



Health and Consumers Directorate-General (DG SANCO) Overview of the DG and its policies



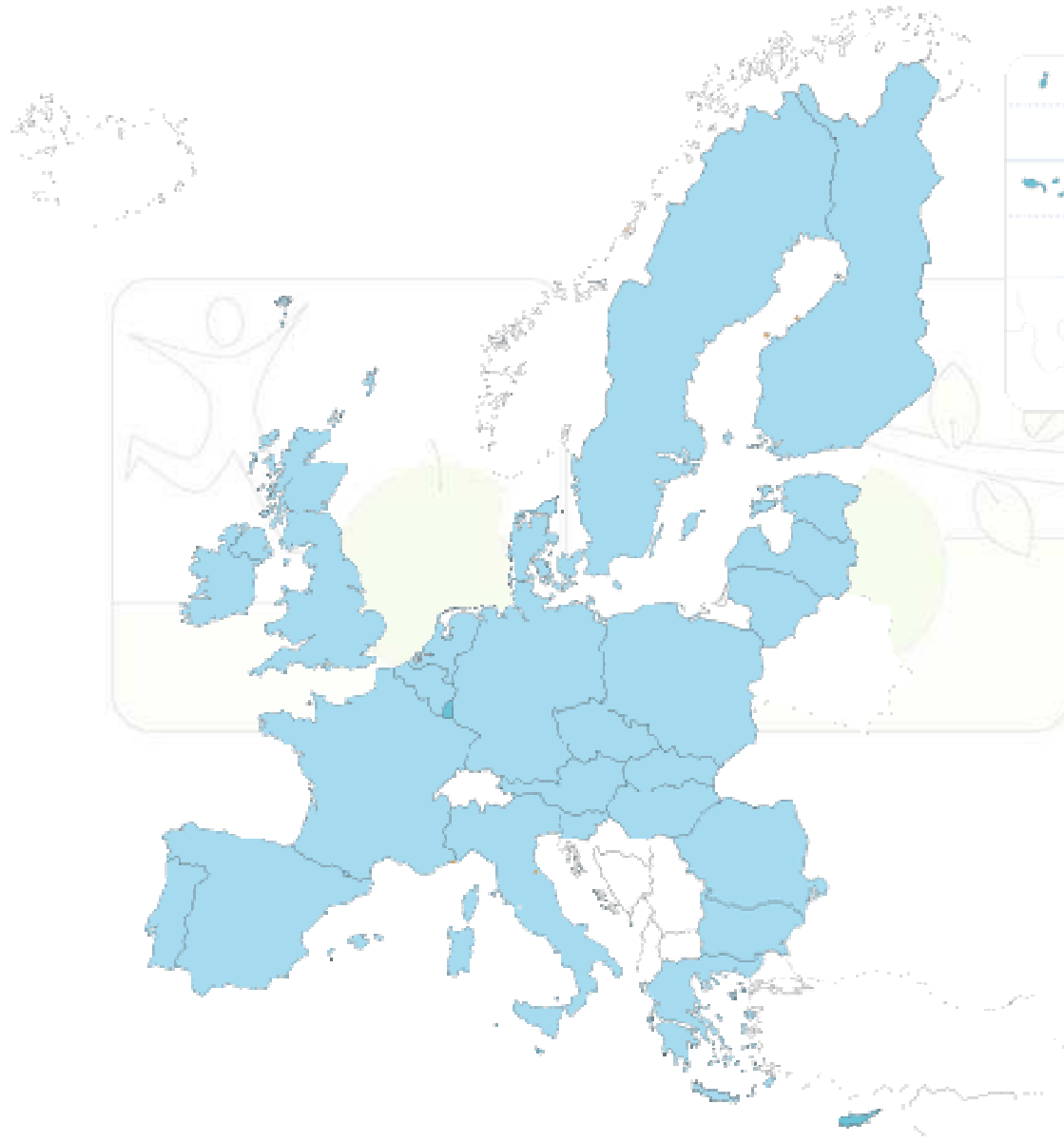


Part 1

The European Union



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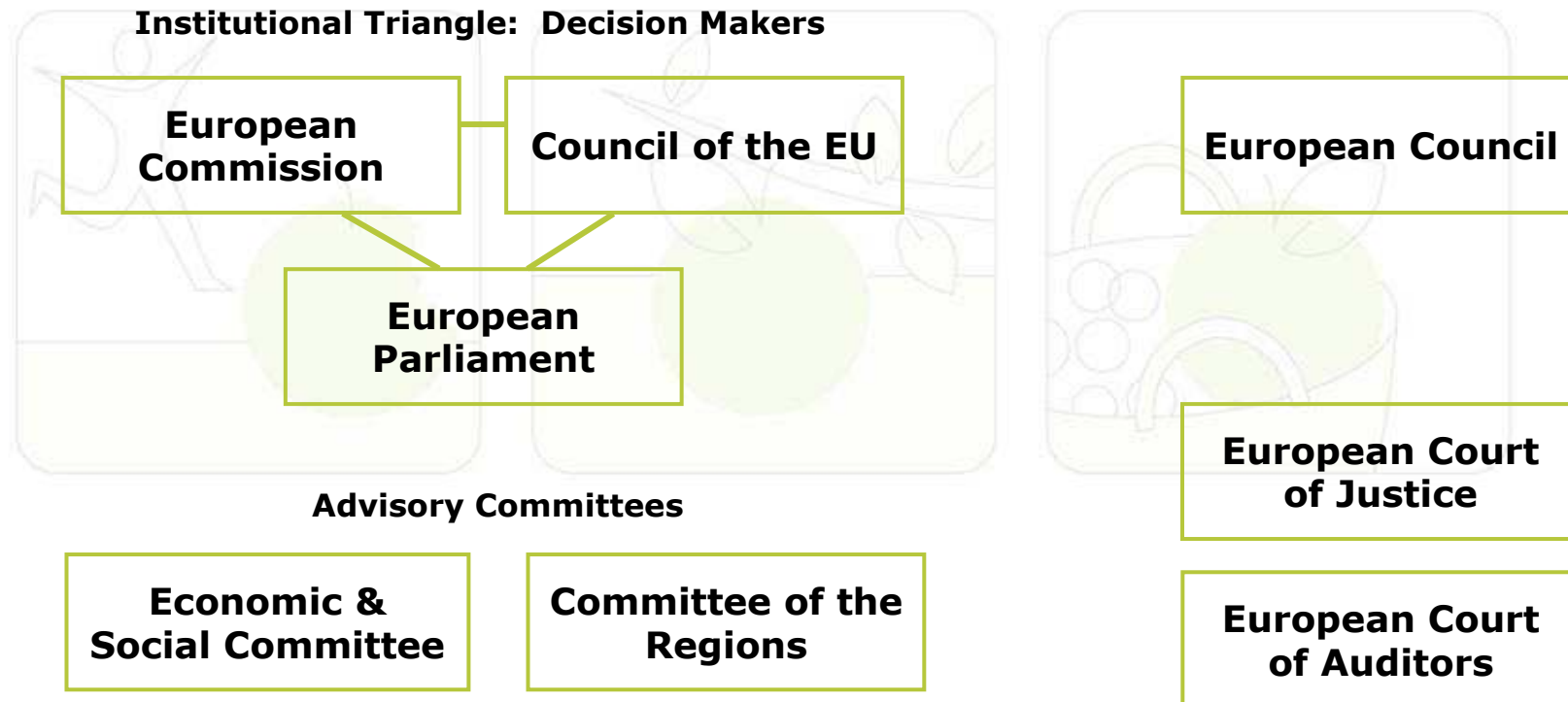
The Union:

27 Member States

5 Candidate Countries



European Institutions





Part 2

The European Commission



Part 2 - The European Commission

EU Policies

Communication... Enterprise & Industry... Transport...
Justice, Freedom & Security... Information Society
& Media... Environment... Economic & Monetary Affairs...
Regional Policy... Fisheries/Maritime... Science & Research...
Education Training & Culture... **Health & Consumers...**
Enlargement... Development & Humanitarian Aid... Taxation &
Customs Union... Competition... **Agriculture & Rural
Development...** External Relations... Internal Market...
Employment
& Social Affairs... **Trade...** Energy... Climate change...
Multilingualism



Part 2 - The European Commission

The Role of the Commission

- Initiate & negotiate draft legislation
- Ensure implementation of EU policies
- Apply European Union laws
- Represent the Union on the world stage



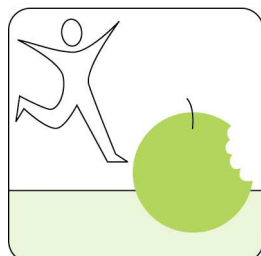
Part 3

Directorate-General for Health & Consumers (DG SANCO)

