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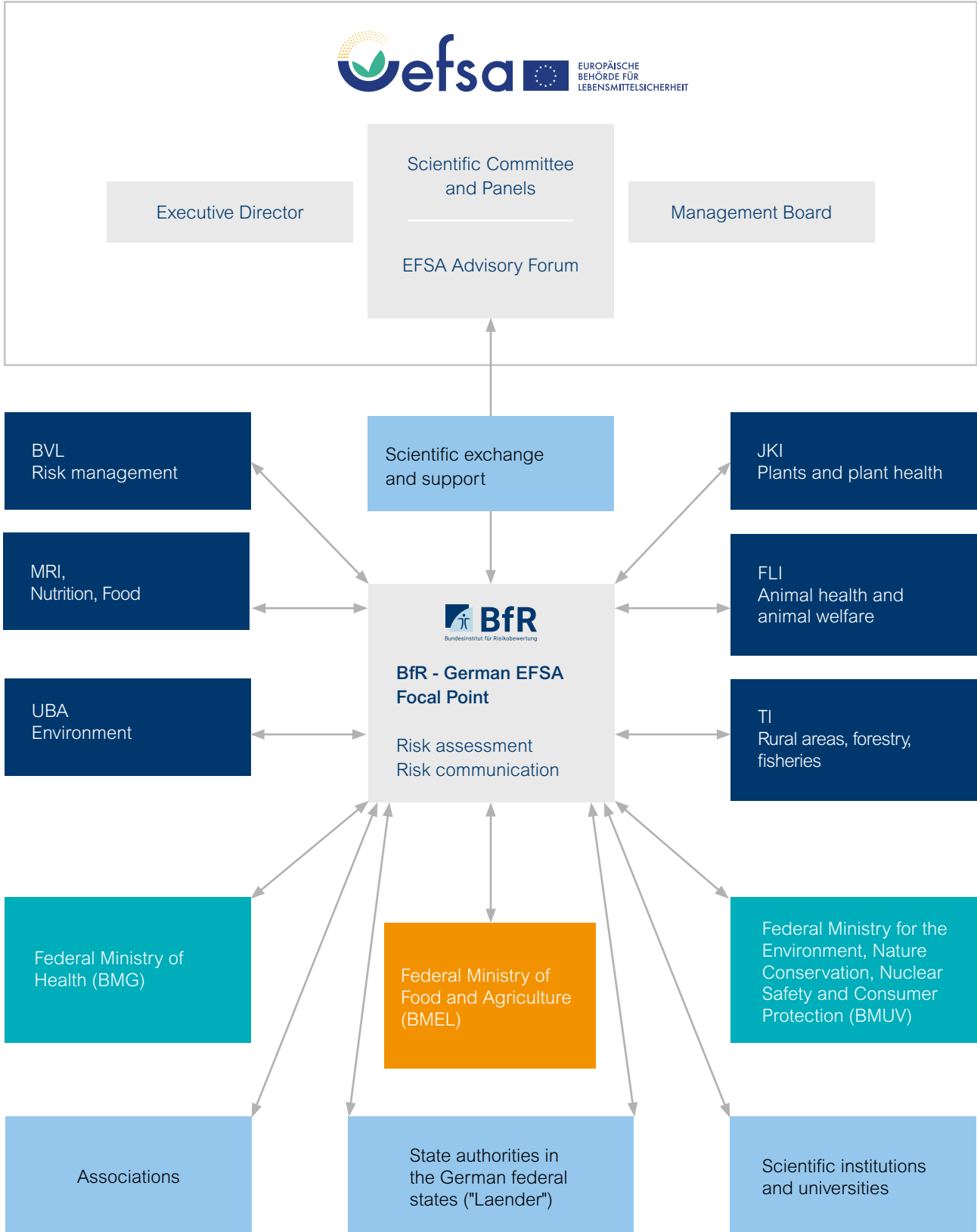
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Cooperation with the EFSA



Stakeholders and partners of the German EFSA Focal Point

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)	Responsible for scientific advice and communication on risks in the food chain in the European Union (EU).
EFSA's Management Board	<p>The Management Board is EFSA's governing body and ensures that the Authority fulfills its mandate and operates in accordance with the EU regulatory framework. It has no influence on EFSA's independent scientific work. The Management Board has the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adopts EFSA's annual and multi-annual work program, annual activity report and budget ➤ Draws up the list of competent EU organizations that can assist EFSA in fulfilling its mission (so-called Article 36 organizations) ➤ Appoints the members of the Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels and the Executive Director of EFSA <p>The representatives of the Member States are nominated by the Member States themselves and appointed by the European Council. The representatives of civil society and the interests of the food chain are appointed by the European Council in consultation with the European Parliament on the basis of a list drawn up by the European Commission. The representatives of the EU institutions and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries are appointed by the institutions and countries themselves.</p>
EFSA's Advisory Forum	<p>The Advisory Forum is the place where EFSA and the Member States meet to exchange information and knowledge related to food risk assessment in Europe. The Advisory Forum advises EFSA's Executive Director on the work programme and the prioritization of requests for scientific advice.</p> <p>The Advisory Forum has the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Promotion of cooperation and replacement of duplicate work ➤ Handling divergent scientific opinions <p>Identification and characterization of emerging risks</p> <p>The members are appointed by the national food safety authorities of the EU Member States, Iceland, Norway and the observer countries.</p>
EFSA's Scientific Committee	<p>The Scientific Committee (SC) has the task of supporting the work of the scientific committees on overarching scientific issues. It focuses on the development of harmonized risk assessment methods in areas where EU-wide approaches have not yet been defined.</p>
EFSA's Scientific Panels	<p>EFSA's Scientific Panels prepare opinions and advise the EU Commission on food safety issues. The panels thus create the scientific basis for the Commission's decisions on the improvement of consumer health protection in Europe. The ten panels each deal with a different area of the food and feed chain.</p> <p>Each of EFSA's ten scientific panels is supported by one or more working groups on specific topics within the panel's remit.</p>
EFSA's Working Groups	<p>EFSA's scientific networks are made up of national organizations that collaborate with EFSA in specific areas such as data collection, emerging risks, pesticide residue monitoring and risk communication. The scientific networks have the following tasks:</p>
EFSA's Scientific Networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Facilitating a scientific cooperation framework through the coordination of activities ➤ Exchange of information ➤ Development and implementation of joint projects ➤ Exchange of expertise and best practices ➤ Coordination of risk communication activities

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)	Responsible for scientific advice and communication on risks in the food chain in the European Union (EU).
EFSA Focal Points in Member States (EFSA Focal Point Network)	<p>"The Focal Points act as hubs for information exchange, networking and engagement and support the Advisory Board member of their respective Member States. The network includes members from all 27 EU Member States, Iceland and Norway as well as observers from Switzerland and the EU candidate countries. The Focal Points significantly improve scientific cooperation and networking activities between and among Member States and EFSA by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supporting the exchange of scientific information and experts ➤ Advising on cooperation activities and scientific projects ➤ Promoting of training in the field of risk assessment ➤ Increasing EFSA's scientific visibility and reach in the Member States <p>EFSA and the focal points usually meet four times a year."</p>
EFSA Focal Point Germany	<p>The German EFSA Focal Point (EFSA FP) in the International Affairs Unit of the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) coordinates scientific cooperation and the exchange of information between the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the organizations in Germany designated under Article 36 of the EFSA Founding Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 178/2002), which work in EFSA's areas of responsibility.</p>
	<p>The scientific coordination work of the EFSA FP ensures that close networking also takes place between the Article 36 institutions in order to contribute German expertise efficiently at European level.</p>
"Competent organizations in Member States (Article 36 organizations)"	<p>The "competent organizations" are organizations under Article 36 of EFSA's founding Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 178/2002) and operate on the basis of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004 of 23 December 2004. They provide scientific and technical support to EFSA's work, for example by carrying out preparatory work for scientific opinions, collecting data or identifying emerging risks.</p>
"Competent organizations in Member States (Article 36 organizations)"	<p>In 2022, the following German facilities were registered with EFSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (FLI) Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute (TI), Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries Julius Kühn Institute, Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants (JKI) ➤ Max Rubner Institute, Federal Research Institute of Nutrition and Food (MRI) ➤ German Environment Agency (UBA)
Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture	<p>The responsible division in the Federal Ministry of Nutrition and Agriculture (BMEL) in 2022 is Division 312 as the contact for national activities in the area of EFSA.</p>

