



Participation in Risk Assessment – Modes of Risk Governance in European Risk Assessment and Risk Management Institutions

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- Introduction to FSA
 - Open Policy Making
 - Our Food Future
 - Reflections

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INTRODUCTION TO FSA

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Introduction to FSA

- Independent, non-ministerial Government department set up by an Act of Parliament in 2000 to protect the public's health and consumer interests in relation to food
- Our values
 - » enforcing food law fairly
 - » **putting the consumer first**
 - » **openness and transparency**
 - » **science and evidence-based**
 - » **acting independently**



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OPEN POLICY MAKING

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Open Policy Making

- What is it?
- Why do we do it?
- How do we do it?
- UK Government Open Policy Making

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-policy-making-toolkit/getting-started-with-open-policy-making>

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OUR FOOD FUTURE

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Our Food Future – Process

- Partners & Steering Group
<http://www.sciencewise-erc.org.uk/>
- Dialogue
 - Literature Review
 - Online (quantitative & qualitative)
 - Deliberative Dialogue (2 sessions , across UK)
- Summit
- Evaluation

Our Food Future – Findings

- Unfamiliarity with concept of “food security”
- Very short horizons in terms of ‘food futures’
- Habit / familiarity are the main drivers of food “choice”
- Once made aware of insecurity (in dialogues), people prefer self-change to techno-fixes
- Expectation of role of government / others agencies
- Post-dialogue, the (ex-lay) public call for awareness raising
- But is this conducive to behaviour change?

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REFLECTIONS

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- Setting up – and managing - Steering Group
- Lead in time
- Length of sessions
- Expert presence
- Location / Representation
- Rationale & Impact

- Next steps