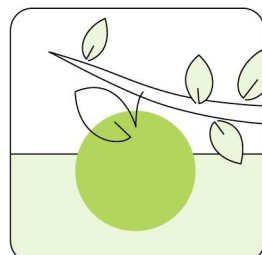


Health and Consumers DG

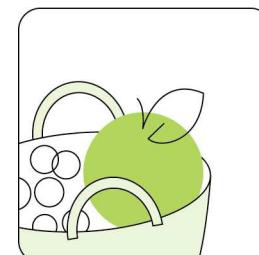
Europe working for healthier, safer,
more confident citizens



Public Health



Food safety



Consumer Affairs



John Dalli

Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy



Patients First! Consumers First!

“My vision is that of European Citizens living a longer, healthier life because they live a healthy lifestyle, enjoy safe, nutritious and high quality food and have access to high quality medical advice and care.

My vision is a well-informed Consumer who can take educated decisions on the goods and services they consume. A Consumer that would not only be in the driving seat of his own lifestyle, but who would also be able to influence policy through the consolidation of the micro decisions that are taken in the market. Consumers can move policies on climate change, animal welfare, action on health determinants, to mention a few.

My commitment is to ensure that our consumers can continue to enjoy the very high levels of food safety which I believe serve as the benchmark for world standards on safety. ”

