



A Fitness check of the Food chain

First results and next steps

**ADVISORY group
22 November 2013**

**Alexandra NIKOLAKOPOULOU
Food chain, DG SANCO**

1.1 Fitness check - Objective

Verify if food chain policy is 'fit for purpose', by identifying administrative burden, overlaps/gaps, deficits and/or obsolete measures;

COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT

A FITNESS CHECK OF THE FOOD CHAIN

State- of- play and next steps

to be published in 4Q 2013

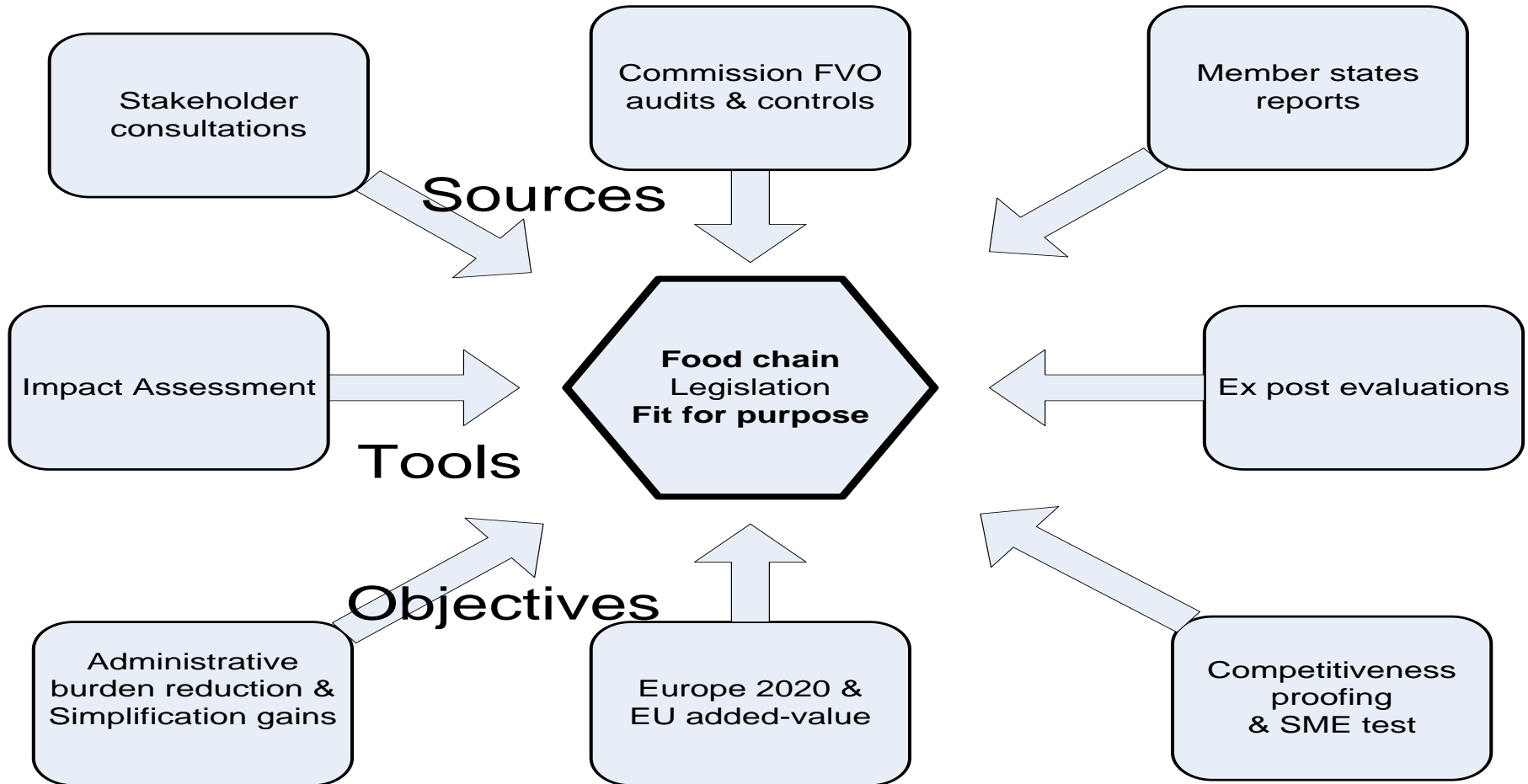
1.2 Fitness check - Scope

SANCO Food chain chosen for its

- *Socio-economic importance: Role of the Food sector in Europe*
- *Extensive legislative EU framework: One of the most EU-level harmonized sectors*

Scope: Overall assessment of **16 main policy areas** in the Food chain to identify deficits and gaps

1.3 Fitness check - Tools



1.4 Results – State of play

	<i>EU added value</i>	<i>EU2020 priorities</i>	<i>Fit for purpose</i>	<i>Next actions</i>
<i>In force</i>	<i>Identifying additional impact on competitiveness, innovation health and safety</i>	<i>Linking policy action to strategic priorities on Smart growth</i>	<i>Main issues to be resolved, reflecting stakeholder input</i>	<i>Concrete actions to address remaining gaps and deficits</i>
<i>Entering into force</i>				
<i>To be adopted</i>				
<i>Assess</i>				

1.5 Fitness check – First results

- **Comprehensive:** Full Food chain with 16 policy areas
- **Consistent:** Using Smart regulation assessment criteria (Simplification, administrative burden, SME impact, economic impacts)
- **Critical:** Assessment of each policy including deficits and gaps
- **Conclusive:** Narrative for REFIT General Food Law

2.1 REFIT - Background

EU legislation 'is essential to ... set the conditions for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, benefitting citizens, businesses and workers ...'.

Commission's commitment to 'meet policy goals at minimum cost, achieving the benefits that only EU legislation can bring and eliminating all unnecessary regulatory burden.'

Commission Communication: Regulatory Fitness and Performance (REFIT): Results and Next Steps COM(2013) 685 final

2.2 REFIT - Scope

Building on Fitness check 'first results and next steps':

2nd phase: Focus on General Food Law, the principles of the Food chain legislative framework:

Deficits and gaps, synergies and overlaps

Simplification and gains and administrative burden reduction

Contribution to growth and jobs without compromising Consumer choice and Public health

Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme
Regulatory Fitness Check of the General Food Law
Regulation No 178/2002