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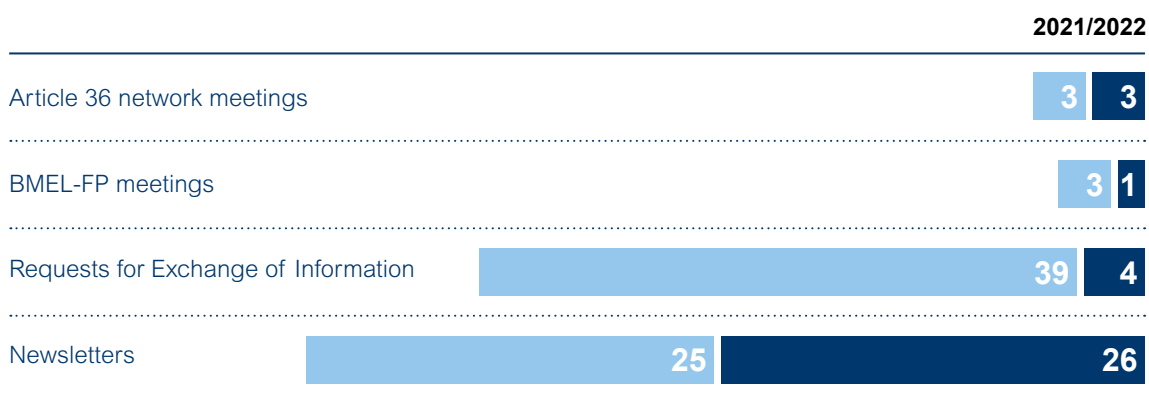
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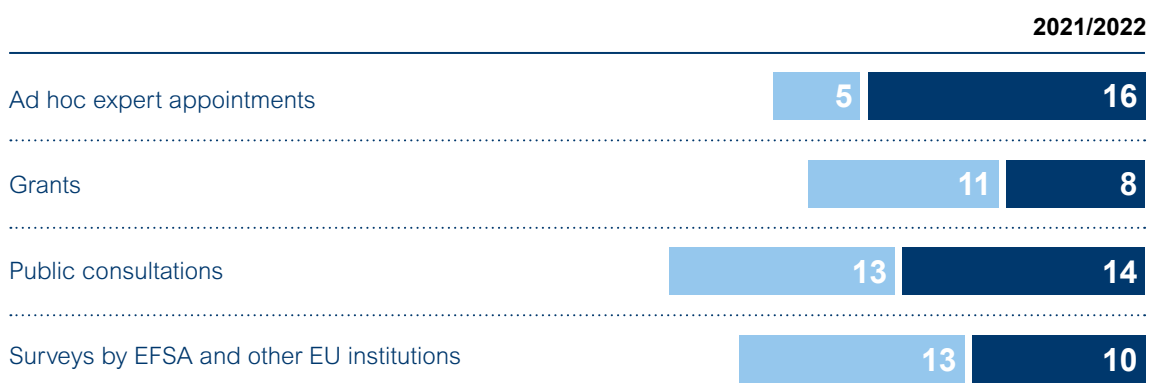
2022 Highlights

Figure 1: Regular exchange of information between the German EFSA FP and the German Article 36 network



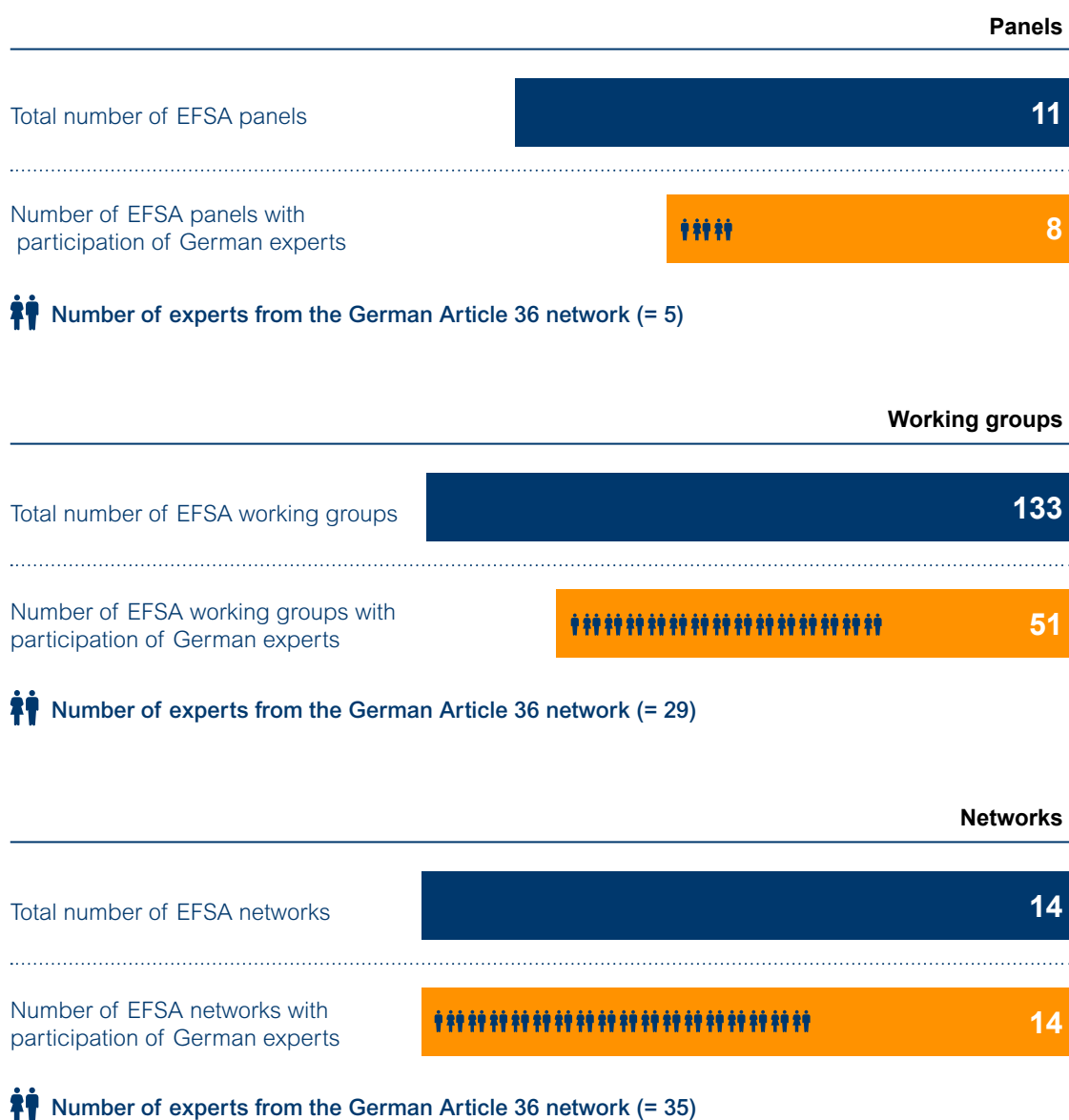
Source: Own representation according to the internal monitoring of the German EFSA FP, created on 10.02.2023.