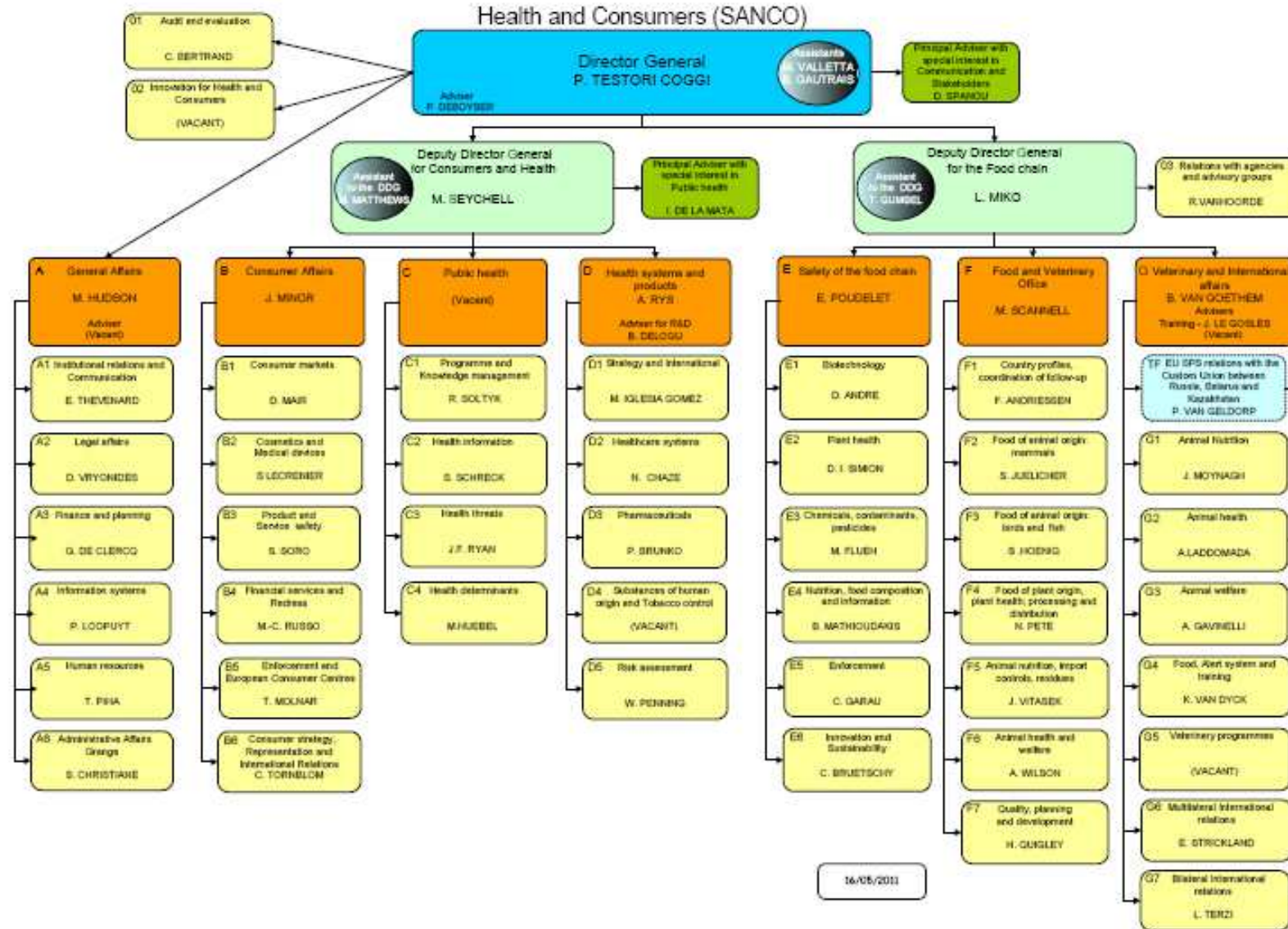


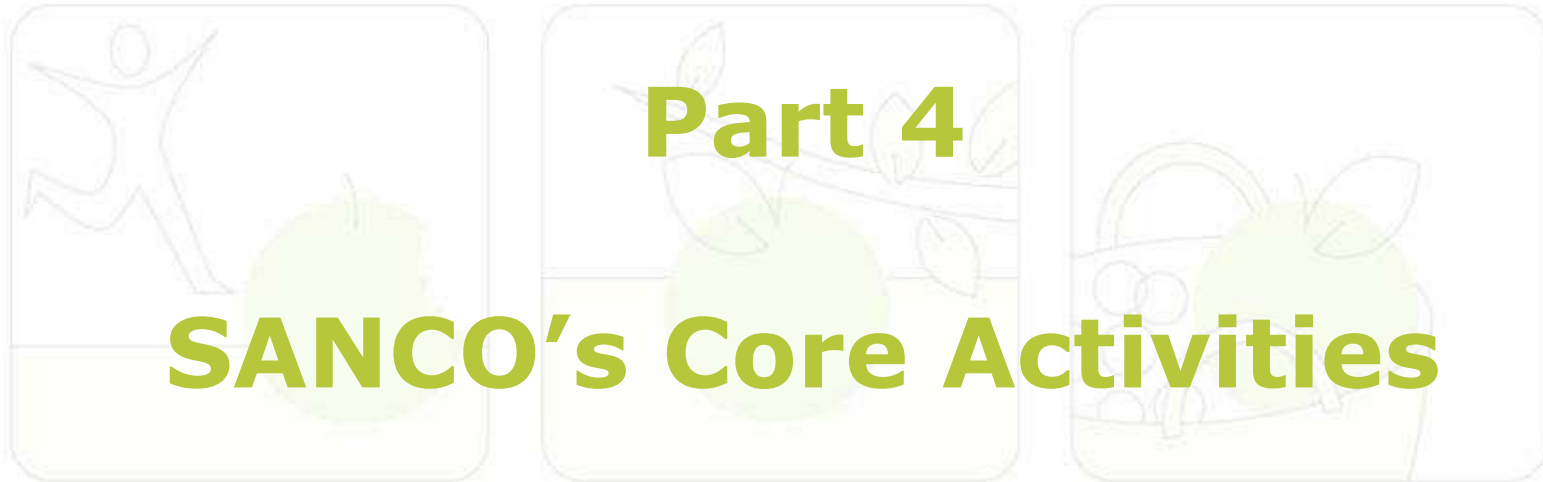
Basic Facts

- Over 1000 staff
- Core activities: Public Health, Food Safety, Animal health and welfare, Consumers

+ 5 EU Agencies

- European Food Safety Authority
- European Centre for Disease Prevention & Control
- Community Plant Variety Office
- European Medicines Agency
- Executive Agency for Health and Consumers





Part 4

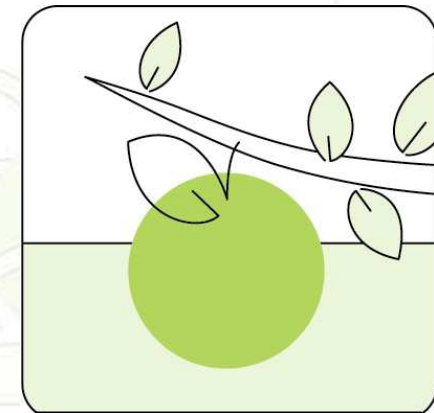
SANCO's Core Activities



Food Safety

EU laws cover:

- How farmers produce food
- How plants are grown, and how pesticides are used
- How animals are fed, looked after, and transported
- How food is processed, packaged, and sold
- How food is labelled for consumers



Food safety

"A World Class Food Safety System from the Farm to the Fork"

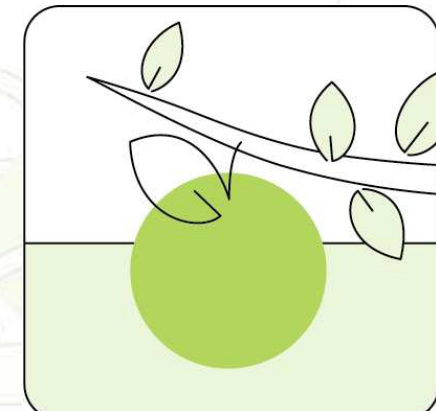


Part 4 – SANCO's Core Activities

Food Safety

The DG Food and Veterinary
Office Directorate, based in
Grange (Ireland):

- Controls the safety of food & animal feed imported from other countries
- Carries out over 200 inspections per year
- Promotes European standards worldwide



Food safety

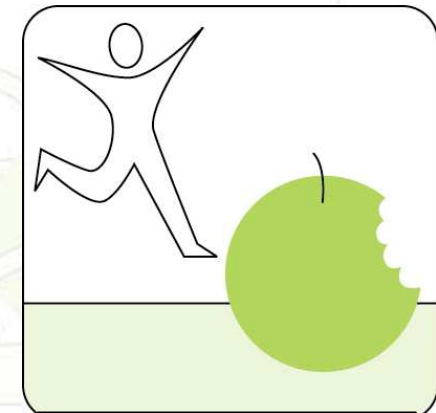
"The EU is the world's largest food importer"



Public Health

The EU aims to:

- Deliver a high level of health protection
- Promote healthier lifestyles
- Respond to disease outbreaks
- Encourage member state co-operation on health
- Provide accurate health information and data
- Invest to tackle health inequalities
- Combat smoking through legislation and campaigns
- Deliver quality standards for blood, tissues, and cells



Public Health

"Enabling good health for all"

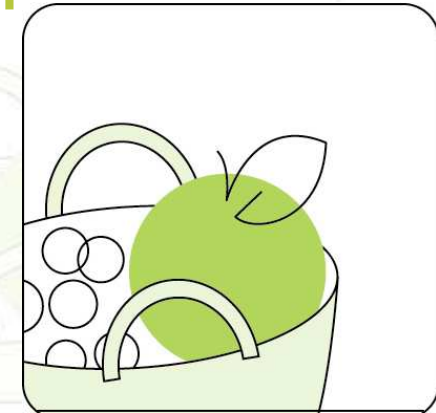


Part 4 – SANCO's Core Activities

Consumers

The EU provides a high level of consumer protection across the single market by:

- Ensuring the safety of products and services
- Cracking down on rogue traders
- Helping National Governments to apply EU rules
- Making sure citizens know their rights
- Building a strong voice for consumer organisations
- Understanding consumers better through research



