

# EMIDA WP4

## General topics & FPU

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# Outline

- What to achieve?
- How and when to achieve this?

# Objectives

- Set up a framework for a Foresight & Programming unit
- Undertake a multidisciplinary 10-15 year forward-look exercise
- Identify Europe's longterm needs in the animal health area
- Develop a common strategic research agenda
  - to be taken forward by the SCAR CWG (sustainable)

## Deliverables (as in project proposal)

4.1 framework durable FPU (including ToR); month 12

4.2 inventory of foresight methodologies; month 16

4.3 draft list of future research needs; month 16

Based on

- analysis of output of relevant studies to date
- work of WP2

## Deliverables continued

4.4 Action Plan for maintenance of SRA; month 20

- including a separate deliverable regarding the prioritisation of research needs and topics

4.5 Common Strategic animal health Research Agenda; month 36

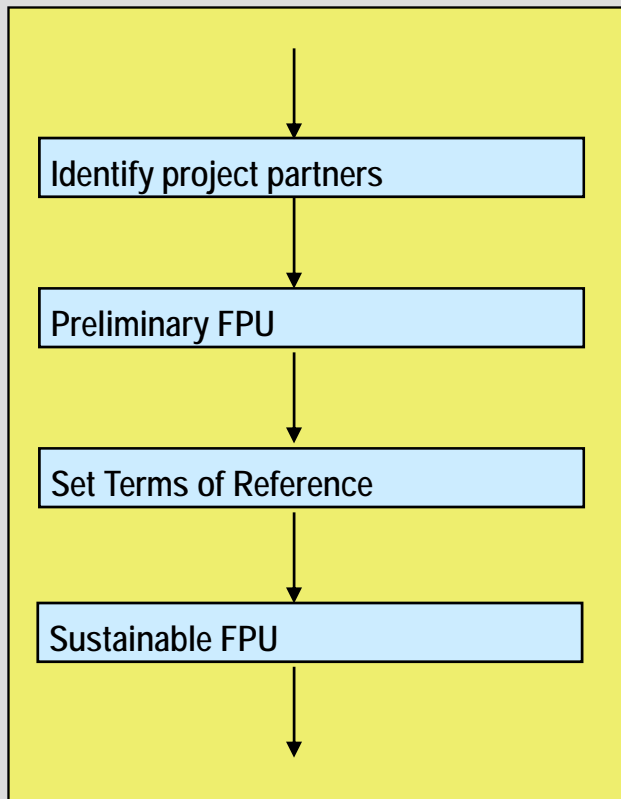
4.6 Action Plan for joint trans-national programmes; month 36

## Brief Overview WP4 (as is foreseen)

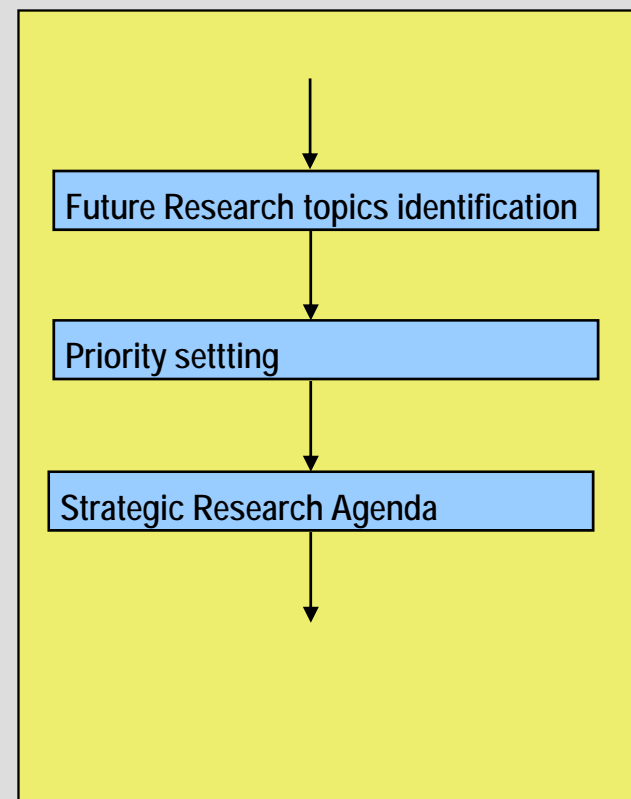
- Establish a Foresight & Programming Unit
  - Build framework for durable FPU
  - Screen and review existing foresights
- Develop a strategic research agenda
  - Identify and prioritise (future) research topics
  - Build Action plan for maintenance of the strategic research agenda

