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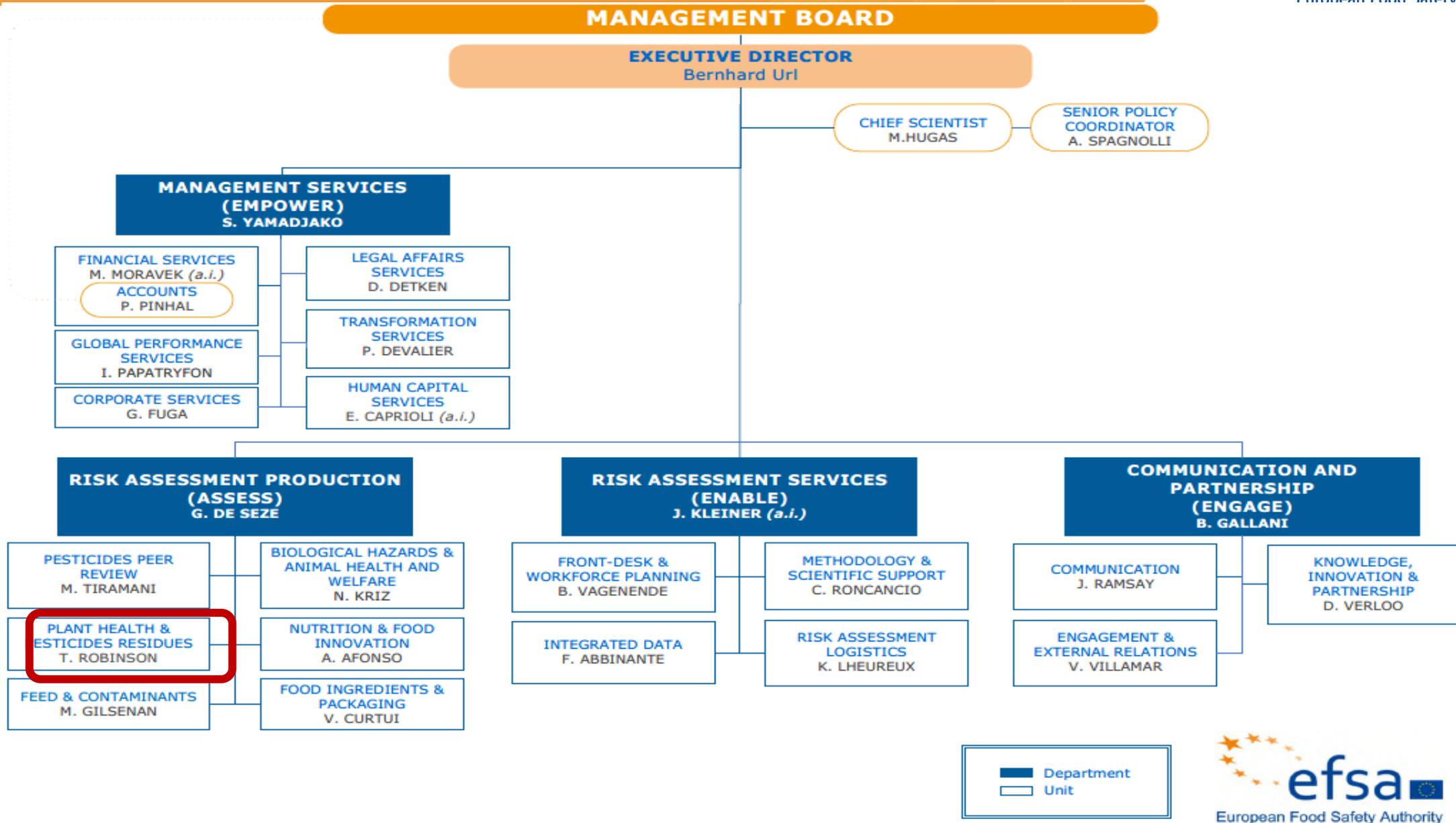
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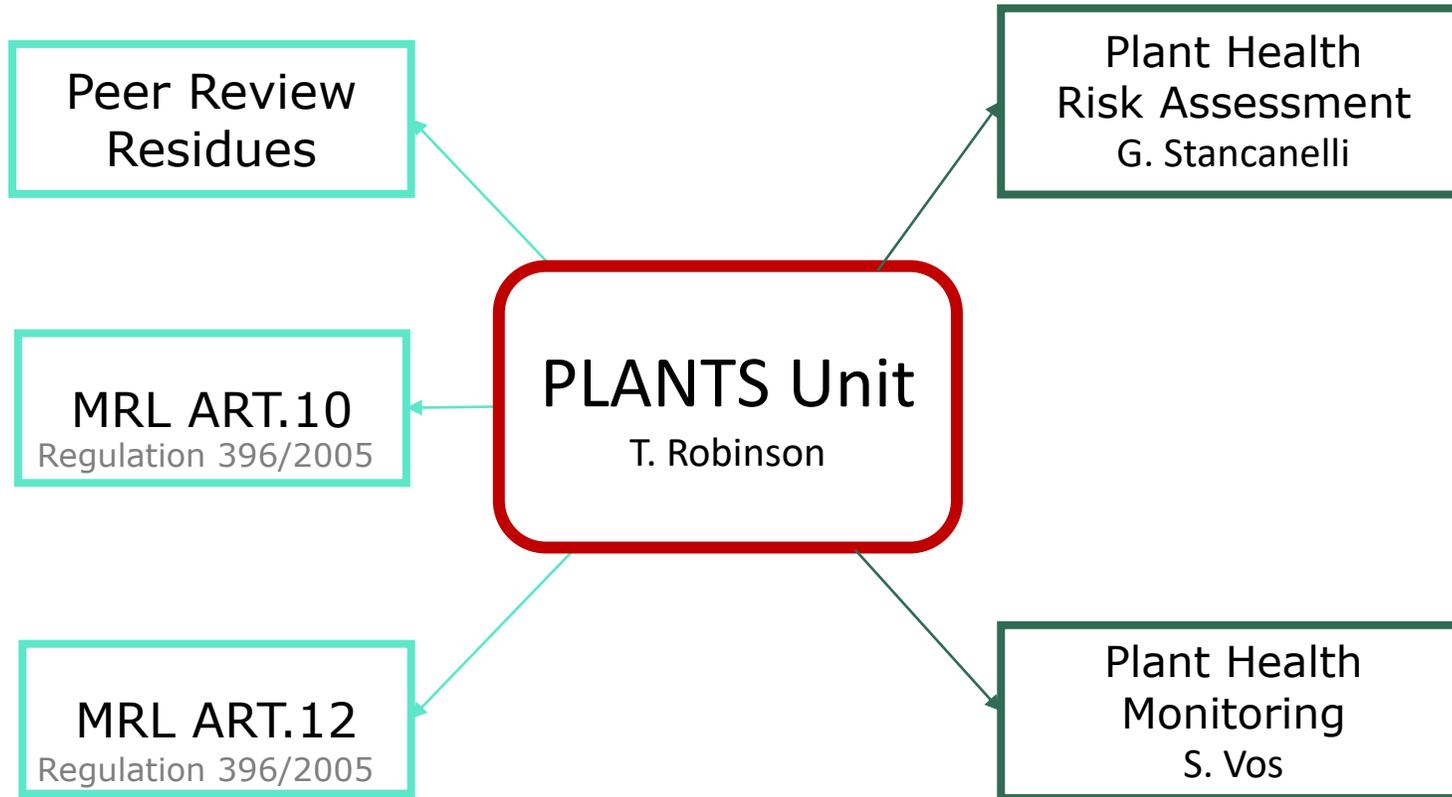
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# New EFSA organisational structure





