

Risk Assessment Research Assembly (RARA)

7 February 2018 - Utrecht, The Netherlands

Stimulating new partnerships in food safety risk assessment research to safeguard public health and highlighting the importance of public funding

Key objectives

1. Providing a **platform for networking**, esp. to facilitate partnering on research ideas and identification of project funding mechanisms; and
2. **Raising awareness** of the importance of public funding for food safety to inform future food safety research agenda setting

Target groups

1. Networkers:
National networkers (incl. EFSA Focal Points)
Organisations (e.g. project coordinators, research coordinators)
Funders
2. Influencers:
European decision-makers: European Commission DGs
European bodies: EU agencies (e.g. EFSA, ECHA)
National representatives: EFSA Advisory Forum, Research Councils

Participant active contributions



Presenting **research ideas** in food safety risk assessment:

Ideas showcase: display ideas as posters

Pitches: 3-5 minute presentations of key elements of ideas for discussing, raising awareness and potentially finding partners



Providing information about **funding mechanisms**



Networking to strengthen and build partnerships

EFSA provides



e-Inventory of research area ideas:

- for participants to identify possible points of interest before the event
- to enable dissemination of ideas to those not attending the event



Open discussions in plenary and groups



Facilitation and **physical space** for showcasing and networking



Info points for funders to provide information

Registration



Online registration - link on EFSA's website:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/180207>

Deadline: **13 November 2018**

In the registration form, participants indicate interest in sharing:

- information on funding mechanisms, and/or
- research ideas, in the priority areas of the EU Risk Assessment Agenda (EU RAA) listed in registration form, by presenting posters and/or pitches, and provide information for the e-Inventory.

Participant selection

In case of over-registration: prioritise to ensure **geographical balance** and **broader participation**, taking into consideration the proposed **active** contributions at the event:

- Showcasing ideas of research areas; and/or
- Providing information on funding mechanisms

Why to attend

Target subgroups	Benefits & reasons
Research organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Advocating the importance of the field of work in food safety and public health and the need of public funding; ■ Identifying potential partners for future projects; ■ Learning about funding opportunities at national and EU level; ■ Improving knowledge on public funding tools and actors in Europe; ■ Exchanging tips/best practices and improving know-how on fundraising; ■ Gathering feedback from peers, funders and decision-makers on the viability of their research ideas; ■ Presenting research ideas to funders and decision-makers in charge of shaping future research agenda and funding opportunities.
Funders (national and EU level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Providing informed input/critical thinking on current/future needs for food safety research and proposed priorities ■ Gathering inputs on cutting-edge research topics and needs for future developments of research agenda and funding opportunities;
Policy/decision-makers (national and EU level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Improving/updating knowledge of key actors in risk assessment research in Europe; ■ Promoting their funding opportunities with top-level research organisations;
EFSA Advisory Forum and Focal Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Learning from peer institutions about best practices and new approaches in the field of public funding for food safety risk assessment research.