## Brief overview (cont)

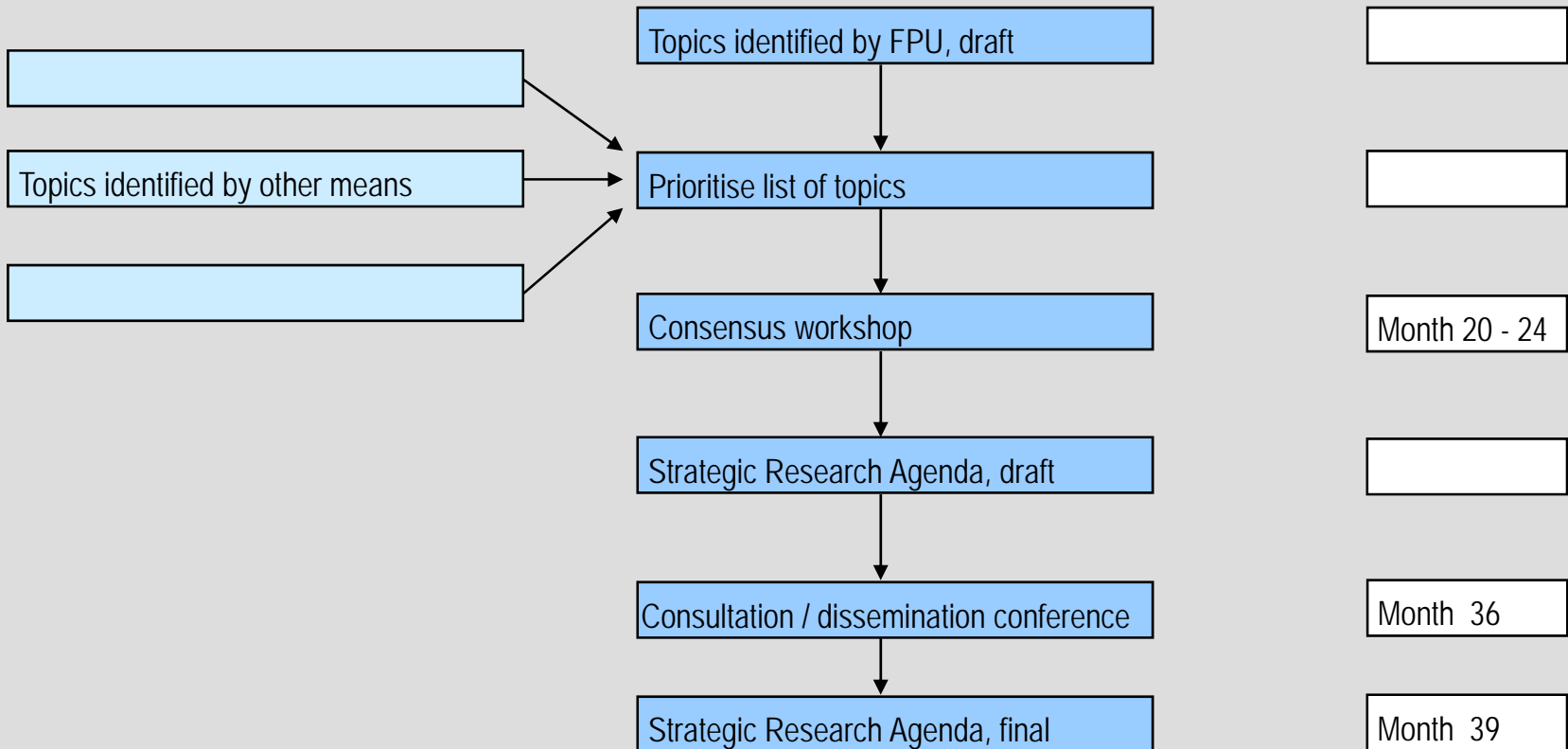
### FPU



### SRA



# Flowchart SRA building



# Task FPU

The FPU should describe their tasks and how they will perform those in detail, which should involve the following:

- make an inventory of existing, on-going and planned foresights relevant to EMIDA
- review / analyse those foresights with the focus on emerging issues, methods used (foresight methods, prioritisation methods)
- identify gaps in foresights performed
- contribute to the questions which will be used within the Delphi study
- build a framework, incl terms of reference, for a durable / sustainable structure for the FPU after EMIDA ends (see crosscutting issues)
- contribute to development of Collaboration Agreement (see crosscutting issues)