Figure 2: Participation of the German Article 36 network in EFSA activities



Source: Own representation according to the internal monitoring of the German EFSA FP and according to the Engagement & Cooperation Unit (ENCO) of EFSA, created on 10.02.2023.

Figure 3: Participation of the German Article 36 network in EFSA expert groups



Source: Own representation according to EFSA's Engagement & Cooperation Unit (ENCO), created on 10.02.2023.

Regular exchange of information between the German EFSA FP and the German Article 36 network

The Focal Point acts as a liaison between EFSA and the German Article 36 network, which consists of national food safety authorities and research institutions. Promoting the exchange of information is therefore one of the main activities of the German EFSA FP in order to strengthen cooperation and networking between EFSA and these institutions.

Meetings of the German Article 36 network

In order to ensure a smooth flow of information, the German EFSA FP and the German Article 36 institutions exchange information at regular meetings. In addition to a strategic meeting at the beginning of 2022, an optional meeting was held on the topic of "data", to which German experts from the relevant EFSA scientific networks were invited. The aim was to facilitate a cross-institutional and cross-domain exchange on data-related cooperation with EFSA.

In addition to the Article 36 network, the German EFSA FP continuously informed the Federal Ministry of Nutrition and Agriculture (BMEL) about developments in cooperation with EFSA at national and European level.

A key topic in 2022 was the new operational contractual framework of the Focal Points, which entails changes to FP tasks and the contractual architecture. The German EFSA FP informed the Article 36 institutions and the BMEL about these developments at a special information event.

Table 1: Meetings of the EFSA Advisory Forum in 2022

Session	Date	Focus
84th Advisory Forum Meeting	08. to 09.06.2022, online	Systematic Literature Review and the use of Artificial Intelligence
85th Advisory Forum Meeting	25. to 26.10.2022, Prague	Advancing environmental risk assessment (ERA) methodologies: moving towards a partnership for ERA
86th Advisory Forum Meeting	06.12.2022, Berlin	Member State Risk Assessment Activities

Source: Own representation according to the monitoring of the German EFSA FP, created on 10.02.2023.

Table 2: Meetings of the EFSA Focal Point Network in 2022

Session	Date	Focus
48th Focal Point Meeting	18. to 19.05.2022, Parma	New FP operational framework; Fostering Partnerships supported by EFSA's Grants and Procurement
49th Focal Point Meeting	14.09.2022, online	New FP operational framework and agreement Engagement, collaboration, and partnerships with Art.-36 organisations
50th Focal Point Meeting	08.12.2022, Berlin	New FP operational framework and activities

Source: Own representation according to the monitoring of the German EFSA FP, created on 10.02.2023.

Meetings of the EFSA Advisory Forum and of the Focal Point Network

As part of its information mandate, the German EFSA FP reported continuously and comprehensively on upcoming meetings of the EFSA Advisory Forum and the EFSA Focal Point Network. In 2022, the German Article 36 institutions and the BMEL received information on three EFSA Advisory Forum meetings and three meetings of the EFSA Focal Point Network.

EFSA Advisory Forum discussion groups

The German EFSA FP provided regular briefings on the work of selected EFSA Advisory Forum Discussion Groups:

To develop the new operational FP contractual framework, EFSA set up the **Advisory Forum Steering Group on the new FP operational framework**, in which the German EFSA FP was actively involved. Together, the members of this Steering Group, consisting of volunteer Advisory Forum members and FPs, critically reviewed the FP tasks and designed a new operational and contractual architecture. The structure developed was finalized by the entire FP network and EFSA and entered into force on 1 January 2023. The mandate of the Steering Group was thus completed at the end of 2022.

The German Advisory Forum member, Prof. Dr. Dr. Andreas Hensel, and the German EFSA FP were involved in the **Advisory Forum Discussion Group on Future of Partnerships** in 2022. The aim of the discussion group was to discuss and advise EFSA on horizontal, cross-cutting and operational aspects of the partnership framework of cooperation projects that support EFSA in its mission and contribute to the risk assessment system in the EU. The discussion group completed its mandate in 2022 and recorded the results of its work in the form of recommendations in a final report. The discussion group also contributed significantly to the conception of FP tasks in the area of

"Engagement, collaboration and partnerships" of the new FP contractual framework.

Unit 133 of the BVL represents Germany in the **Advisory Forum Group on Data (AGoD)**, which aims to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Forum Task Force on Data Collection and Modeling to simplify data transmission to EFSA. To this end, the following six subgroups were established in 2022¹ to promote discussions at a more detailed and technical level:

- 1) Development and shared use of tools and technologies
- 2) Digital platforms and ecosystems
- 3) Innovative data analysis and new data streams
- 4) Data competence and data capacity
- 5) Data quality
- 6) Data modeling and terminology

AGoD also focused on creating a management and operating structure for the group's long-term activities, as well as defining priorities and launching feasible data-related project ideas.

Requests from the European Member States (Requests for Exchange of Information)

The so-called Requests for Exchange of Information, are scientific requests for specific information on topics in the areas of risk assessment and risk management. The German EFSA FP did not choose this FP task for 2022. Three requests from the European Member States (MS) were nevertheless coordinated within the national Article 36 network at their request. One request from the BMEL was distributed within the Member States via the EFSA FP network and received a total of 19 responses, which the German EFSA FP reported back to the BMEL.

¹ AGoD annual report: <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2023.e210401>, 28.03.2023.

Table 3: Requests processed by EU Member States in 2022

Topic	EFSA's remit	Work area	Requesting Member State
Knowledge and practice regarding the exposome concept	Animal health and welfare (AHAW)	Risk assessment	France
	Biological hazards (BIOHAZ)		
	Contaminants (CONTAM)		
	Feed (FEEDAP)		
	Nutrition (NDA)		
	Food ingredients and packaging (ANS, CEF)		
	Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)		
Pesticides (PPR)			
Call for contact details of persons responsible for conducting food and feed safety risk assessments in European countries	Biological hazards (BIOHAZ)	Risk assessment	Finland
	Contaminants (CONTAM)		
Request for information on interpretation of the COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2001/110/EC of 20 December 2001 relating to honey regarding the HMF content	Nutrition (NDA)	Risk management	Austria
Request related to UV-C treatment of foods	Nutrition (NDA)	Risk assessment	Germany
	Food ingredients and packaging (ANS, CEF)	Risk management	

Source: Own representation according to the monitoring of the German EFSA FP, created on 10.02.2023.

BfR World Food Safety Almanac (WFSA)

On June 7, 2022, World Food Safety Day, the online **BfR World Almanac on Food Safety** was published.² This project is coordinated and technically run by the German EFSA FP. The German profile in the Almanac is a collaboration between the German EFSA FP, the BMEL and the Article 36 institutions and informs the readership about the German food safety structure.

Since 2009, the Almanac has been published in regularly updated form as a printed handbook and as a PDF to provide readers with an overview of the administrative structures of various countries in food and feed safety. With the transition to an online format, the Almanac is easily accessible and searchable. In addition, each participating country can update the content of a country page independently. Starting in 2023, the German profile will be reviewed annually by the BMEL and the Article 36 institutions and updated by the German EFSA FP.

