



Importance of Risk Analysis for Food Regulatory Integration

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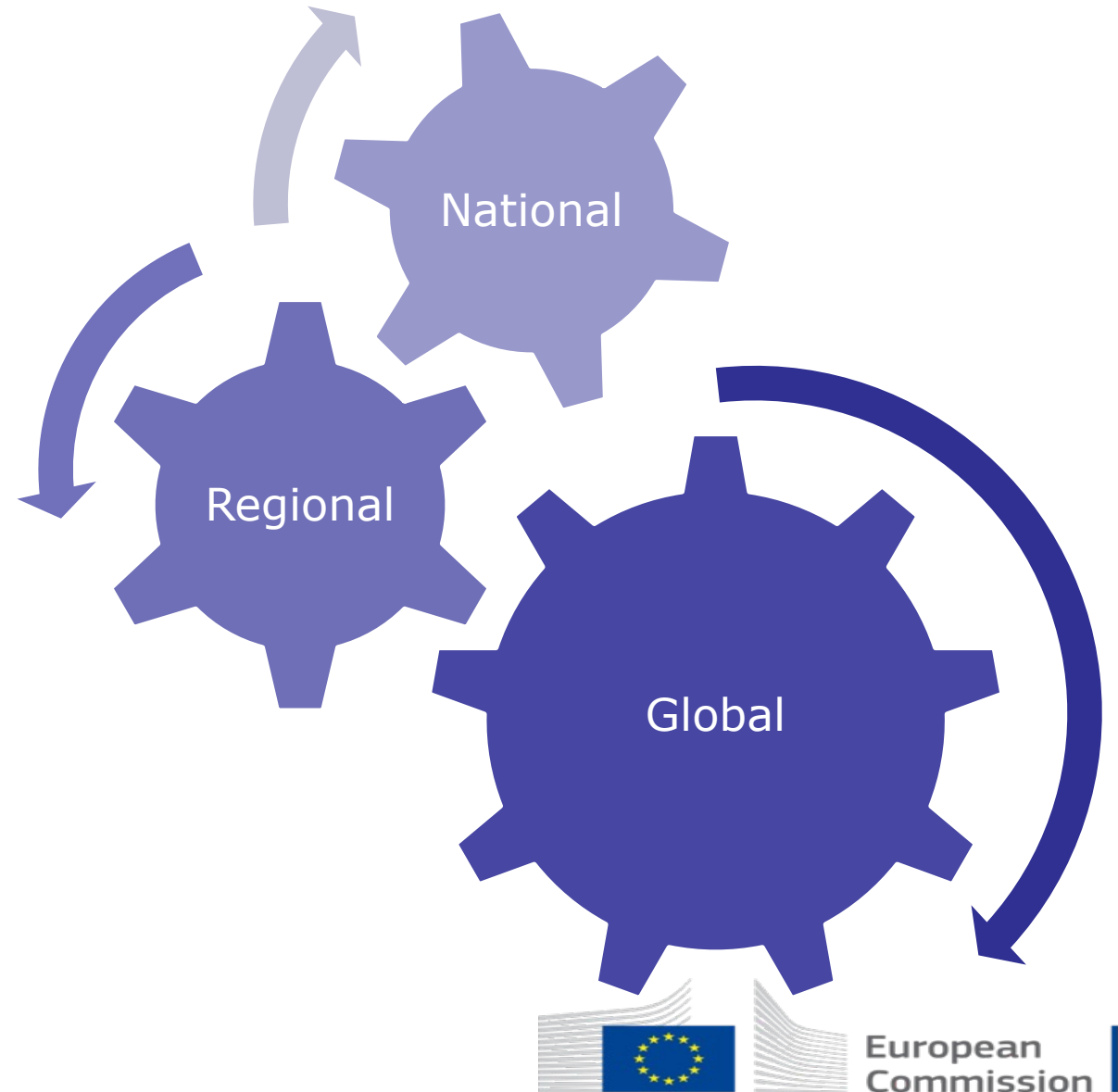
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Risk Analysis - A robust basis for regulatory cooperation?