**Internal
assessment**

*SANCO
Task Force*

*Inter-Service
Steering Group*

Public Health
Consumer welfare
Competitiveness
SME impact
ABR+
Simplification

**Public
consultation**

*Member States
Socio-Economic
sector*

SCoFAH
Advisory Group

Public
e-consultation

HLF Food Chain
Nutrition Platform
Consumer Forum
HLG
Admin Burden

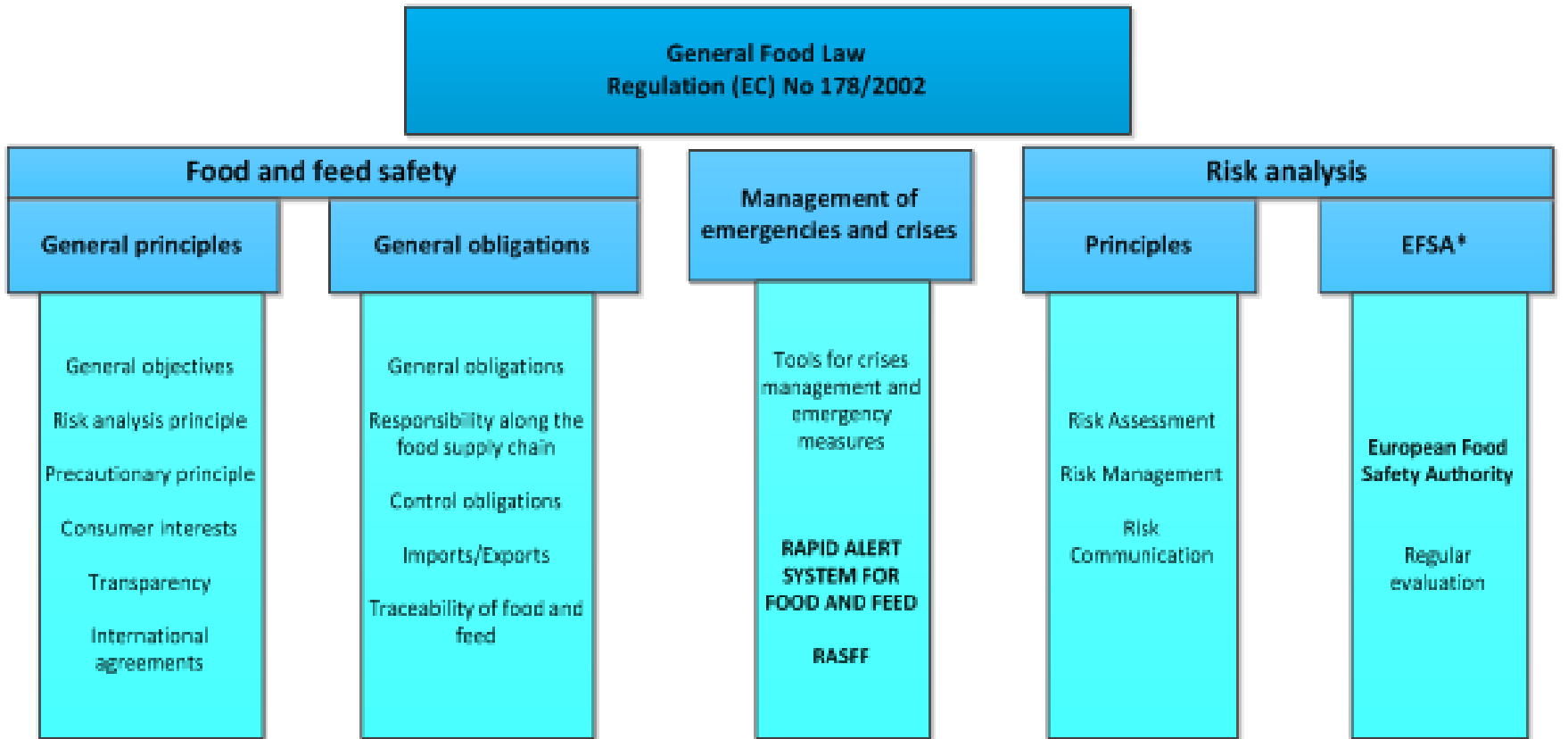
REFIT Evaluation

*External
contractor
12 months*

Evaluation
questions:
Effectiveness,
Efficiency,
Coherence,
Added value and
Complementarity

Staff Working Document "Fitness Check of the Food Chain – State of play and next steps"
Mapping of 16 main policies in the areas of: consumer choice, competitiveness, innovation and food safety

2.3 General Food law - Structure



*Out of the scope of this exercise

2.4 REFIT Objectives - Survey

Questions (column 1+2):

Five main objectives

Nineteen issues at stake (plus RASFF)

Answers (column 3+4):

Importance for you

Relevance for REFIT

Results (column 5+6):

Establishing priorities

Identifying case studies and data sources

2.5 REFIT - Planning

- **Mandate:** Presentation 4Q 2013
- **Public consultation:** 2Q 2014
- **External study** (data gathering): 2Q 2014
- **Stakeholder consultation:** Regular events in parallel to the REFIT exercise
- **Final report:** Commission SWD 2Q 2015

*Functional mail box (to be launched):
SANCO-Fitnesscheck@ec.europa.eu*



**Thank you
for your kind attention !**

For more information, please visit our website:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/index_en.htm