Peer Review  
Residues

Plant Health  
Risk Assessment  
G. Stancanelli

**Pest categorisations**  
**Quantitative risk assessments**  
**Commodity risk assessment**



Scientific opinions

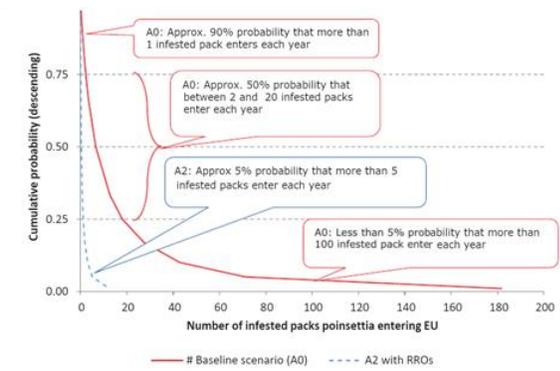
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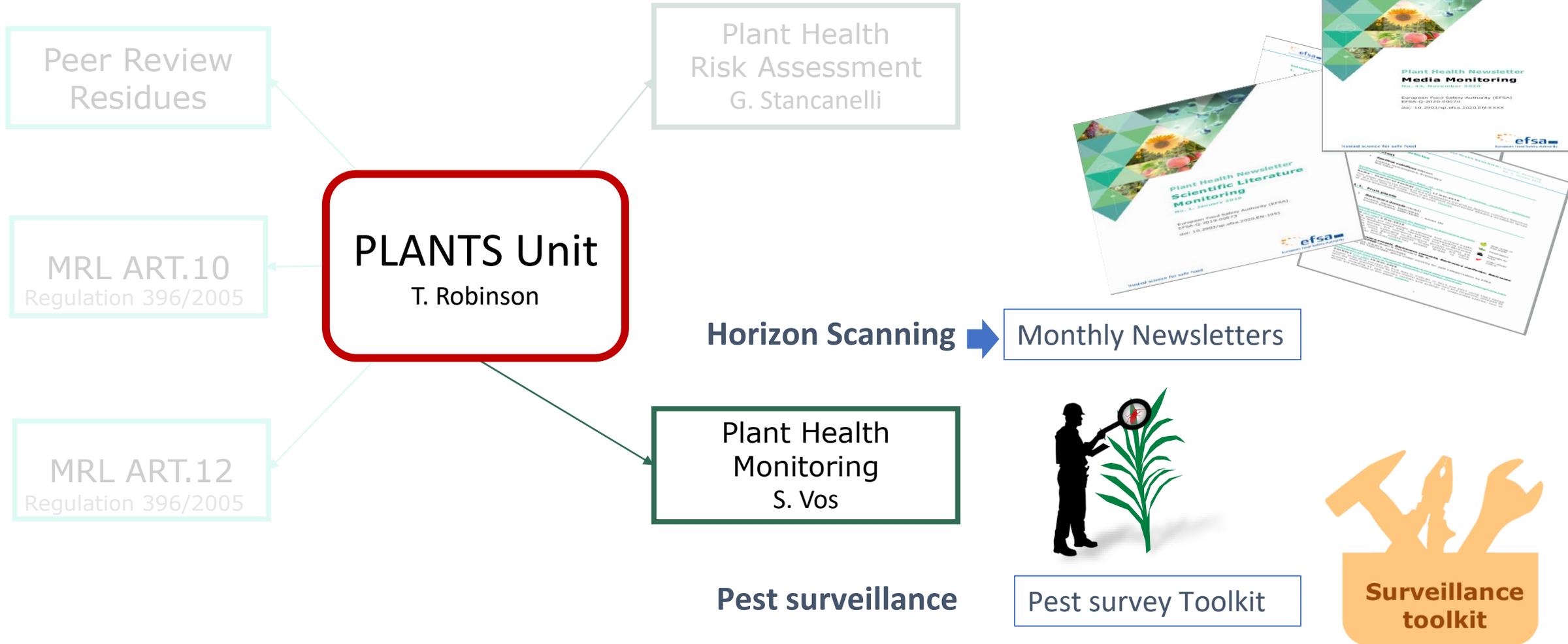