The German EFSA FP oversaw the creation of the website and the transfer of the print content (including 37 country profiles) to the new website. In 2022, 26 countries signed user agreements and received WFSA accounts.

With the development of the new operational framework of the Focal Points, the opportunity arose for the German EFSA FP to submit two WFSA tasks for funding by EFSA.

In 2023, participating Focal Points will collaborate with the German EFSA FP in these two tailor-made tasks to promote the Almanac, collect feedback on the Almanac and develop a concept for the regular updating of the WFSA. A further aim is to expand the project to include other countries from different continents.

EFSA Focal Point Newsletter and EFSA Scientific Cooperation Newsletter

In 2022, 26 newsletters of the German EFSA FP were sent out. The German EFSA FP newsletter was distributed every two weeks to the German Article 36 network and other interested groups. It contains information from EFSA and EU Member States as well as international news on the following topics

- > Science and Regulatory Science
- > Scientific Events
- > Capacity Building
- > Grants, Procurements & Funding Calls
- > Further International Scientific Information

EFSA's Scientific Cooperation Newsletter advertises upcoming EFSA and Member State events and was published six times in 2022. These were distributed to the Article 36 network with a call for contributions.

On June 7, 2022, to mark World Food Safety Day, the online BfR World Food Safety Almanac published.

² See BfR press release: Now also @ online "The BfR World Food Safety Almanac", 10.02.2023.

Participation of German Article 36 organisations in EFSA activities

External scientific experts provide EFSA with their knowledge and experience in various formats. The German EFSA FP provides support to experts from Germany

Participation in EFSA's Scientific Panels and Scientific Committee

EFSA's ten scientific panels are dedicated to the following areas:

- > Animal Health and Welfare
- > Biological Hazards
- > Food Contact Materials, Enzymes and Processing Aids
- > Contaminants in the Food Chain
- > Food Additives and Flavourings
- > Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed
- > Genetically Modified Organisms
- > Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens
- > Plant Health
- > Plant Protection Products and their Residues

The Scientific Committee is one of the scientific panels. Both consist of external experts who contribute their specialist knowledge individually to the Committee's work. In 2022, one expert from Germany was a member of the Scientific Committee. 14 German experts participated in seven of the ten scientific panels.

Of these, five experts were employed in a German Article 36 institution and were active in five panels (see Table 4). The other nine experts worked at universities or in an institution outside the German Article 36 network, were freelancers or retired.

The distribution by organizational affiliation of all German experts in EFSA's panels is shown in Figure 4 and can be found in detail in Annex 1.2.

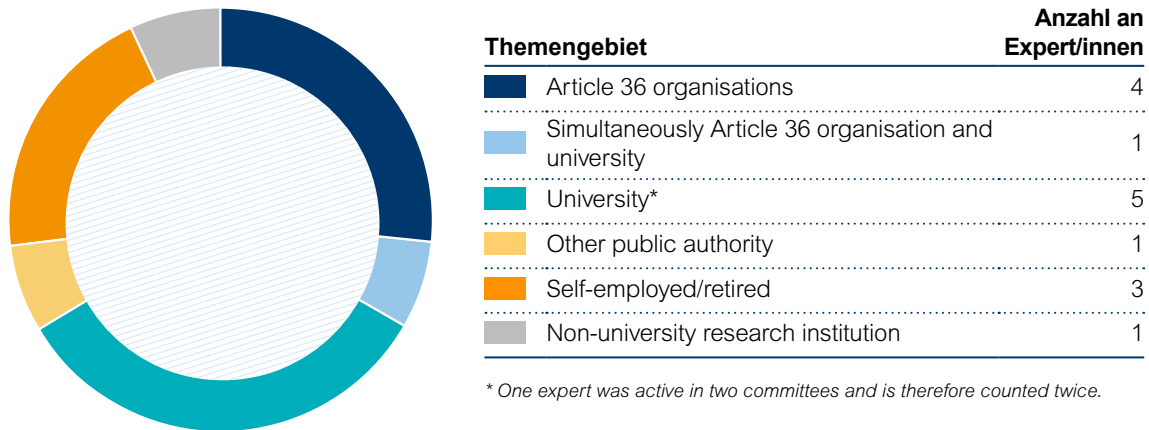
The Scientific Committee and the scientific panels are appointed for five years following a thorough and transparent selection process. The next appointment to the panels will take place in 2024. Together with the German Advisory Forum member, the German FP took part in a workshop organized by EFSA in October 2022 to discuss the selection process and the selection criteria with the EU member states. The aim was to address as diverse a pool of experts as possible with the call for tenders in 2023. The FP widely disseminated the call at national level and advertised it in line with its information

Table 4: German Article 36 organizations in EFSA panels in 2022

Board	Institution
Contaminants in the food chain (CONTAM)	BfR
Food additives and flavourings (FAF)	BfR
Additives and products or substances used in animal feed (FEEDAP)	BfR
Nutrition, novel foods and food allergens (NDA)	BfR
Plant protection products and their residues (PPR)	UBA

Source: Own representation according to EFSA's Engagement & Cooperation Unit (ENCO), created on 02.02.2023.

Figure 4: Distribution of German experts in EFSA panels in 2022 by type of organizational affiliation



Source: Own representation according to EFSA's Engagement & Cooperation Unit (ENCO), created on 02.02.2023.

Participation in EFSA working groups

The Scientific Committee, the ten scientific panels and some EFSA units are supported by working groups on specific topics. The work of the working groups is very dynamic. While some working groups are active for a few weeks, others work for several years. As a result, it can be assumed that the available data is constantly changing. The figures quoted here are taken from the information provided by EFSA on 02.02.2023.

The composition of the working groups follows a standardized EFSA process. Members of the Committee and of the panels as well as external experts can be selected to participate in a working group. In 2022, a total of 44 German representatives were active in 51 EFSA working groups. Of these, 14 experts were involved in more than one working group. The German Article 36 network was represented by 16 scientists in 25 working groups (see Table 5). Of these 16, four experts were active in more than one working group. A detailed overview of all German experts, both within and outside the German Article 36 network, can be found in Appendix 1.3

The Scientific Committee and the Panels are appointed for five years following a thorough and transparent selection process.

Table 5: German Article 36 institutions in EFSA working groups in 2022

Board	Working group	Number of experts	Article 36 organization
Animal health and welfare panel (AHAW)	African swine fever	3	FLI
	Welfare Farm To Fork	1	FLI
Food contact materials, enzymes and processing aids panel (CEP)	Food contact materials	1	BfR
	BPA re-evaluation	2	BfR
Contaminants in the food chain panel (CONTAM)	Inorganic arsenic in food	1	BfR
	Grayanotoxins in certain honey	1	BfR
	PCNs	1	BfR
	Mycotoxins in feed (DON, T2, FUMO)	1	FLI
Food additives and flavourings panel (FAF)	Sweeteners	1	BfR
	Flavourings	1	BfR
	Food additives in foods for infants	1	BfR
	Update guidance flavourings	1	BfR
	Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)	2	BfR
	Follow-up tox	1	BfR
Additives and products or substances used in animal feed panel (FEEDAP)	Feed flavourings	2	BfR
	Toxicology	1	BfR
Genetically modified organisms panel (GMO)	Applications ComPERA 2018–2021 (WG/P/GMO/2018/04)	1	TI
Nutrition, novel foods and food allergens panel (NDA)	Novel foods	1	BfR
	Protein hydrolysate-based formula	1	BfR
Animal and plant health unit (ALPHA)	Avian influenza	1	FLI
Biological hazards and animal health and welfare unit (BIOHAW)	The fourth Joint Interagency Antimicrobial Consumption and Resistance Analysis (JIACRA) (EFSA-Q-2022-00101)	1	BfR
Pesticide residues unit (PRES)	Cumulative risk assessment (CRA) of pesticides	1	BfR
Pesticide peer review unit (PREV)	Bee guidance revision	1	UBA
Scientific committee and emerging risks unit (SCER)	Cross-cutting genotoxicity	1	BfR

Source: Own representation according to EFSA's Engagement & Cooperation Unit (ENCO), created on 02.02.2023.

