partnership schemes that support a science policy interface function informed by, among other, the EU Risk Assessment Agenda and available funding schemes.

Time	Topic	Speakers
14.15 - 14.30	✓ Induction of speakers and participants to session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filipa Melo Vasconcelos (ASAE) - Moderator Matthew Ramon (EFSA) - Rapporteur
14.30 - 15.00	✓ Science Studies and the Project Identification Office (SPIDO) – New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) and other initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claudia Heppner (EFSA)
15.00 - 15.30	✓ EU-Risk Assessment Agenda – The EuroCigua project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ana Canals (Ministry of Health, Spain)
15.30 - 16.00	✓ Summary of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All, facilitated by the moderator



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DRAFT Outline Parallel session 3

Food Safety Research Needs - Prioritization and involvement of risk assessor community

Moderator: Alisdair Wotherspoon (UK Food Standards Agency)

Rapporteur: Simon More (University College Dublin)

This session aims to discuss the opportunities offered by the risk assessment communities in fostering **food safety research** and translating results into evidence for risk assessment. Important components are the Food Safety Regulatory Research Needs 2030, the EFSA Strategy 2027 and the FoodSafety4EU project.

Special attention will be paid to how we should share, access and use the increasing amount of evidence e.g., data and methodologies.

Time	Topic	Speakers
14.15 – 14.50	<p>Identifying, prioritising and reporting research needs. Process of addressing those needs (ongoing and planned research, EU & national perspectives)</p> <p>From research needs to outcomes: fostering the involvement of risk assessment communities in the research cycles (Involvement of risk assessment actors in the steps between formulating research needs and the outcome, e.g., consultation, formulation and prioritisation of calls and projects)</p>	<p>Wayne Anderson, FSAI Ireland</p> <p>Tbc, DG AGRI</p>
14.55 – 15.25	<p>The involvement of risk assessors in research projects (experiences in involvement in advisory capacity and in follow-up to projects and use of project outcomes in risk assessment)</p>	<p>Bob van der Water, University of Leiden</p> <p>Veronica Lattanzio, FoodSafety4EU - Ispa Cnr</p>
15.30 – 15.55	<p>Translating research results into evidence for risk assessment (challenges with standards and formats of evidence)</p>	<p>Adrian Cesar Razquin (EFSA)</p>
15.55 – 16:00	<p>Closing of the parallel session (key messages)</p>	<p>Simon More (University College Dublin)</p>