Consumer Affairs

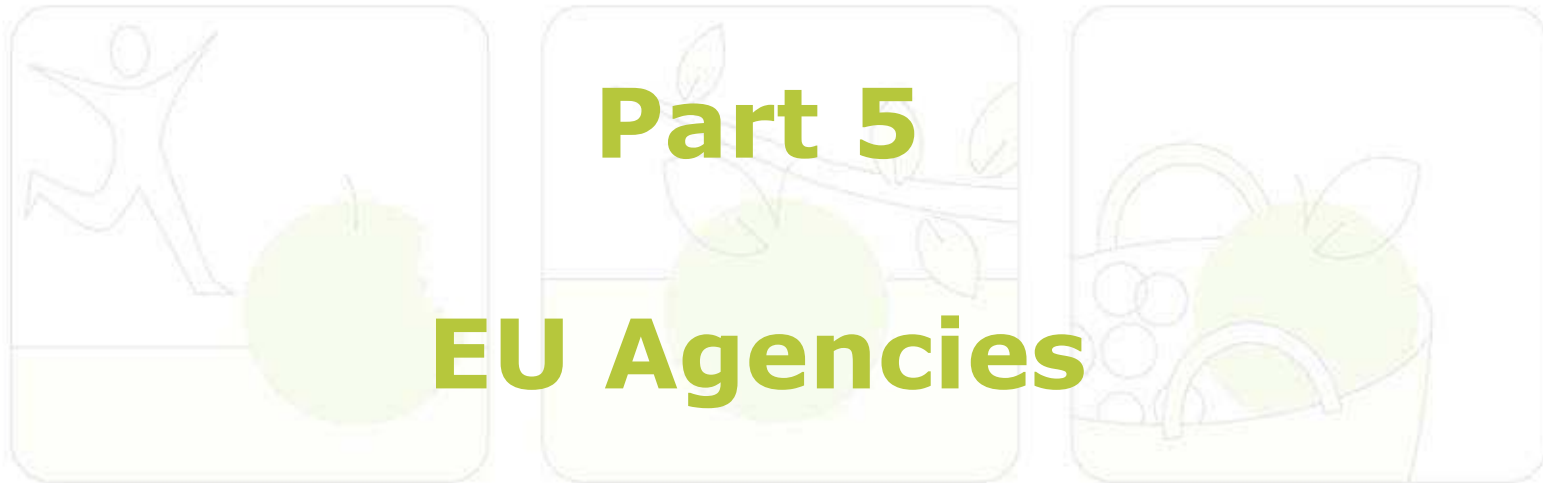
"Putting Consumers at the heart of Europe"



Part 4 – SANCO's Core Activities

Cross-cutting issues

- Risk Management and Risk Communication
- Obesity/Nutrition
- Human Health Impact of Animal Diseases (e.g. Avian Flu, BSE, Rabies, Salmonella)



Part 5

EU Agencies



European Food Safety Authority



efsa
European Food Safety Authority

EFSA provides independent scientific advice on food safety



"Excellence in risk assessment"

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu>



Part 5 - EU Agencies

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control



The ECDC works with Member States to prevent disease outbreaks and to react quickly and effectively to minimise their impact.

"Strengthening Europe's Defences against infectious disease"

<http://www.ecdc.europa.eu>



Part 5 - EU Agencies

Community Plant Variety Office



CPVO supports the innovative patenting of new plant varieties throughout the European Union



"A system for the protection of plant variety rights"

[http:// www.cpvo.eu.int](http://www.cpvo.eu.int)



Part 5 - EU Agencies

European Medicines Agency



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

Its main responsibility is the protection and promotion of public and animal health, through the evaluation and supervision of medicines for human and veterinary use.

"Foster scientific excellence in the evaluation and supervision of medicines"

[http:// www.ema.europa.eu](http://www.ema.europa.eu)



Executive Agency for Health and Consumers



The EAHC implements the EU Health Programme, the Consumer Programme and the Better Training for Safer Food initiative.



<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc>



Part 6

Information Sources



Find out more about SANCO

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Commissioner
John Dalli

Welcome to the Directorate General for 'Health and Consumers'

Our job is to help make Europe's citizens healthier, safer and more confident.

Over the years the European Union has established EU laws on the safety of food and other products, on consumers' rights and on the protection of people's health.

The Directorate General for 'Health and Consumers' has the task of keeping these laws up to date. It is national, regional or even local governments in EU countries who actually apply the EU's health and consumer protection laws. It is their job to make sure traders, manufacturers and food producers in their country observe the rules. Nonetheless, part of our job is to check that this is really happening and that the rules are being applied properly in all EU countries.

[Read more about DG SANCO's mission](#)

News

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EU Coordination

Europe for Patients

Dolceta
ONLINE CONSUMER EDUCATION

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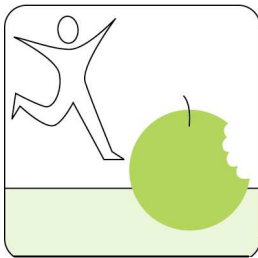
Local intranet 100%

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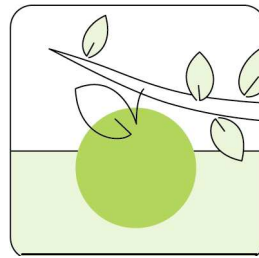


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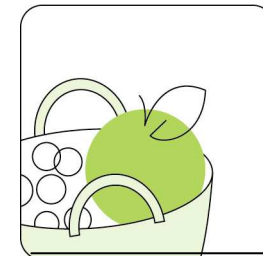
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