Participation in EFSA scientific networks

EFSA's scientific networks provide coordination and cooperation between Member States and EFSA on the topics covered by EFSA's mandate. New networks are established by EFSA in consultation with the Advisory Forum and with the approval of the Management Board. Advisory Forum members nominate organizations in their countries that are able to contribute to the tasks of a particular network. With administrative support from the Focal Points, competent experts from the named organizations are formally nominated as participants and alternates.

In 2022, a total of 14 scientific networks were active³, including one new network and two network subgroups, and one network was discontinued. Seven German institutions, including five Article 36 institutions, were represented in the 14 scientific networks:

- > Scientific Network on Risk Assessment in Animal Health and Welfare
- > Scientific Network on BSE/TSE
- > Scientific Network for Microbiological Risk Assessment
- > Communication Experts Network
- > Scientific Network on Emerging Risk Exchange
- > Scientific Network on Risk Assessment of Nanotechnologies in Food and Feed (NANO)
- > Scientific Network for Zoonosis Monitoring Data
- > Scientific Network on Chemical Monitoring Data Collection
- > Scientific Network on Food Consumption Data
- > Scientific Network on Food Contact Materials
- > Scientific Network for Risk assessment of GMOs
- > Scientific Network on Novel Foods
- > Scientific Network on Risk Assessment in Plant Health
- > Pesticide Steering Network

A total of 53 experts from Germany were active in the 14 scientific networks and six network subgroups. Of these 53, 35 network representatives and 15 subgroup representatives were employed by Article 36 organizations. The German EFSA FP coordinated 14 expert nominations in an administrative capacity. An overview of all German representatives can be found in Annex 1.5. EFSA's annual report on the work in the scientific networks can be found in Annex 2

Table 6: German Article 36 organizations in EFSA's scientific networks in 2022

Institution	Number of participants	Number of alternates	Total
BfR	7	8	15
BVL	7	5	12
FLI	3	1	4
JKI	1	1	2
MRI	1	1	2
Total	19	16	35

Source: Own representation according to EFSA's Engagement & Cooperation Unit (ENCO), created on 02.02.2023.

Participation in EFSA calls for further expert nominations

In 2022, the German EFSA FP processed a total of 15 requests from EFSA and other EU bodies for experts for various events such as online meetings, but also for membership of technical working groups, etc. The 15 requests resulted in 16 nominations of German experts, which the German EFSA FP forwarded to the requesting body.

The national procedure drawn up by the BMEL and the German EFSA FP within the Federal Republic of Germany for the nomination of external experts within the list of Article 36 organizations of the European Food Safety Authority regulates the nomination of experts in the context of ad hoc requests from EFSA at national level and thus ensures the contribution of German expertise within the EU. The nomination of the relevant experts is coordinated by the German EFSA FP within the responsible Article 36 bodies and, if necessary, finalized by the German member of the Advisory Forum.

Table 7 provides information on the thematic focus of the EFSA requests and the participation of German Article 36 institutions. The majority of experts nominated were from the BfR and the BVL

³ In this report, networks and network subgroups are counted separately. Subgroups of networks are therefore not included in the list of networks. In the EFSA report "Report of activities of EFSA Networks for the year 2022", the IUCLID subgroup of the Pesticide Steering Network is included in the list of networks. The total number of networks in EFSA's report is therefore 15.

Table 7: Participation of German Article 36 organizations in expert requests from EFSA and other institutions in 2022

Topic	Nomination
Workshop on Exposure science and Call for Expression of Interests	BfR
Technical meeting with MS risk assessment representatives following the BPA stakeholder event of 24.01.2022	BfR, BVL
Discussion on the engagement methods on the area of NAMs – SPIDO	BfR
Exchange on EFSA's theme paper on future research on evidence-based risk communication	BfR
Network of contacts within the national food safety agencies – MS Publications initiative	BfR
Sub-working groups of Advisory Group on Data	BfR, BVL, MRI
Thematic Workshop on Biomarkers of Effect	BfR
EFSA Technical Group on the Tools related to the application of the Transparency Regulation (TG TOOLS)	BVL, BfR
Workshop zum Prozess des EFSA Scientific Panel Renewal am 04.10.2022	BfR
Hybrid Workshop on Data Sharing and Standardisation – Pollinator related data	BfR
BTSF on Chemical Risk Assessment, Course 1	BfR
Biomarkers of Effect – Follow-up	BfR

Source: Own representation according to the monitoring of the German EFSA FP, created on 10.02.2023.

Participation in EFSA calls for grants

Only Article 36 organizations, as so-called competent organizations, are entitled to apply for funding from EFSA for projects and activities. Funding is provided for projects and activities in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004⁴ and Article 1(5e) of Regulation (EU) 2019/138⁵ that contribute to EFSA's mission in the areas of data collection, preparatory work for scientific evaluations and other scientific and technical support. The German EFSA FP has regularly distributed EFSA's calls for grants via the Focal Point newsletter.

In 2022, eight German applications for EFSA grants were successful. Of these, seven applications were submitted by the BfR and one by the FLI. The successful applications for EFSA grants from German Article 36 organizations can be grouped thematically under animal health (African swine fever), fish poisoning (EuroCigua II), the scholarship program "European Food Risk Assessment (EU-FORA)" and the application of New Approach Methodologies in the risk assessment of chemicals (NAMS4NANO). Table 8 provides an overview of the aforementioned successful applications for EFSA funding by the German Article 36 institutions.

⁴ See <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32004R2230>, 10.02.2023.

⁵ See <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R0138>, 10.02.2023.

Table 8: Overview of grants with beneficiary German Article 36 organizations in 2022

Species of promotion	Working group	Institution
Financial aid	GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/09 Survival of African swine fever virus in feed, bedding materials and mechanical vectors and their potential role in virus transmission	BfR, FLI
Financial aid	GP/EFSA/ENCO/2021/01 Selection of hosting sites and fellows for EFSA's European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship (EU-FORA) Programme – GA02-INYTA-URG&BFR	BfR
Financial aid	GP/EFSA/ENREL/2022/03 Focal Point Agreements 2023–2027 – Germany	BfR
Financial aid	GP/EFSA/KNOW/2022/03 An integrated approach to characterise the human health risks of ciguatoxins in fish in Europe	BfR
Financial aid	GP/EFSA/MESE/2022/01 – LOT 1 NAMS4NANO: Integration of New Approach Methodologies results in chemical risk assessments: LOT 1 Review of tools and developing a qualification system for NAM's	BfR
Financial aid	GP/EFSA/MESE/2022/01 – LOT 2 NAMS4NANO: Integration of New Approach Methodologies results in chemical risk assessments: LOT 2 Risk Assessment case studies	BfR
Financial aid	GP/EFSA/MESE/2022/01 – LOT 3 NAMS4NANO: Integration of New Approach Methodologies results in chemical risk assessments: LOT 3 Methodological and generic case studies	BfR

Source: Own representation according to EFSA's Engagement & Cooperation Unit (ENCO), created on 10.02.2023.
Data available at <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2023-03/art36grants2022.pdf>

Participation in EFSA public consultations

In 2022, the German EFSA FP distributed a total of 14 EFSA public consultations (PC) in the German Article 36 network. The German EFSA FP coordinates selected PCs of high relevance, which are sent by EFSA to the Focal Points for distribution. In 2022 there were 12 such PCs. The German EFSA FP informed the German Article 36 bodies about the publication of the PCs by email and in special cases via EFSA Focal Point Newsletter. Comments on the PCs are made directly by the respective institutions.

