



食品安全委員会  
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# WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION FOR FOOD SAFETY?

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# Background

Food safety issues do not respect national borders and scientific cooperation is today central to the work of many national and international organisations.

Building relationships and exchange views on food safety risk assessment with various counterparts around the world can ensure the establishment of internationally recognised approaches in risk assessment which help addressing current needs and enhance consumer protection.

# Aim

How can food safety risk assessment organisations enhance risk assessment?

What are the key priorities and areas in terms of harmonisation, international cooperation and innovation?

This International conference aims at identifying topics of mutual interests to be addressed in the coming years.

# 1. What do you see as the top three future challenges for international scientific cooperation for food safety?

## ● Establishing **multilateral networks and database** for **timely data/information sharing**

- Emerging issues and innovation
- Insufficient scientific **evidences and data**
- Non-harmonized international data collection/risk assessment methodologies

## ● **Capacity building and infrastructure development**

- Limited and fragmented financial and human resources
- Lack of **risk assesment methodologies** fit for future needs

## ● **Strategic risk communication**

- Ensuring **openness and transparency** to increase trust, and target communications with international harmonised language

## 2. How can your organisation cooperate with the others on the podium to overcome these challenges?

- Establishing **multilateral networks and database** for timely data/information sharing
  - ✓ establishing collaboration network: designation of **focal points** of the organisations
  - ✓ creation and use of **International Liaison groups**
  - ✓ collaborating with the **international risk assessment bodies**
  - ✓ development and management of **accessible database**
  - ✓ share experiences on **interaction between risk assessment and management** to ensure fit-for-purpose scientific work
  - ✓ Developing **comprehensive approaches** (environmental and societal/economic impacts)

## 2. How can your organisation cooperate with the others on the podium to overcome these challenges?

- **Capacity building and infrastructure development**
  - ✓ promoting research initiatives
  - ✓ exchanging of staff/experts
  - ✓ training and education
  - ✓ collaborative events (seminar, symposium, workshop etc.)
- **Strategic risk communication**
  - ✓ sharing experience to develop targeted strategies to explain and contextualise risk. Harmonise definitions to increase consumer trust (risk perception)

# MAIN OUTCOMES

1. BUILDING CAPACITY
2. CAPITALISING ON EXPERIENCE OF THE PARTNERS IN SPECIFIC AREAS AND NOT *REINVENTING THE WHEEL*



ESTABLISHMENT OF PLATFORM AMONG THE PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS TO THIS CONFERENCE

- Establish collaboration network among the organizations
- Designate contact points/staff exchange
- Pursue face-to-face meeting/seminar/symposia

# FOOD FOR THOUGHTS: THE FUTURE

- Managing risks of food safety is a global challenge
- International cooperation is needed to benefit from the experience acquired worldwide
- Food safety science will evolve and joint work to understand the significance of new findings/new knowledge is crucial to optimise the use of our resources