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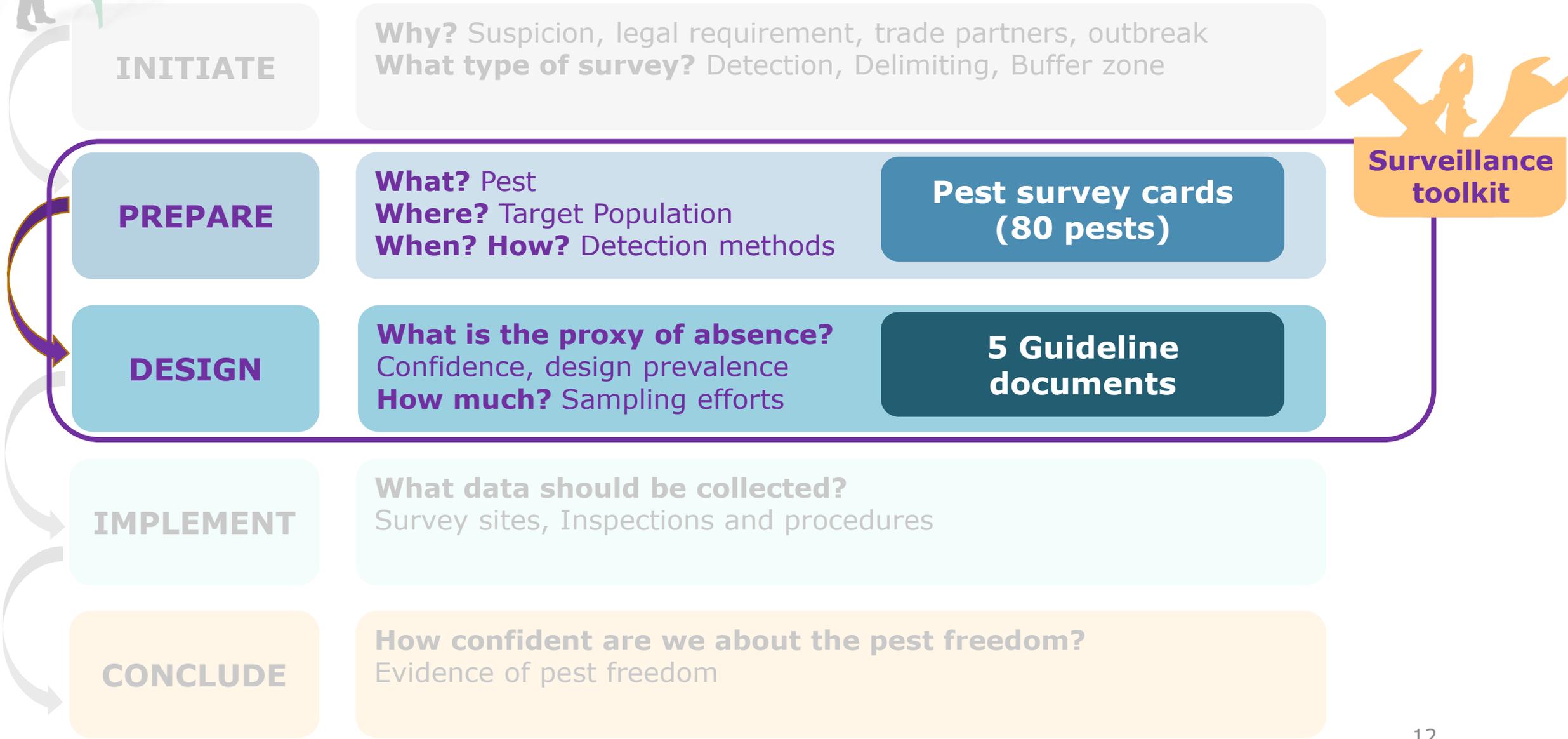
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**Mandate 2020-0114:** *Further develop the toolkit for all QP, tailor the tools to PLH, optimise the survey at crop level*

2/ Ongoing developments:

