



A shared Approach to Best Practices in Risk Assessment (RA)

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EU Risk Assessment Bodies operate within a global framework (e.g. Codex etc) and within distinct sets of EU legal requirements. Within these constraints, we have decided as Chairs and Co-ordinators of EU risk assessment process to work together more closely in pursuit of a common framework for RA. Such a framework would generate greater public recognition of the value added of EU scientific RA, and would drive the pursuit of better quality Risk Management decisions.

The key elements of our endeavour are :

- **An excellent, recognised common approach, including :**
 - ✓ *General principles for RA across sectors*
 - ✓ *Common methodological approach on complex and key issues*
 - ✓ *Engagement with stakeholders and internationally*
- **Clear and effective Risk Communication**
 - ✓ *Consistent and clear terminology*
 - ✓ *Clear description and expression of the scope and nature of risks, of uncertainties and their implications*
- **A framework for EU and international co-operation**
 - ✓ *Procedures, respectful of confidentiality, for the exchange of data and information*
 - ✓ *Co-operation for comprehensive (multi-source) risk assessment*

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