



European Food Safety Authority

Scientific Cooperation with MS:

- Expert Database***
- Article 36 grants***

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Database of Scientific Experts

Sign up

as an

EFSA Expert



- Decision for setting up the **database for external scientific experts** taken by EFSA and EU Member States (April 2007);
- A key element in EFSA's policy for the **selection of scientific experts**;
- The database will be **available to all EU Member States** who may use it to select experts for their own scientific projects.

EDB: objectives

- To effectively “pool” scientific excellence across Europe;
- To assist EFSA and Member States in their risk assessment work;
- To develop an effective and flexible response to increasing workload;
- To help enhance transparency of the way in which experts are selected and invited to cooperate with EFSA.

EDB: inclusion of experts

- **Flexible approach**, based on the submission and **validation** of a set of mandatory data identified in the application form;
- Some mandatory fields concern the scientific expertise of applicants – **eligibility criteria**;
- Advantage 1: **populating** the database will occur **faster**;
- Advantage 2: **wider pool of scientific experts** to be potentially selected for a specific task.

EDB: eligibility criteria

- **University degree (or equivalent) in one or more areas of expertise within the remit of EFSA;**
- **Relevant professional experience, namely in risk assessment;**
- **Scientific articles in peer reviewed journals or other documents / reports relevant to the expertise declared;**
- **Ability to communicate and work in at least one Community language;**
- **Completed an Annual Declaration of Interests.**

EDB: evaluation and selection

- When a scientific need appears, EFSA identifies in the EDB the **most suitable experts for the task at hand**;
- Identified experts are then **evaluated, selected** and finally **invited** to participate in EFSA's scientific activities;
- Experts will receive **travel and subsistence allowances**, and an **indemnity** for their contribution to EFSA's work.