2026



# New mandate on pest surveillance

Task A

**Pest Survey Cards** for EU quarantine, protected zone and emerging pests (15 done, over 200 to go)  
- by 2027

Task B

**Multi-pest surveys at crop level** for 3 pilot crops (potato, citrus, broadleaved trees)  
- by 2023

Task C

**NEW RiBESS+** Tailor for plant pest (survey expert system)  
- by 2023

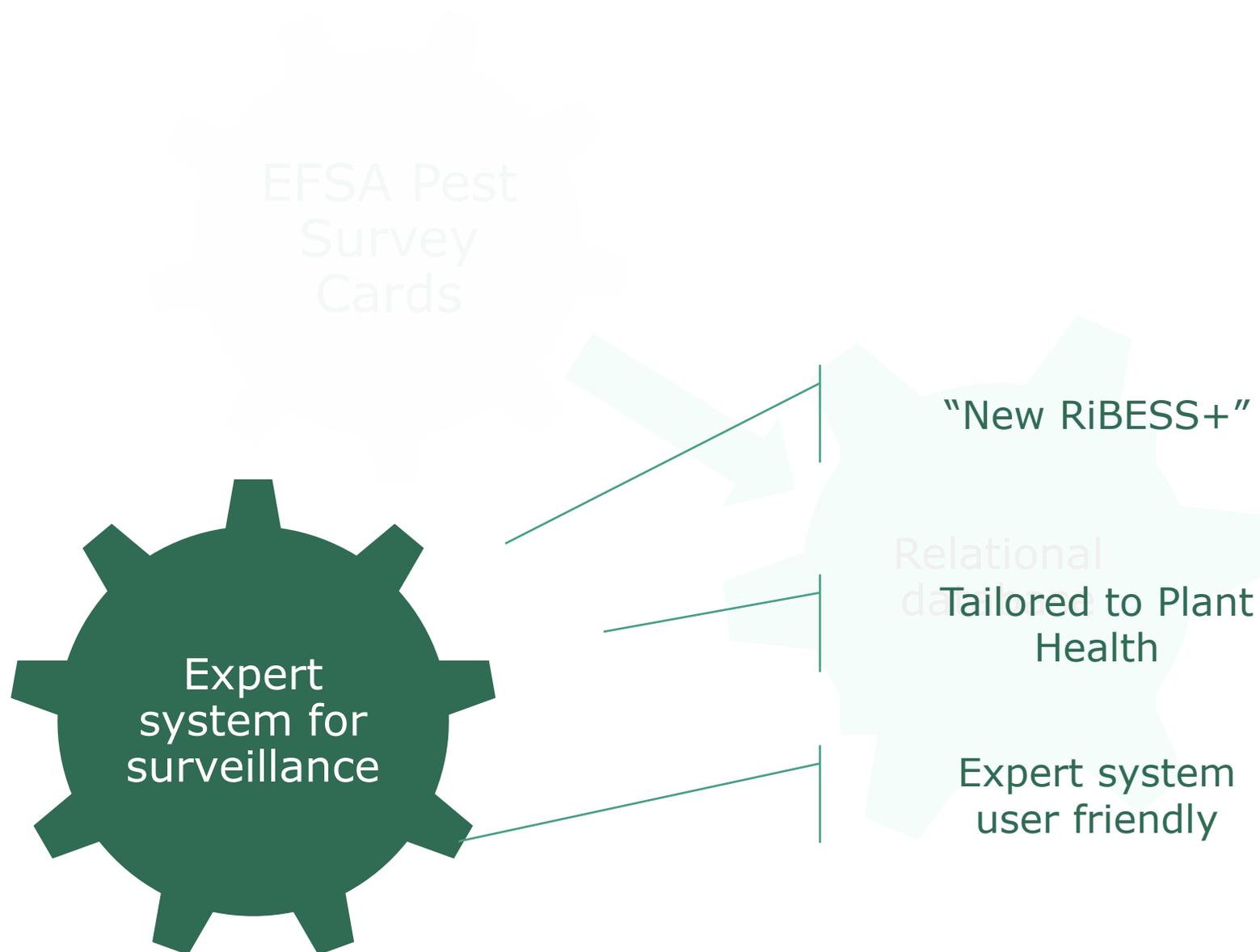


