



Commission's evaluation of EFSA's performance (2017-2024)

Advisory Group on Sustainability of Food Systems

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SANTE E1, Farm to Fork Strategy

European Food Safety Authority

- Established in 2002 by Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 (General Food Law/'GFL'), to:



- provide **scientific advice and scientific and technical support** for the Union's legislation and policies in all fields that have a direct or indirect impact on **food and feed safety** as well as on matters relating to animal health and welfare and public health, on products other than food/feed relating to GMOs and on human nutrition in relation to Union legislation;
- provide independent information on all matters within these field and **communicates on risks**;
- contribute to a **high level of protection** of human life and health, taking account of animal health and welfare, plant health and the environment.

EFSA Evaluation

Call for evidence

External Study to support the evaluation (Terms of Reference)

Timeline

Background or setting the scene



EFSA conducted and published external evaluations in 2005, 2012 and in 2018



In 2019, Regulation (EU) No 2019/1381 ('the [Transparency Regulation](#)'), amended Reg. (EC) No 178/2002 (GFL) and in particular EFSA's operational framework, so as to strengthen the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain ([entry into application in March 2021](#))



This would be the first time that the Commission is conducting the evaluation of EFSA

Purpose and scope

Assess the **effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence, EU added value of EFSA** covering:

- EFSA's performance in relation to its **objectives, mandate, tasks, procedures and location.**
- It should also cover:
 - the impact of “**Pre-submission advice**” by EFSA staff to applicants or notifiers (Art. 32a GFL) on the functioning of EFSA (Art. 61(2) GFL)
 - the possible **need to modify the mandate** of the EFSA, and the financial implications of any such modification (Art. 61(2) GFL)
 - whether the **organizational framework of EFSA** needs to be further updated with regard to decisions on requests for confidentiality and confirmatory applications, namely by setting up a specific Board of Appeal or by other appropriate means (Art. 61(3) GFL)

Data collection and methodology

The evaluation will be supported by a mix of evidence:

- Feedback on the Call for evidence
- All other relevant information, such as analyses and reports on EFSA's performance so far (e.g. the EFSA programming documents; EFSA annual activity reports; reports by the Commission's Internal Audit Service and the European Court of Auditors)
- The findings of previous EFSA evaluations
- Study carried out by an external contractor

Study - external contractor



review existing information and collect additional knowledge and evidence => data analysis of EFSA's performance



assist the Commission with the public consultation and the conduct of targeted consultations

Consultation strategy



Call for evidence



a **public consultation** of 12 weeks on the Commission's 'Have your say' website in the 3rd quarter of 2024 in all EU official languages



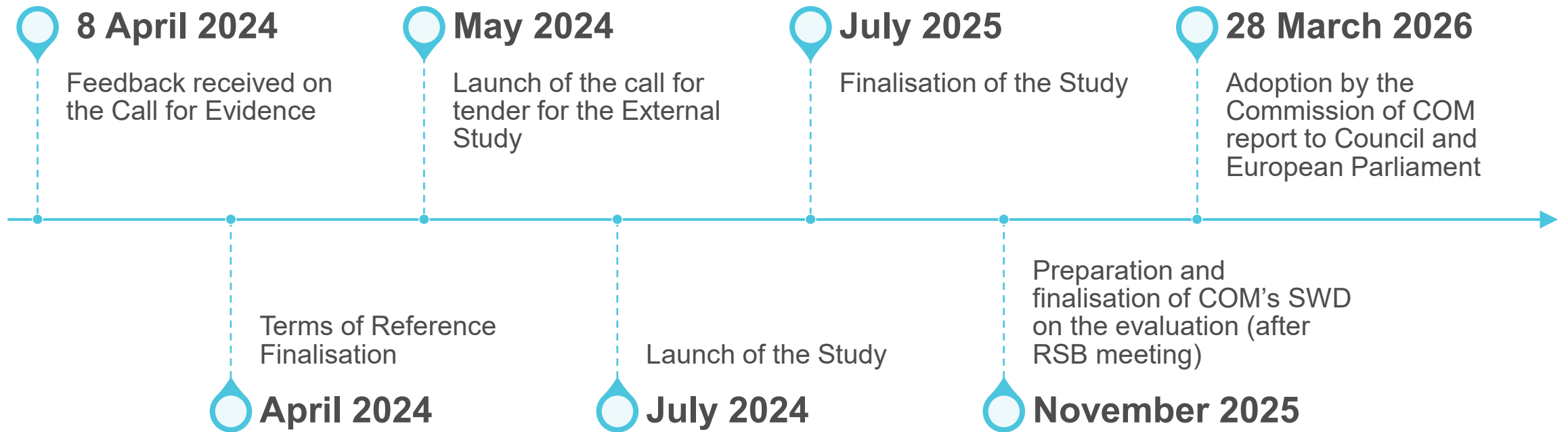
targeted consultations of Member State authorities through the Expert Group on the General Food Law and Sustainability of Food Systems



targeted consultations activities with stakeholders, including through the Advisory Group on Sustainability of Food Systems (AGSFS)

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Thank you