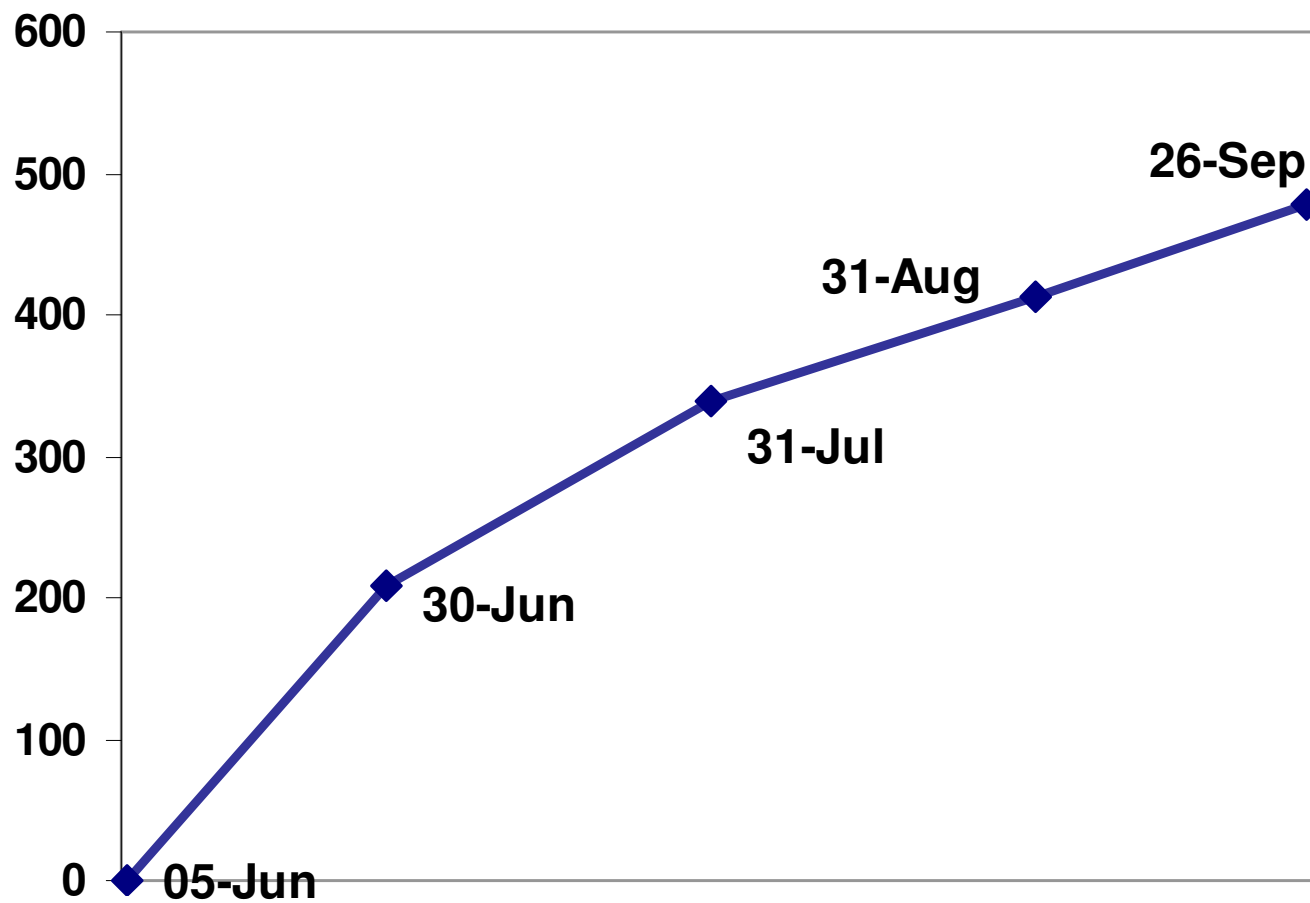
EDB: current state-of-play

- **Official launch of EDB on the 5th of June 2008;**
- **External promotion - promotion material – logo, web story, FAQ, leaflet, poster, etc. - used by EFSA staff, Focal Points and AFCWG members to promote EFSA's expert database**