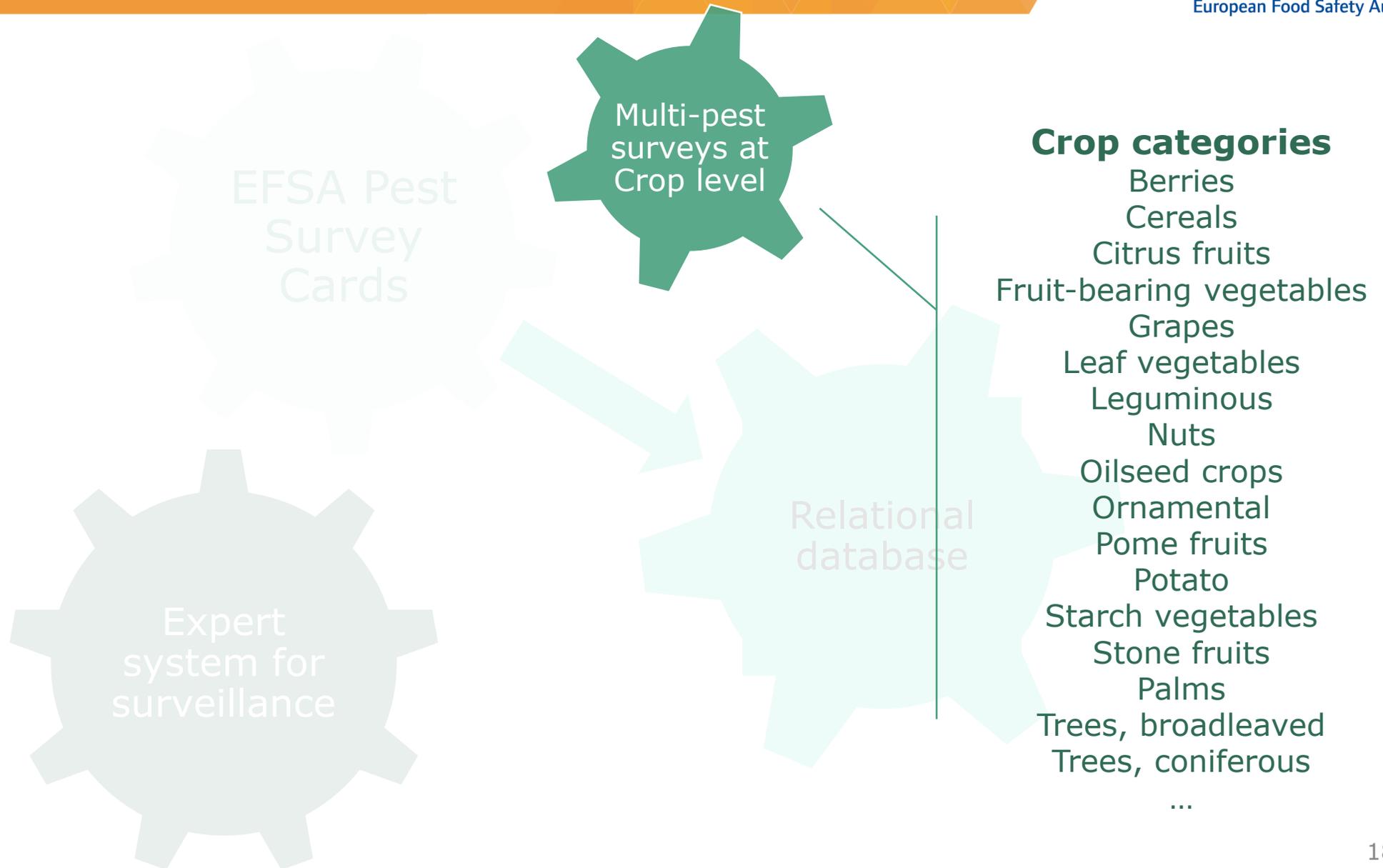


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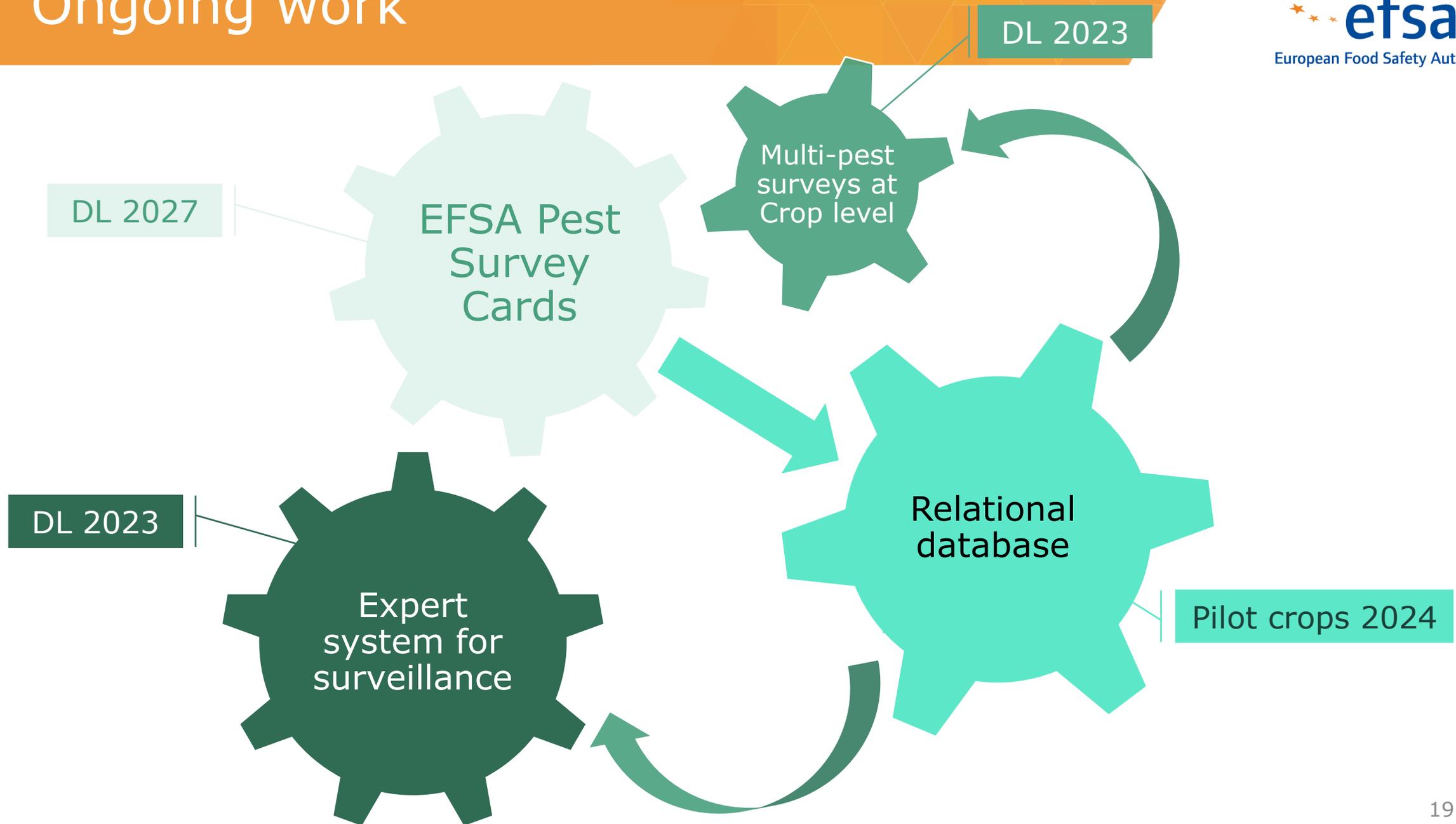
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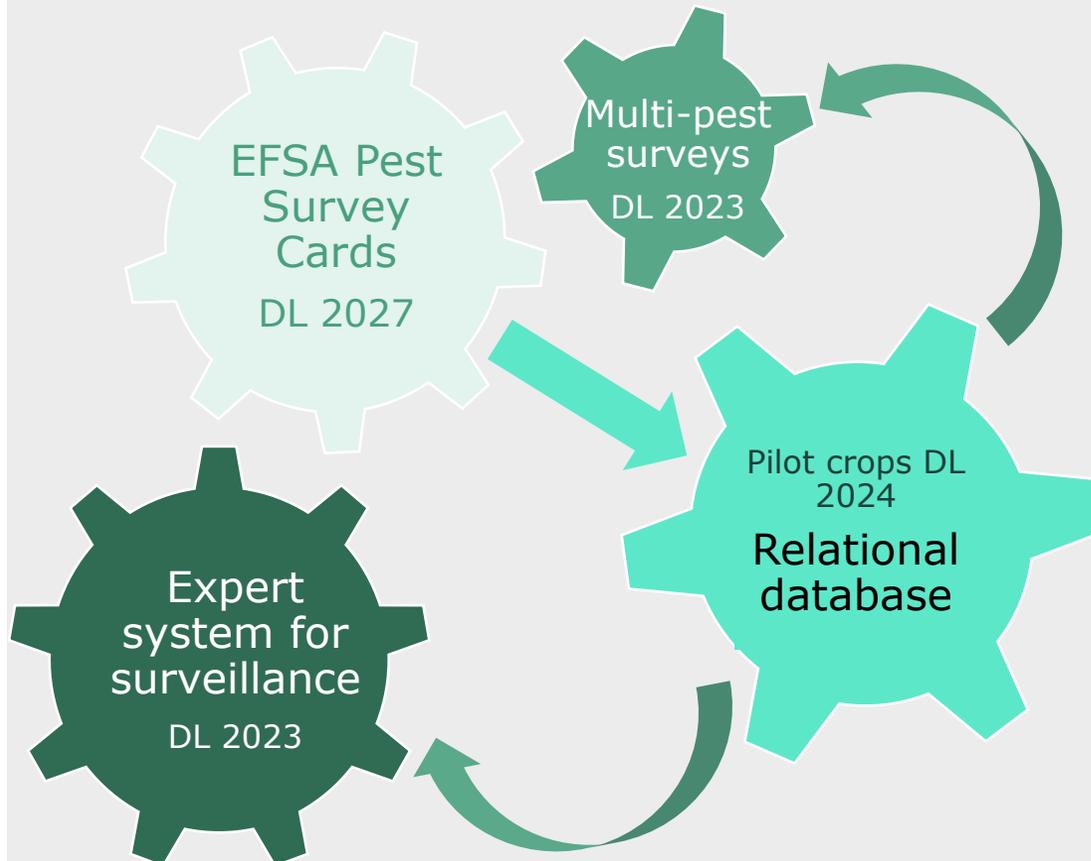


