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MEDFILES' ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE EU FOOD SAFETY

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Who / What Medfiles does?

- Mari Eskola,
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Medfiles' contribution to the European Food Safety System

- Act as a bridge betweeen food companies and EU authorities (e.g. EC, EFSA, national FSAs)
- Assess the regulatory compliance of companies' food ingredients and products
  - Explain the meanings of EU regulations to the food companies related to their food products
- Translate the regulatory/EU authority requirements e.g. for novel food application dossiers
  - Scientific data and quality
  - Write dossiers
  - Conduct risk and safety assessments for the dossiers
- Communicate with the authorities with the same regulatory language

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How we see the European Food Safety System evolving and Medfiles with it?

- Impact of climate change on food security
  - Higher statutory maximum levels?
  - Sustainability?
- Speed of the changing world as whole
- Speed of scientific developments
  - Regulatory requirements increasing
- Artificial Intelligence

- Novel foods
  - Manufacturing locations and techniques applied (*sites v.s market, cell cultured foods, type of electricity, water consumption etc*)
  - Exotic plant and animal species used as raw materials
  - Keep abreast with the developments – horizon scanning
  - AI use in dossier preparations, literature

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