

xORA - eXcellent One Health Risk Assessment Education

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Back in time - EFSA Conference 2015 in Milan

Break out session „Expertise for the future“ summarized in

Bosman A, Brent P, Cocconcelli PS, Conole G, Gombert D, Hensel A, Kardassi D, Kneifel W, Koulouris S, Soares AMVM, Zilliacus J (2016). EFSA Journal

Special issue: **Expertise for the future: learning and training in the area of food safety risk assessment**



Challenges in Risk Assessment education

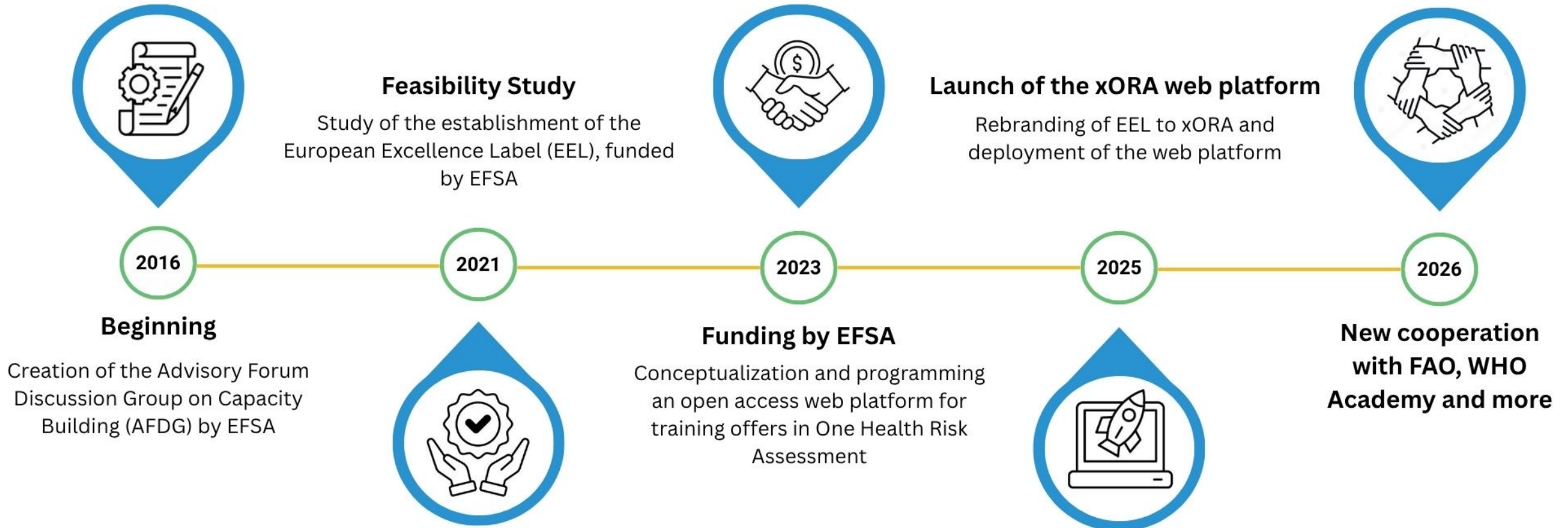
- Shortage of risk assessors
- No formalized training
- On the job training
- Retirements drain institutional memory/brain drain
- Complexity rising (food chain, hazards, trade)

Result: European project on Risk Assessment Capacity Building

2016, Bosman *et al*



Milestones of xORA



eXcellent One Health Risk Assessment Education (xORA)





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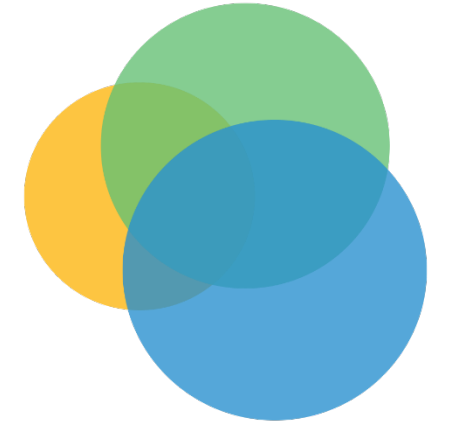
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Platform for courses and training in the field of Risk Assessment



- Existing courses, accessible to all learners
- High quality courses, reviewed by our peer reviewers
- Open to courses from non-European course providers
- Goal:
 - Better visibility of Risk Assessment courses
 - Easier to find
- Continuing process -> more coming!

xORA web platform: Benefits to all user groups



Learner

- Easy access to information on modern, relevant and high-quality RA education
- Individual professional guidance



Course provider

- Receiving more students
- Courses being promoted
- High quality courses recognition by RA community experts



Reviewer

- Part of the xORA community
- First-hand overview of training opportunities
- Inspiration for developing your own risk assessment trainings

xORA's future

Overall Goal: vocational training for RA

- **Starting point for connecting** people, institutions and initiatives among the RA community
- Become a **hub for strategic discussion and development** of an **International Framework for Education in Food Safety Risk Assessment**
- **Grow** towards a **sustainable** future: courses, reviewers, partnerships and networks



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