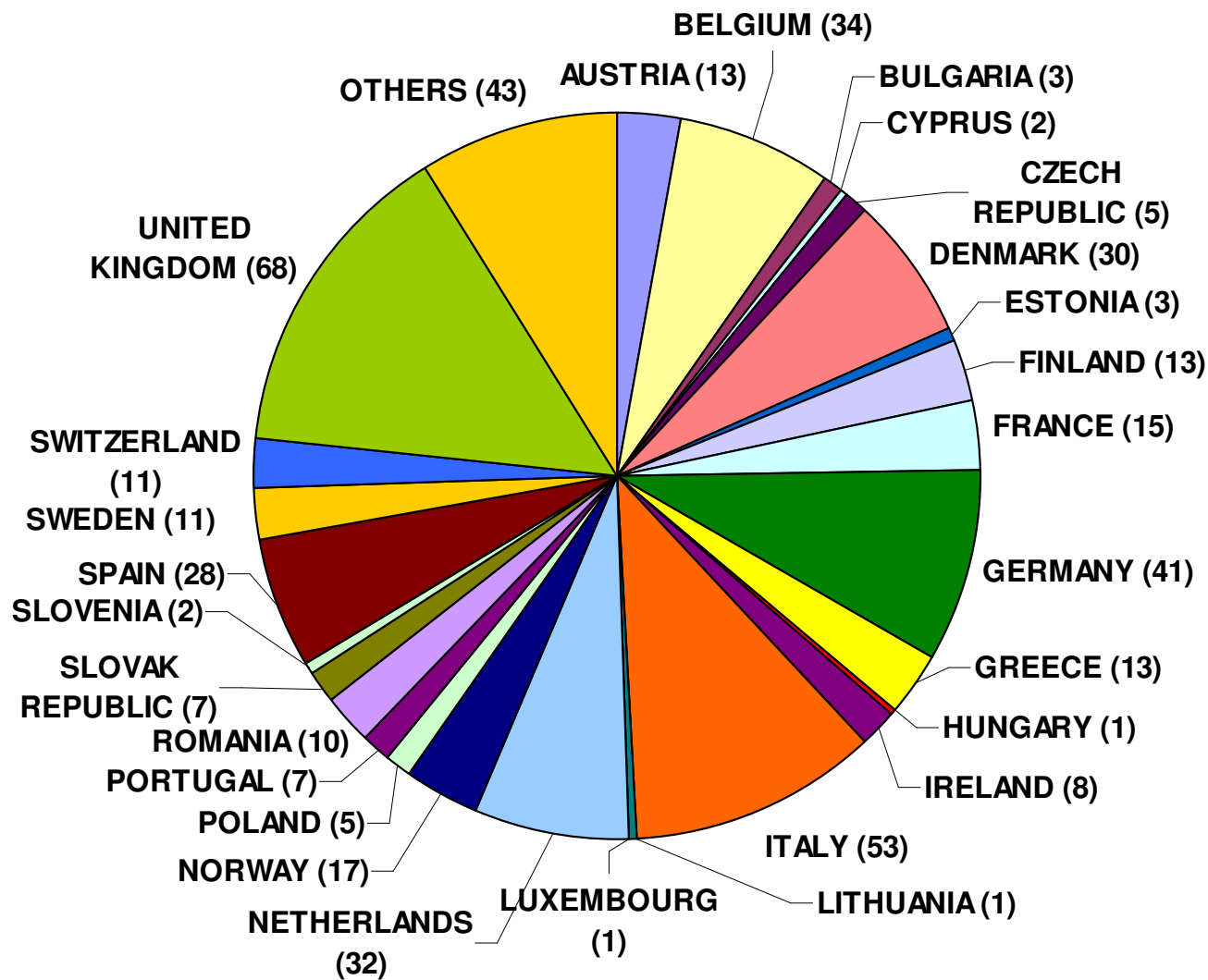


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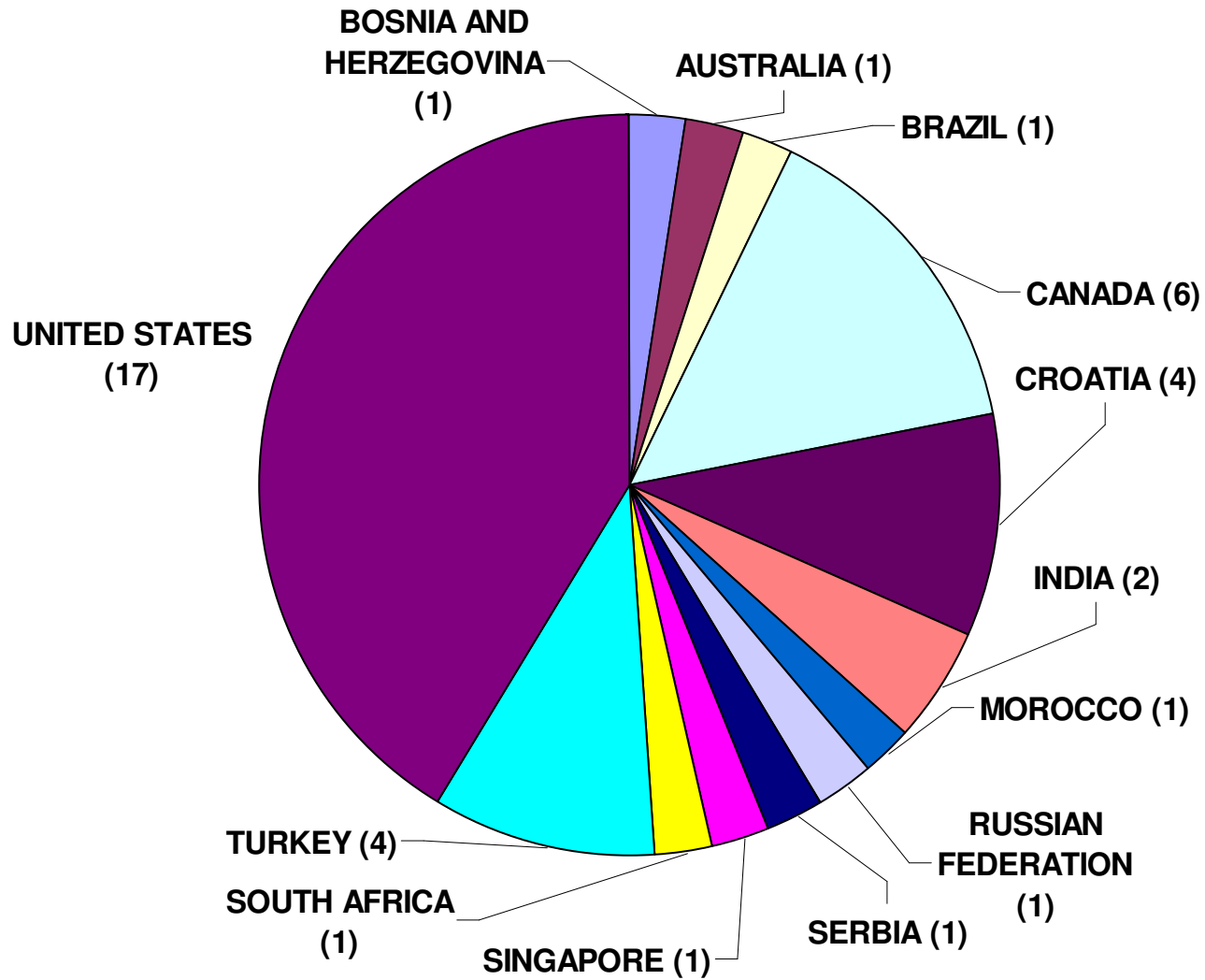
Application forms received: 478 (4 months)



