

Food safety in Germany and Morocco: exploring opportunities for scientific cooperation

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The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) and the Moroccan Food Safety Authority (ONSSA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of food safety in February 2021 to exchange views on global consumer health protection issues and to support each other with state-of-the-art knowledge and scientific expertise. To strengthen this dialogue, a series of mutual visits is planned, the first of which took place from 9 to 11 November 2022. In technical discussions, representatives of both institutions discussed structural and scientific issues concerning the risk assessment process as well as the evaluation of plant protection products.

Morocco is an important trading partner for Germany. The liberalization of world trade imposes new requirements on food safety and consumer health protection. Risk assessment must evolve accordingly. It needs to be based on a broader foundation by harmonising and standardising methods and assessment strategies at the international level. To advance these goals, cooperation with the countries of the European Neighborhood Policy, of which Morocco is one, is also becoming increasingly important.

The Moroccan Food Safety Authority ONSSA is a public institution under the Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forests. It works on behalf of the Moroccan government for consumer protection and in the field of animal and plant health. Within this framework, ONSSA is also responsible for food and feed risk management. ONSSA is also one of the main players in the Generation Green strategy, which focuses on consolidating achievements in Morocco's agricultural sector. The ONSSA Roadmap 2021-2025 includes measures to support various projects under the different programmes that run under the umbrella of the 2020-2030 Green Generation Strategy.

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