# Ongoing work



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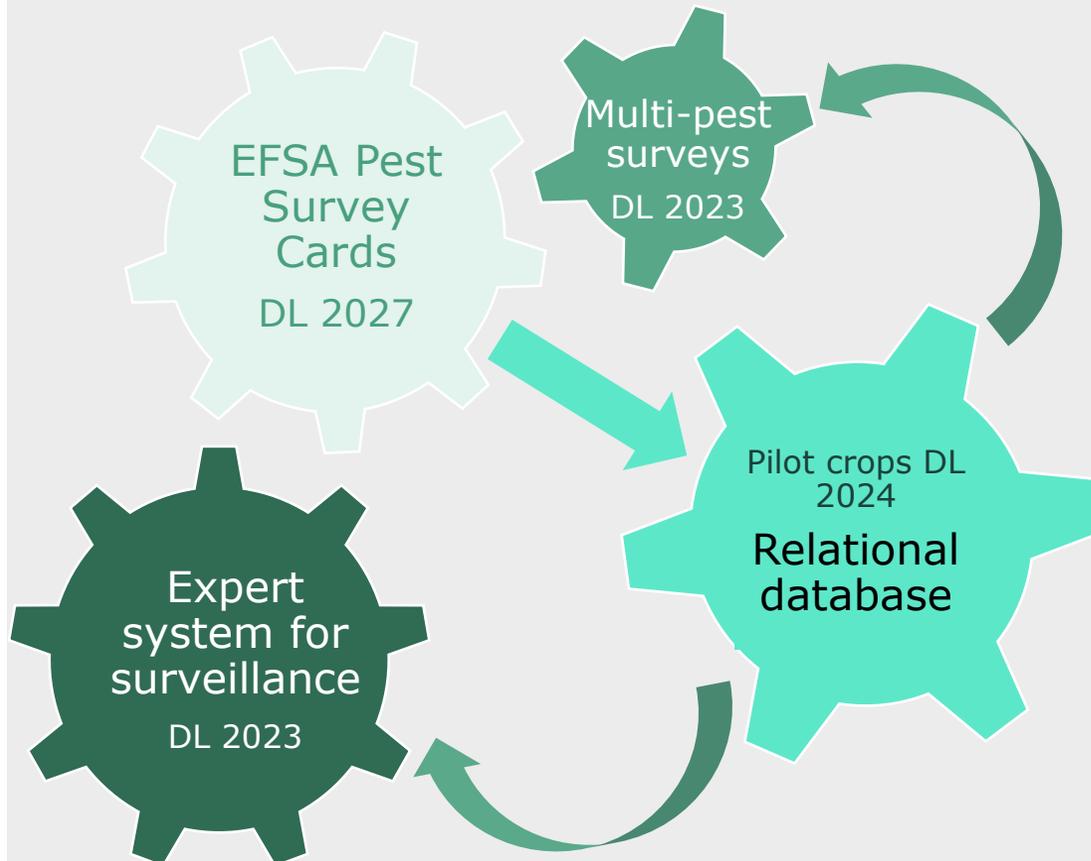
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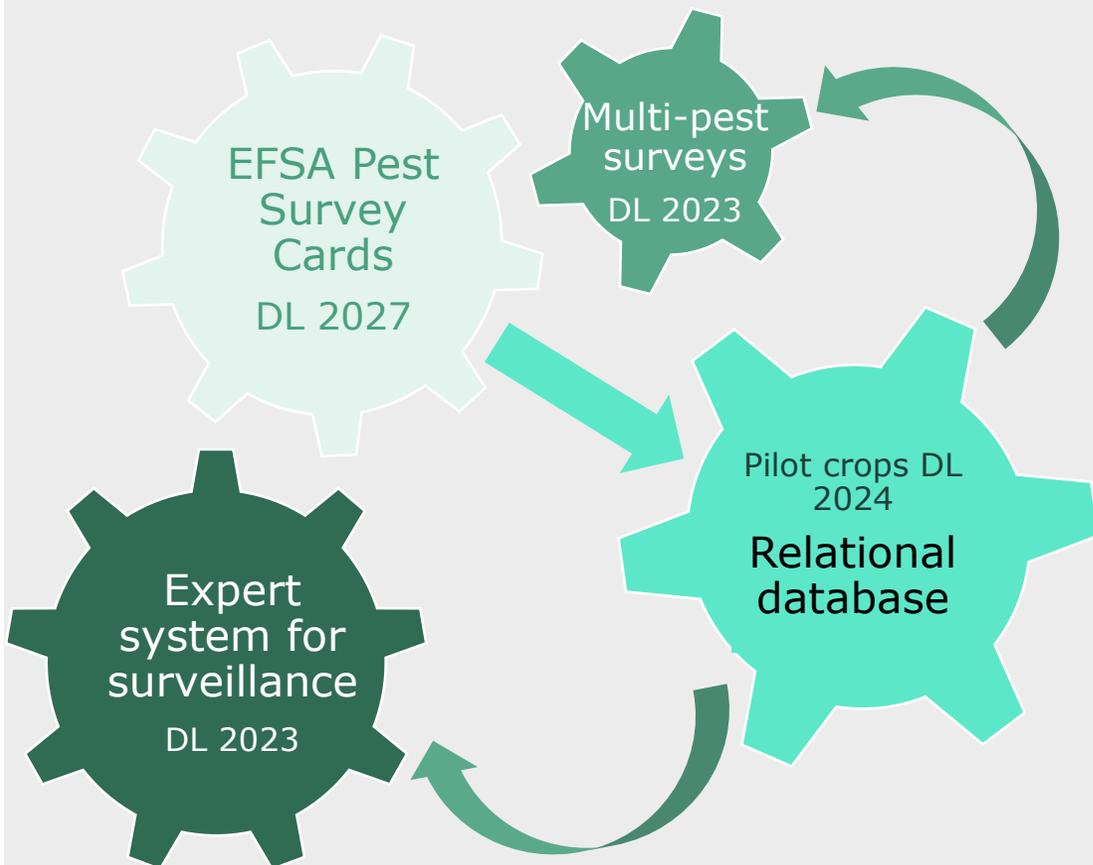
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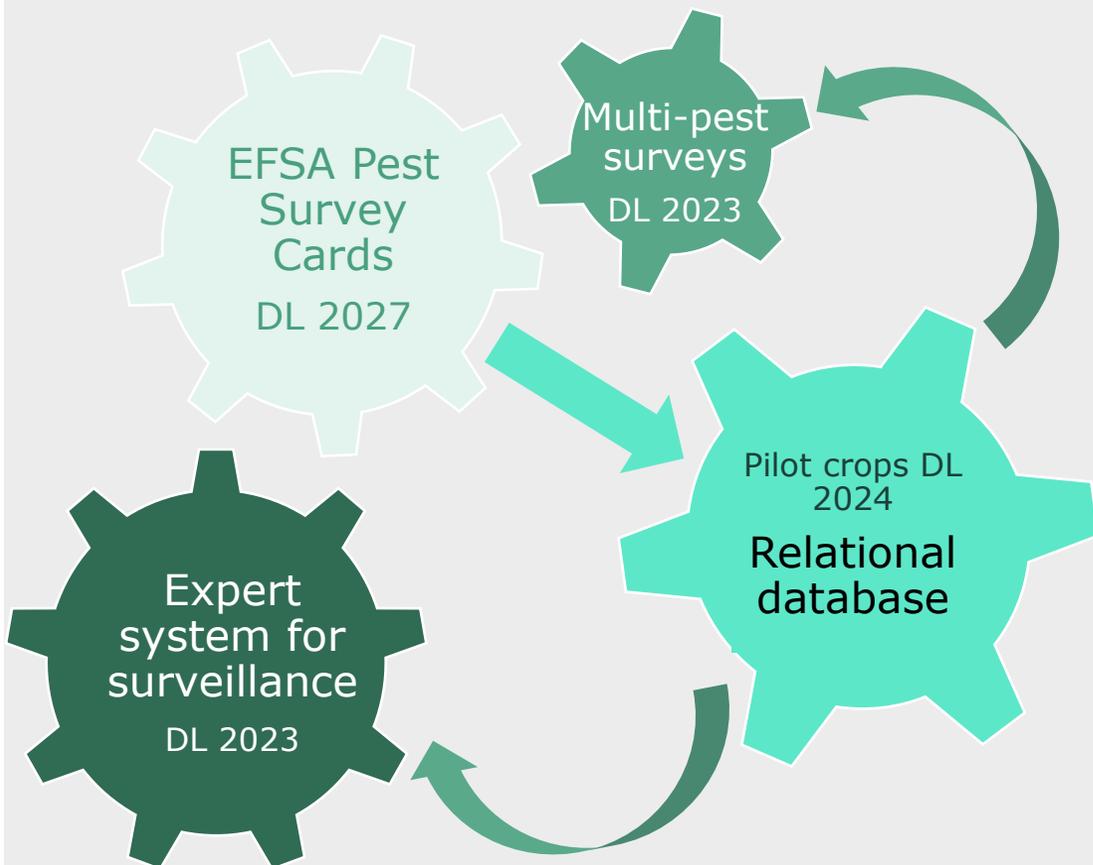
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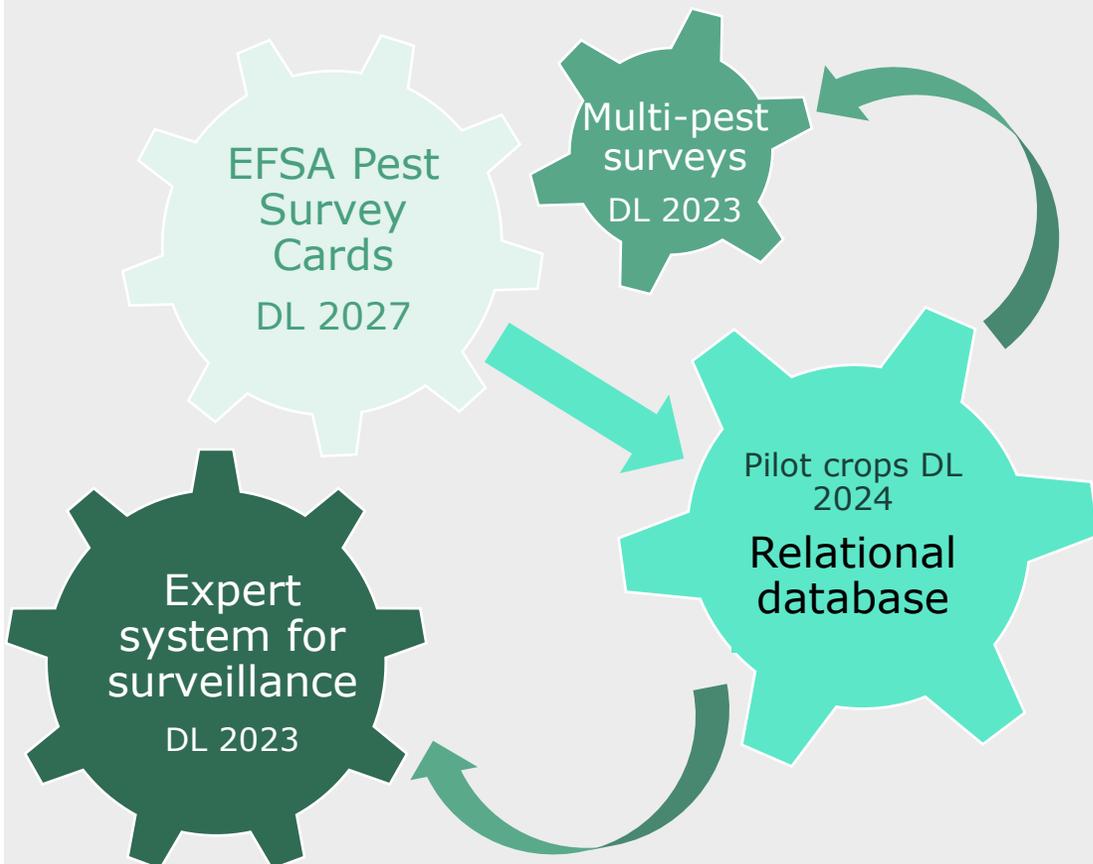
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**Pest prevalence estimation surveys**

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- Guidelines
- Training

- **Survey preparation** tailored to each pest and specific situation
- **Survey design** should be flexible adapting to each situation
- Robustness of **conclusions** of surveys designed using the methodological framework depends strongly on the survey preparation
- **Risk based surveys** increase the probability to find the pest
- The clear formulation of the survey conclusion allows surveys to be compared across time and space, thus contributing to the **harmonisation** of surveillance activities.



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