The PCs distributed by the German EFSA FP originate from mandates of the European Commission or EFSA

and not from application procedures for the authorization of regulated substances and products for the EU market. EFSA's tasking of the Focal Points to promote these PCs at national level indicates the particular importance and need for a high level of participation in the respective topics. The 14 PCs distributed by the German EFSA FP at national level in 2022 included consultations on cross-cutting guidelines and consultations from various food sectors. Some had very specific objectives, such as upper intake values or health-based guidance values, while others had broader objectives, such as establishing methodological guidance for future risk assessments. Particularly noteworthy are the PCs on the benchmark method, on plants developed by cisgenesis or intragenesis, and on nitrosamines

Table 9: EFSA public consultations processed by the EFSA FP in 2022

Food sector	Public Consultation
Animal welfare	➤ Methodological guidance for the development of welfare mandates in the context of Farm to Fork strategy
	➤ Draft scientific opinion on the protection of calves
Contaminants	➤ Draft scientific opinion on the human health risks related to the presence of <i>N-nitrosamines</i> (<i>N-NAs</i>) in food
Food contact materials	➤ Draft protocol for the hazard assessment as part of the risk assessment of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances potentially used as plasticisers in materials and articles intended to come into contact with food
Food improvement agents	➤ Draft guidance on the data required for the risk assessment of flavourings to be used in or on foods
GMO	➤ Draft scientific opinion on „Evaluation of existing guidelines for their adequacy for the food and feed risk assessment of genetically modified plants obtained through synthetic biology“
	➤ Draft updated scientific opinion on plants developed through cisgenesis and intragenesis
Nutrition	➤ Draft scientific opinion on the conversion of calcium-L-methylfolate and (6S)-5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid glucosamine salt into dietary folate equivalents
	➤ Draft scientific opinion on the tolerable upper intake level for selenium
Pesticides peer review	➤ Revised guidance on the risk assessment of plant protection products on bees (<i>Apis mellifera</i> , <i>Bombus spp.</i> and <i>solitary bees</i>)
Risk assessment methodology	➤ Draft report on the development of a harmonised approach to exposure assessment methodologies for residues from veterinary medicinal products, feed additives and pesticides in food of animal origin*
	➤ Draft scientific opinion on „Evaluation of existing guidelines for their adequacy for the food and feed risk assessment of microorganisms obtained through synthetic biology“
	➤ Updated Scientific Committee guidance on the use of benchmark dose approach in risk assessment
	➤ Draft opinion on review of existing health-based guidance values for copper

* This Public consultation was a joint public consultation of EFSA and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) Source: Own representation according to the internal monitoring of the German EFSA FP, created on 10.02.2023.

Coordination of surveys

In 2022, the German EFSA FP coordinated a total of nine surveys. These originated from EFSA, as part of European projects or from other Member States and were distributed and processed at national level according to technical competence.

Half of the surveys were primarily of a strategic or technical nature. These relate, for example, to EFSA's strategy (EFSA Annual Strategy Survey) or partnerships in Europe in general. An overview of all surveys distributed in 2022 can be found in Table 10

Table 10: Distribution of surveys by the EFSA FP within the German Article 36 network in 2022

Area	Survey	Source of the survey	Dissemination to								
			BfR	BVL	FLI	JKI	MRI	TI	UBA	Sonstige	
Communi-cations	Survey to strengthen EFSA communication of scientific information	EFSA		✓							✓
	Questionnaire on the communication between risk assessors and risk managers	ENCOMRAN Projekt	✓								
Contami-nants	Call for stakeholder inputs in relation to an EFSA mandate on grayanotoxins in certain honey	EFSA	✓	✓		✓	✓				
Partner-ships	ERA-LEARN Survey on European Partnerships	ERA-LEARN Projekt	✓								
Risk assessment methodo-logy	Survey on Health-based limit values (HBLVs)	Europäische Kommission	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Strategy	EFSA Annual Strategy Survey 2022 – your views and expectations	EFSA	✓								
	Evaluation of RACFC (Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain) activities	Focal Point Bulgarien	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tools	OpenEFSA user satisfaction survey	EFSA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zoonoses	EU One Health Surveillance System questionnaire	EFSA			✓						

Source: Own representation according to the internal monitoring of the German EFSA FP, created on 10.02.2023.

Capacity development measures by the German EFSA FP

The German EFSA FP aims to support the German Article 36 organizations in the provision of further training and thus make a significant contribution to the transfer of expertise in the field of risk assessment.

Workshop on the submission of zoonosis data to EFSA

In 2021, the German and French EFSA FPs jointly organized an online workshop on data collection and transmission to EFSA. The successful collaboration was continued in 2022. The topic of data submission to EFSA was taken up again in an online workshop on "Reporting Zoonoses Data to EFSA - data validation in MicroStrategy and reporting of prevalence data". A total of 25 participants acquired basic knowledge about reporting prevalence data to EFSA and data validation in MicroStrategy. In addition, typical errors in the reporting and validation of prevalence data to EFSA were identified and possible solutions developed. A combination of lectures and interactive exercises enabled the participants to apply the acquired knowledge to simple examples.

The German EFSA FP received important advice from the BVL in the development of the agenda and will continue its cooperation with the French EFSA FP in 2023.

European Food Risk Assessment (EU-FORA) Fellowship Programme⁶

The European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme is a key initiative to prepare for the future need for risk analysis. The program aims to increase the pool of European food safety risk assessment experts, stimulate the participation of Member States in risk assessment and create networks.

The EU-FORA Fellowship Programme 2022/2023 has been redesigned (EU-FORA 2.0). To apply, two Article 36 institutions must form a consortium, whereby the Fellow Sending Site (the Fellow's institution) is the main applicant and the Hosting Site (host institution) is the partner. The Fellow stays at the host institution for 3 to a maximum of 5 months.

In 2022, the German EFSA FP successfully coordinated the BfR's application process as a host institution together with the Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology (INYTA) University of Granada. Under the work programme "Risk Assessment of Food Contact Materials", a scholarship holder was accepted for a three-month stay at the BfR.

With the switch to the new EU-FORA concept 2.0, the application process was more time-consuming as partners had to be actively sought. Due to this additional effort and the shortened duration of the Fellow's stay, only one application was submitted by the BfR in 2022.

⁶ Further information on the scholarship program can be found at www.efsa.europa.eu/de/engage/fellowship.

Outlook

For 2023, the German EFSA FP will focus on integrating the new operational framework into the existing working structures and successfully implementing the new customized tasks. Furthermore, the strategic exchange with the German representatives of the scientific networks is to be expanded and consolidated

Integration of the new operational framework into the working structures of the German EFSA FP

With the entry into force of the new operational Focal Point framework, the German EFSA FP will face a number of changes in 2023:

- > Multi-year
The Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) between EFSA and the FPs has a duration of five years. The FPA allows FPs to sign several specific grant agreements for different activities and with different implementation periods.
- > Flexible and customized
The tasks of the FPs are assigned to five overarching work areas
 1. Knowledge and information management and support for scientific production
 2. Commitment, cooperation and partnerships
 3. Capacity building
 4. Data
 5. Risk communication

The FPs must carry out at least ten principal tasks within these work areas and can optionally submit or select project proposals as tailor-made tasks. The German EFSA FP made use of this option in 2022 and submitted two task proposals for Area 1 "Knowledge and information management and support for scientific production", one relating to the quality enhancement of the entire Focal Point network and the other to the BfR World Food Safety Almanac. Furthermore, the German EFSA FP has a major focus on the area of 3 "Capacity Building" and will act as "lead" in implementing the "European Excellence Label" project in close cooperation with other European partners.