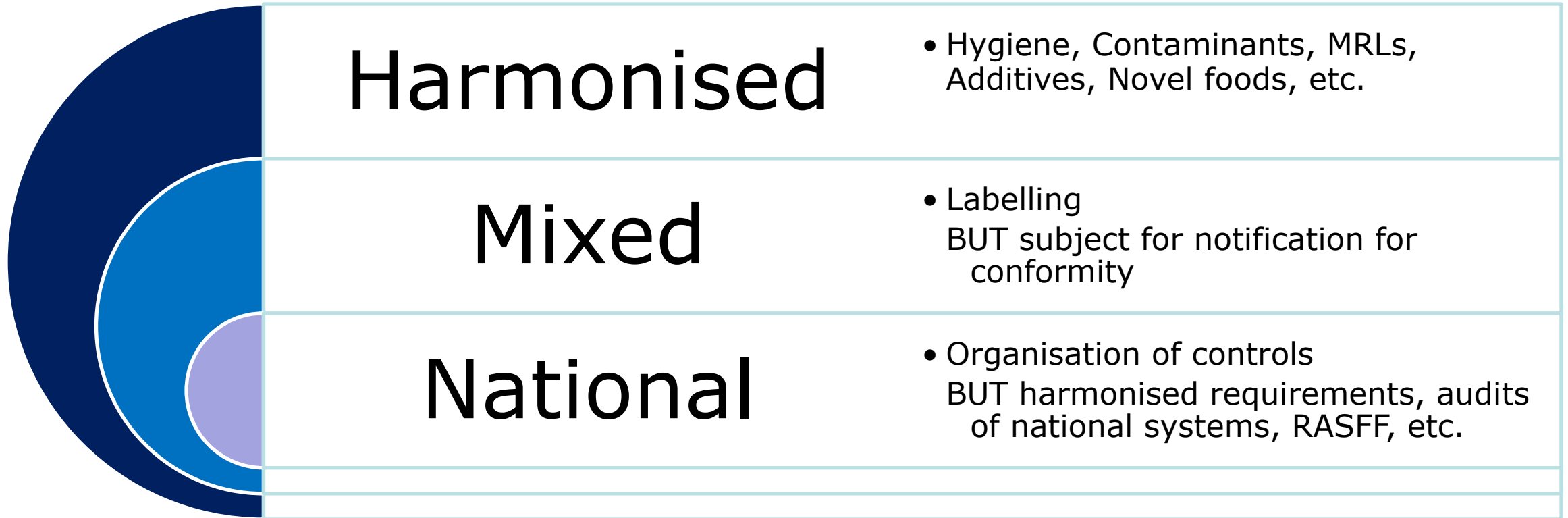


Risk Assessment



Risk Management

The EU approach: 3 levels of organisation



Authorisation procedures – Medicinal products

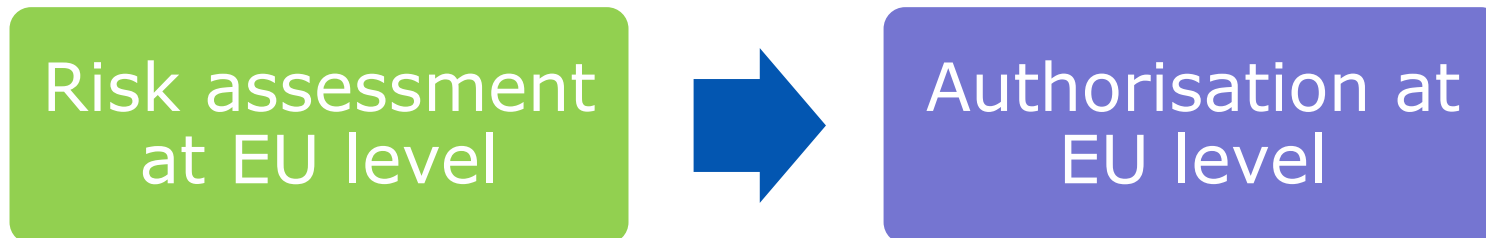
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Mutual Recognition procedure