Application forms / country (478)



Application forms / others (43)



EDB: populating the database

Pre-filling of expert database – state of play:

A. Calls for the **Scientific Committee and Panels**

- 2006 – data for **353** experts inserted;
- 2008, ANS & CEF – data for **34** experts inserted;

B. **Ad-hoc experts** (from present and past EFSA WG)

- Data for **1108** experts pre-filled - 15 EFSA Units.

Invitations to join the EDB will soon be sent out to all scientists for which data has been pre-filled!

Article 36 - background

Article 36 of EFSA's Founding Regulation states:

EFSA “...shall promote the European networking of organisations operating in the fields within the Authority's mission.”



List of competent organisations established



These may undertake work on behalf of EFSA, e.g.:

- data collection;
- preparatory work for development of scientific opinions;
- other scientific and technical support, e.g. on emerging issues and crisis situations.

Article 36 - background

Grant work programme – 2008



Designated organisations in Portugal

- 1. Instituto Nacional de Saúde;***
- 2. Direcção-Geral de Protecção das Culturas;***
- 3. National Institute of Pharmacy and Medicines (INFARMED);**
- 4. Direcção Geral de Veterinária;***
- 5. Laboratório Nacional de Investigação Veterinária;***

Designated organisations in Portugal (cont.):

6. **National Institute for Engineering, Technology and Innovation (*INETI*);**
7. ***Faculdade de Farmácia da Universidade de Lisboa;***
8. ***Faculdade de Medicina Veterinária da Universidade de Lisboa;***
9. ***Escola Superior de Tecnologia da Universidade do Algarve.***

EFSA to launch the procedure for **updating the list** with new nominations:

- **1st Jul. 2008** - EFSA sent letter to MS Perm. Rep.;
AF members & FP to support the activity;
- **30th Sep. 2008** - deadline for receiving the new nominations from MS Perm. Rep.;
- **Mid Nov. 2008** – compilation & assessment by EFSA (based on criteria in Reg. (EC) 2230/2004);
- **18th December 2008** - adoption by EFSA's Management Board.

Article 36 grants

- In 2008 - **21 calls** for proposals to be launched;
- Approx. budget - € 2.6 million
- 20 calls launched - approx. € 2.4 million
- Examples of open calls:
 - **Bee Mortality and Bee Surveillance in Europe**
- **10/10/2008**;
 - **Scientific review on Tuberculosis in wildlife in the EU** - **10/10/2008**;
 - **Survey on use of veterinary medicinal products in third countries** - **15/10/2008**.



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Article 36 grants

Examples of **signed grant agreements**:



Article
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- 1. Project to develop Animal Welfare Risk Assessment Guidelines on Stunning and Killing (SLU, **FMV UTL**, AGES);***
- 2. Scientific reviews on the three specific animal diseases and an evaluation of the distribution of arthropod vectors and their potential for transmitting exotic or emerging vector-borne animal diseases and zoonoses (IZP Teramo, ..., **FMV UTL**).***

Discussion



Obrigado pela vossa atenção!!!