The German EFSA FP must integrate these new tasks and the resulting processes into the established working structures. For EFSA, 2023 is also a pilot year that can trigger adjustments. A comprehensive exchange with the BMEL and the Article 36 institutions is planned for the implementation of these, including feedback to EFSA.

Expansion of strategic networking

German representatives will continue to contribute their expertise to EFSA's scientific networks in 2023. The German EFSA FP aims to support this through comprehensive and strategic networking to ensure a fluid exchange of information in both directions. In 2022, the German EFSA FP placed a strategic focus on strengthening its contacts with the German members of EFSA's scientific networks. This exchange is to be consolidated in 2023 and expanded on an annual basis.

The aim of this project is to strengthen the partnership between the German EFSA FP and the German network participants. In 2022, short discussions with German participants from 11 networks provided a basic overview of the work of the German EFSA FP and the German experts in EFSA's scientific networks. This increased visibility and mutual understanding of each other's activities has already shown initial results. Communication barriers have been broken down. The full report on the strategic work of the German EFSA FP with the scientific networks in 2022 can be found in Annex 3.

Attachments

Annex 1.1: German representation in EFSA panels, working groups and scientific networks in 2022.

List of Panel Members from Germany

Panel	No. of German members
Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)	0
Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ)	0
Food Contact Materials, Enzymes and Processing Aids (CEP)	1
Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM)	2
Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF)	5
Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP)	1
Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)	0
Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens (NDA)	2
Plant Health (PLH)	1
Plant Protection Products and their Residues (PPR)	2
Scientific Committee	1
Total	14*

* One expert is represented on two committees.

Annex 1.2: Name and affiliation of the 15 panel members from Germany

Panel	Name	Organisation
CEP	Zorn, Holger	Justus Liebig University Giessen
CONTAM	Schrenk, Dieter	University of Kaiserslautern
	Schwerdtle, Tanja	University Potsdam German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
FAF	Degen, Gisela Heide	Retired (formerly: Leibniz Research Centre for Working Environment and Human Factors)
	Engel, Karl-Heinz	Technical University of Munich
	Fürst, Peter	Chemical and Veterinary Analytical Institute
	Gundert-Remy, Ursula	Retired (formerly: German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment [BfR])
FEEDAP	Gürtler, Rainer	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
NDA	Dusemund, Birgit	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
	Hirsch-Ernst, Karen Ildico	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
PLH	Mangelsdorf, Inge	Self-employed
	Thulke, Hans-Hermann	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ)
PPR	Focks, Andreas	Osnabrück University
	Pieper, Silvia	German Environment Agency (UBA)
SC	Schrenk, Dieter	University of Kaiserslautern

Annex 1.3: List of Working Group members from Germany

Panel/ Unit	Working group	Member	Affiliation
Animal health and welfare panel (AHAW)	African swine fever	Blome, Sandra	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut – Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (FLI)
		Depner, Klaus	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut – Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (FLI)
		Staubach, Christoph Peter Josef	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut – Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (FLI)
		Thulke, Hans-Hermann	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ)
	Welfare Farm to Fork	Schrader, Lars	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut – Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (FLI)
		Thulke, Hans-Hermann	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ)
		Tiemann, Inga	University of Bonn
Biological hazards panel (BIOHAZ)	Microbiological safety of aged meat	Terjung, Nino	GMT GmbH
Food contact materials, enzymes and processing aids panel (CEP)	Food contact materials	Franz, Roland	Fraunhofer Institute for Process Engineering and Packaging IVV
		Merkel, Stefan	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
	BPA re-evaluation	Batke, Monika	Hochschule Emden/Leer
		Gundert-Remy, Ursula	Retired (formerly: German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment [BfR])
		Mielke, Hans	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
		Ulbrich, Beate Cornelia	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
	Enzymes	Gundert-Remy, Ursula	Retired (formerly: German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment [BfR])
		Zorn, Holger	Justus Liebig University Giessen
	Extraction Solvents	Fürst, Peter	Chemical and Veterinary Analytical Institute
	Contaminants in the food chain panel (CONTAM)	Feed detoxification	Metzler, Manfred
BFRs in food		Fürst, Peter	Chemical and Veterinary Analytical Institute
MOH in food		Goldbeck, Christophe Michael Pierre	University of Münster
Inorganic arsenic in food		Schwerdtle, Tanja	University of Potsdam; German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
Grayanotoxins in honey		Dusemund, Birgit	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
PCNs		Zwickel, Theresa Franziska	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
Mycotoxins in feed (DON, T2, FUMO)		Dänicke, Sven	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut – Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (FLI)
Ergot alkaloids in feed		Gropp, Jürgen Max	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
Ambrosia seeds in feed		Gropp, Jürgen Max	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

Panel/ Unit	Working group	Member	Affiliation
Food additives and flavourings panel (FAF)	Sweeteners	Batke, Monika	Emden/Leer University of Applied Sciences
		Fürst, Peter	Chemical and Veterinary Analytical Institute
		Gundert-Remy, Ursula	Retired (formerly: German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment [BfR])
		Lindtner, Oliver	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
	Flavourings	Degen, Gisela Heide	Leibniz Research Centre for Working Environment and Human Factors (IfADo)
		Engel, Karl-Heinz	Technical University of Munich
		Fürst, Peter	Chemical and Veterinary Analytical Institute
		Gürtler, Rainer	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
	Specifications of food additives	Fürst, Peter	Chemical and Veterinary Analytical Institute
	Food additives applications	Degen, Gisela Heide	Leibniz Research Centre for Working Environment and Human Factors (IfADo)
	Food additives in foods for infants	Dusemund, Birgit	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
		Fürst, Peter	Chemical and Veterinary Analytical Institute
		Gundert-Remy, Ursula	Retired (formerly: German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment [BfR])
	Update guidance flavourings	Engel, Karl-Heinz	Technical University of Munich
		Gürtler, Rainer	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)	Gundert-Remy, Ursula	Retired (formerly: German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment [BfR])	
	Gürtler, Rainer	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	
	Ulbrich, Beate Cornelia	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	
Follow-up tox	Gundert-Remy, Ursula	Retired (formerly: German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment [BfR])	
	Ulbrich, Beate Cornelia	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	
Additives and products or substances used in animal feed panel (FEEDAP)	Technological additives	Gropp, Jürgen Max	Retired (formerly: University of Leipzig)
	Feed flavourings	Dusemund, Birgit	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
		Gürtler, Rainer	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
		Schrenk, Dieter	University of Kaiserslautern
		Westendorf, Johannes Josef	University Clinic Hamburg Eppendorf
	Animal nutrition	Gropp, Jürgen Max	Retired (formerly: University of Leipzig)
		Renteria-Solis, Zaida Melina	University of Leipzig
Toxicology	Dusemund, Birgit	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	
	Gropp, Jürgen Max	Retired (formerly: University of Leipzig)	
Genetically modified organisms panel (GMO)	Applications food/feed 2018–2021	Frenzel, Thomas	Saxon State Institute of Health and Veterinary Affairs
	Applications ComPERA 2018–2021 (WG/P/GMO/2018/04)	Tebbe, Christoph	Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut – Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries (TI)
	Gene drive modified organisms (WG/P/GMO/2018/06)	Wimmer, Ernst A.	University of Göttingen