Centralised procedure



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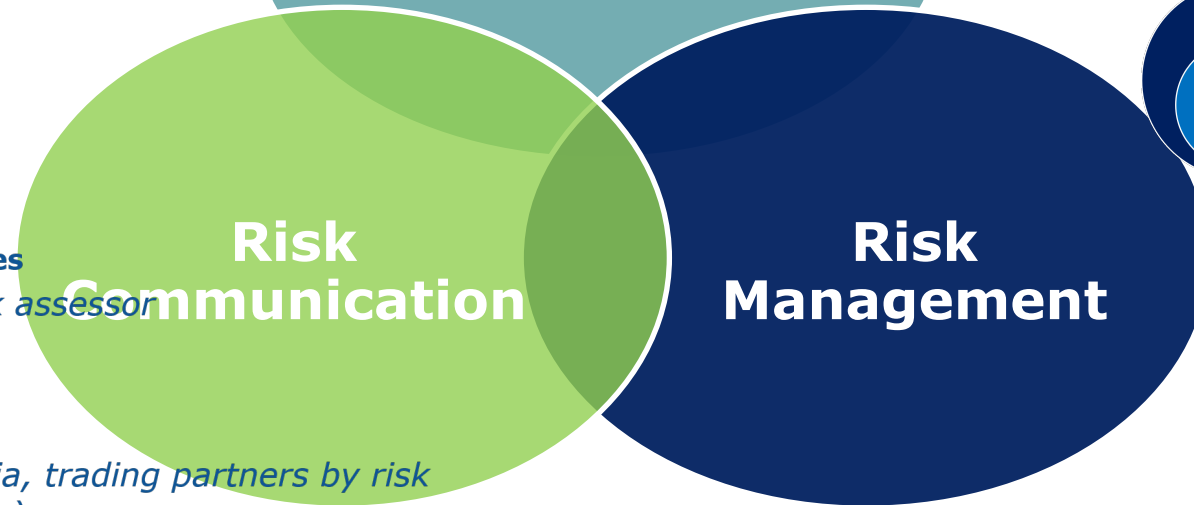
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- *To citizens, stakeholders, media, trading partners by risk assessor(s) and risk manager(s)*
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 - **Website**
 - **Social media**
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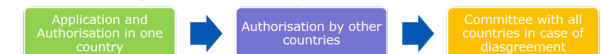
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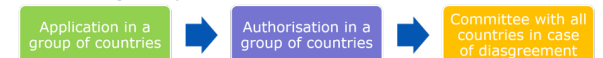
Harmonised	• Hygiene, Contaminants, MRLs, Additives, Novel foods, etc.
Mixed	• Labelling BUT subject for notification for conformity
National	• Organisation of controls BUT harmonised requirements, audits of national systems, RASFF, etc.

Autorisation procedures – Medicinal products

Decentralised procedure, an example of reliance



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Thank you



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Institutional leadership: who does what in the EU system?

European Commission

- ✓ Risk management with Member States
- ✓ Supervision of Member States
- ✓ Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF)
- ✓ If serious risk to human health:
 - suspend the placing on the market of the food/feed in question
 - lay down special conditions for the food/feed in question
 - adopt any other appropriate interim measure



Food and feed operators

- ✓ Primary responsible to ensure compliance with safety requirements
- ✓ Traceability systems
- ✓ To withdraw products that do not satisfy with safety requirements

EFSA



- ✓ Risk assessment: a robust scientific basis provided by EFSA, an independent agency dedicated to food safety

Member States

- ✓ To enforce rules
- ✓ To monitor and verify that the relevant requirements of food law are fulfilled by food and feed business operators at all stages



Key messages

- **Political leadership** – set priorities and mobilise action
- **Policy leadership** – integrate food safety with health, nutrition and market goals
- **Institutional leadership** – ensure coordination, scientific advice and implementation capacity
- **Multi-level commitment** – across EU, national and local levels
- **Overall, food safety** leadership is essential for protecting health, consumer interests, market functioning and resilience
- Standards and guidelines from **Codex Alimentarius** as international and regional reference

Why food safety leadership matters?

Protect human health and consumer interests

Political commitment, binding legislation, and institutional coordination

Goal: high food safety and hygiene standards

Continuous surveillance, enforcement and response

Trade