## Results FPU

- a framework, incl terms of reference, for a durable / sustainable structure for the FPU after EMIDA ends (see crosscutting issues) *Month 12*
- An inventory of existing, on-going and planned foresights relevant to EMIDA *Month 4*
- A list of topics/issues to be addressed in future research concerning infectious diseases in animal health, based on the foresights review and if possible based on the results of WP2 *Month 6, draft ; Month 16, final*
- Proposal to fill in the gaps regarding foresights relevant to EMIDA, if necessary
- Best practice(s) for foresight studies concerning infectious diseases in animal health
- A list of prioritisation methods used/ list of criteria for priority setting *Month 16*

## FPU establishment

## DECISIONS

First results (draft list of future research topics) needed in Month 6

List of results is extensive

Therefore the FPU should be efficient, effective and decisive.

Suggestion: create and establish a core group;

**PC decision: yes, do  
establish core group!**

Criteria for inviting participants for the FPU:

- the participants which are assigned the most personmonths should be part of the core.
- the interest of the participants.
- Experience with foresight exercises
- Representatives of different regions of EU
- Input of particular expertise, if necessary

**PC agreement: yes, agreed!**

## Suggested list *core group members*:

No 1	DEFRA, UK
No 5	LNV, Netherlands
No 11	MZE, Czech Republic
No 13,14,15	Belgium
No 18	RCN, Norway
No 27	INIA, Spain

PC agreement: yes, partners agreed; but final decision for commitment can only be made when task description is finalised;

Additionally Scotland volunteered

# Topics priority setting

# How?

- Type of process:
  - Physical brainstorming
  - Electronic brainstorming – Delphi Method

What is feasible?

# Physical brainstorming (pros and cons)

- You have to bring people together, minimum two or three times
- You have to pay for these meetings
- You need a place to divide people into groups of approximately ten persons
- For each group you need a person who will lead the discussion and provoke people to think
- Not everybody likes to present her or his opinion in public
- People can be influenced during the brainstorming
- There are always people who will make sure they will be heard (the loud and lively ones), and at the same time prevent others to bring in their arguments for discussion, which influence common opinion and could intimidate others
- It means that only a few people are actually involved in the discussion

# Delphi method / technique

- Different options for execution (website, email, decision room)  
but traveling can be avoided
- Procedure to acquire opinion, decision and/or consensus
- Anonymous
- Provides feedback and opportunities for adjustment of opinions  
(several rounds of response)
- Aggregation of group response
- Analysis in a statistical way

## Delphi method (pros and cons)

- Two rounds can be convened via email
- The respondents in the two rounds will be the same, only will work with different information (feedback!).
- You can involve many people from different regions, not only Europe, but also from Asia, Africa etc; language barrier is less dominant because people can take their time to respond (e.g. use translation)
- Participants will not have to travel (you save money)
- It is anonymous
- Participants can freely express their opinions

## Delphi method (cont)

To achieve useful results we need to outsource this task to experienced people.

There are three very important points to be successful:

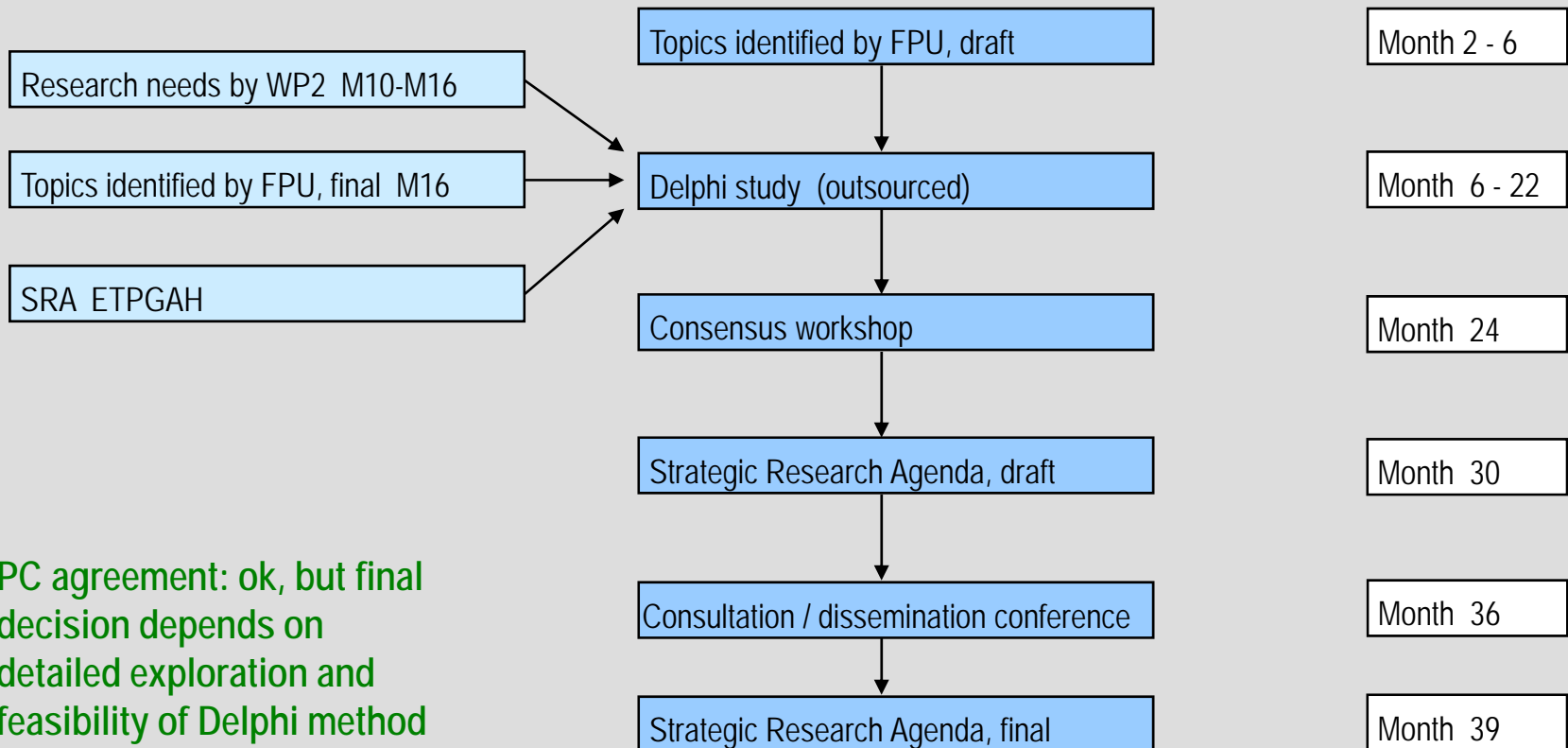
1. Identify the right participants/respondents (to be done by EMIDA)
2. Identify the right questions (to be done by EMIDA and subcontractor)
3. Evaluation of results (to be done by subcontractor)

PC agreement: explore  
Delphi method into detail for  
decision to be made in  
month 6

# Consensus workshop

- Consensus workshop will finalise the prioritisation.
- To analyse the list of priorities, established during the two rounds of the Delphi method, for us to arrive at a well-accepted list of common priorities .
- We propose that for the consensus workshop, around 50 people need to be invited. (originating from the Delphi participants)
- Workshop participants will be well prepared

# Suggested Flowchart SRA building



# Crosscutting issues with WP1 and WP2

## WP1 and WP4

Advise on how to incorporate the FPU framework in the Collaboration Agreement of the SCAR CWG

## WP2 and WP4

The inventory planned in WP2 will be executed using questionnaires. This provides the opportunity to incorporate questions on prioritisation methods/procedures used by the organisations in the memberstates.

The research needs that will be delivered as a result of WP2 is essential input to build the strategic research agenda, next to the review of the foresight studies as a result of the FPU

# CROSSCUTTING ISSUES WP4

*WP4 final deliverables:*

## Action plan for maintenance of SRA

To arrive at this deliverable a proposal will be made by the FPU that need to be endorsed by all the partners of EMIDA. Therefore it is suggested that other partners will be added to the FPU temporarily

PC decision / agreement:  
not yet, scheduled for next  
meeting

## Action Plan for joint trans-national programmes

To arrive at this deliverable a proposal should be made that need to be endorsed by all the partners of EMIDA. Therefore it is suggested that a temporary group consisting of members of WP1, WP2 and WP4 will be established to write this proposal which will be open for discussion and agreement by all partners.

PC decision / agreement:  
not yet, scheduled for next  
meeting