Panel/ Unit	Working group	Member	Affiliation
Nutrition, novel foods and food allergens panel (NDA)	Novel foods	Frenzel, Thomas	Saxon State Institute of Health and Veterinary Affairs
		Hirsch-Ernst, Karen Ildico	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
		Mangelsdorf, Inge	Self-employed
		Neuhäuser-Berthold, Monika	Justus Liebig University Giessen
	Protein hydrolysate- based formula	Przyrembel, Hildegard	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
Plant health panel (PLH)	High risk plants section III	Winter, Stephan	Leibniz Institute – DSMZ German collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures
	PLH – Saperda tridentata pest risk assessment (M-2019-0063)	Thulke, Hans-Hermann	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ)
	QPRA section 3	Thulke, Hans-Hermann	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ)
Plant protection products and their residues panel (PPR)	Developing IATA case studies on developmental neurotoxicity	Leist, Marcel	University of Konstanz
Scientific committee (SC)	MUST-B	Focks, Andreas	Osnabrück University
Animal and plant health unit (ALPHA)	Avian influenza	Staubach, Christoph Peter Josef	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut – Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (FLI)
	Pest survey methods	Thulke, Hans-Hermann	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ)
Biological hazards and animal health and welfare unit (BIOHAW)	The fourth Joint Interagency Antimi- crobial Consumption and Resistance Analysis (JIACRA) (EFSA-Q-2022-00101)	Tenhagen, Bernd-Alois	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
Methodology and scientific support unit (MESE)	Bromide	Gropp, Jürgen Max	Retired (formerly: University of Leipzig)
Nutrition unit (NUTRI)	Traditional foods from third countries	Engel, Karl-Heinz	Technical University of Munich

Panel/ Unit	Working group	Member	Affiliation
Pesticide residues unit (PRES)	Cumulative risk assessment (CRA) of pesticides	Kneuer, Carsten	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
Pesticide peer review unit (PREV)	Bee guidance revision	Focks, Andreas Süßenbach, Dirk	Osnabrück University German Environment Agency (UBA)
	Endocrine disrupting properties of pesticide active substances on humans and non-target organisms	Baumann, Lisa Annie	University of Heidelberg
	Glyphosate peer review – renewal assessment	Focks, Andreas	Osnabrück University
Scientific committee and emerging risks unit (SCER)	Cross-cutting nanotechnologies	Franz, Roland	Fraunhofer Institute for Process Engineering and Packaging IVV
	Cross-cutting genotoxicity	Gürtler, Rainer	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
	Cross-cutting benchmark dose	Edler, Lutz	German Cancer Research Center
	Emerging chemical risks	Fürst, Peter	Chemical and Veterinary Analytical Institute

Annex 1.4: Overview of EFSA Networks

Unit	Title & link to network detail
BIOHAW	Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)
BIOHAW	Scientific Network for Microbiological Risk Assessment (MRA)
BIOHAW	Scientific Network on BSE/TSE (BSE/TSE)
FIP	Scientific Network on Food Contact Material (FCM)
HoD OFFICE	Communication Experts Network (CEN)
IDATA	Scientific Network on Chemical Monitoring Data Collection
IDATA	Scientific Network on Zoonoses Monitoring Data
IDATA	Scientific Network on Food Consumption Data (FCD)
KNOW	Scientific Network on Emerging Risk Exchange (EREN)
MESE	Scientific Network on Risk Assessment of Nanotechnologies in Food and Feed (NANO)
NIF	Scientific Network for Risk Assessment of GMOs (GMO)
NIF	Scientific Network on Novel Foods
PREV	Pesticide Steering Network (PSN)
PLANTS	Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in Plant Health (PLH Risk Assessment)

Annex 1.5: List of Scientific Network members from Germany

BIOHAW Unit		
Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (FLI)	Wilk, Inga	
	Sauter-Louis, Carola	
Scientific Network on BSE/TSE		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (FLI)	Groschup, Martin	Fast, Christine
Scientific Network for Microbiological Risk Assessment (MRA)		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Buschulte, Anja	Filter, Matthias
FIP Unit		
Scientific Network on Food Contact Material (FCM)		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Merkel, Stefan	
HoD OFFICE Unit		
Scientific Network Communication Experts Network (CEN)		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Böl, Gaby-Fleur	Fiack, Suzan
IDATA Unit		
Scientific Network on Chemical Monitoring Data Collection		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL), Unit Data Analysis and Reporting	Mikolajetz, Anna	
	König, Katrin	
	Rebmann, Katharina	
Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL), Unit Monitoring Strategy and Coordination		Herrmann, Christian
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Unit Dietary Exposure and Aggregated Exposure		Jung, Christian
Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL), Unit Food Hygiene, Inspections, Veterinary Affairs		Kühl, Nils
Scientific Network on Food Consumption Data (FCD)		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
Max Rubner-Institute, Federal Research Institute of Nutrition and Food (MRI)	Krems, Carolin	Heuer, Thorsten

Scientific Network on Zoonoses Monitoring Data		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Plaza-Rodriguez, Carolina	Tenhagen, Bernd-Alois
Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)	Setzer, Frauke	Heinrich, Karolin
KNOW Unit		
Scientific Network on Emerging Risk Exchange (EREN)		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Herold, Torsten	Hebel, Philipp
Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)	Reckzeh, Claudia	Luber, Petra
MESE Unit		
Scientific Network on Risk Assessment of Nanotechnologies in Food and Feed (NANO)		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Sieg, Holger	Boehmert, Linda
NIF Unit		
Scientific Network for Risk Assessment of GMOs (GMO)		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)	Reichenbecher, Wolfram	Otto, Mathias
German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)		Simon, Samson
Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL), Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)	Scheepers, Andrea	
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)		Lampen, Alfonso
Scientific Network on Novel Foods		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Luckert, Claudia	Lietzow, Julika
Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)		Duhs, Marcel-Antoine
PREV Unit		
Pesticide Steering Network (PSN)		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)	Goclik, Eva	
PLANTS Unit		
Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in Plant Health (PLH Risk Assessment)		
Organization	Representative	Alternate
Julius Kühn-Institut, Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants (JKI)	Schäfer, Bernhard Carl	Pfeilstetter, Ernst

Annex 1.6: List of scientific network sub-group participants from Germany

Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)			
Subgroup	Organisation	Representative	Alternate
One Health	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (FLI)	Knauf, Sascha	Dietze, Klaas
		Sauter-Louis, Carola	Staubach, Christoph
	Robert Koch-Institute (RKI)	Wilking, Hendrik	
Scientific Network for Zoonoses Monitoring Data			
Subgroup	Organisation	Representative	Alternate
AMR	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Tenhagen, Bernd-Alois	
FBO	Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)	Schewe, Thomas	
TSE	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)	Cossmann, Andrea	
WGS	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Brendebach, Holger	
	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Deneke, Carlus	
	Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)	Schewe, Thomas	
	Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)	Vossenkuhl, Birgit	
Pesticide Steering Network (PSN)			
Subgroup	Organisation	Representative	Alternate
IUCLID	Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)	Diederich, Ann-Kristin	
	Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)	Wilkening, Anne	
	Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)	Marutzky, Daniela	
	Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)	Lösche, Marc	
	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Opialla, Tobias	
	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Frenzel, Falko	

➤ **Annex 2: Report of activities of EFSA Networks for the year 2022**

Appendix 2 can be found at the end of the activity report.

➤ **Annex 3: Fostering the Partnership between the German EFSA Focal Point and the German participants in the EFSA Scientific Networks - 2022 Report**

Appendix 3 can be found at the end of the activity report.

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