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**Promoting science-based regulation in Europe – Challenges
and Opportunities.**

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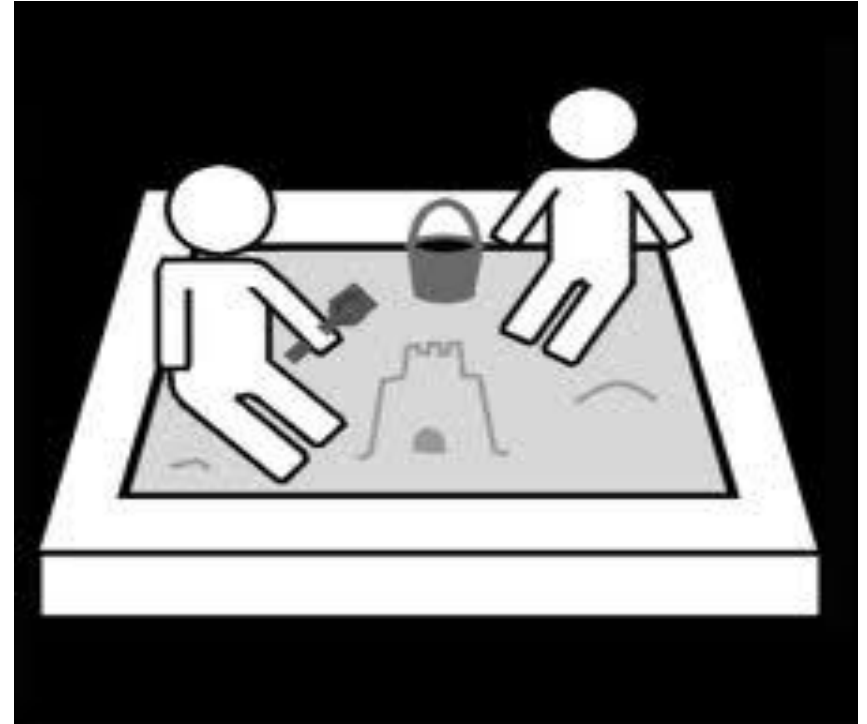
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Are the French inveterate moaners ?



Are the French wimps ?



Do the French have a special bond with their plate?



Mistrust construction

- Cultural differences do not explain the trends
 - Food crises and scandals are international
- The political and administrative organization helps mistrust construction in France :
 - A centralized state,
 - Ordinary citizens excluded from decision- making process in the name of Science and Technology
 - Decisions made by elite civil servants
- Reorganization of the French health scene

Anses : French Agency Approach

- Separation between risk assessment and risk management
- ANSES undertakes expert appraisal in a broad field of competence (human health, animal health and welfare, and plant health).

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ANSES' core values

**Independence,
impartiality**

Transparency



**Involvement
of
stakeholders**

**Excellence/
scientific expertise**

Involvement of stakeholders?

- « Zero-contempt » if not « Zero-risk »
 - Listening to concerns, information, transparency
- Participation of stakeholders in the governance bodies :
 - Board of Directors,
 - 5 thematic orientation committees
- Set-up of thematic **dialogue committees** on emerging issues :
 - « *Radiofrequencies & health* »,
 - « *Nanomaterials & health* »

Involvement of stakeholders in the expertise process

- hearing stakeholders during the expertise process reinforces the credibility of the agency's reports.
- It allows us:
 - to gather useful data (market shares, unpublished data)
 - to better understand how the different parties see the situation
 - to identify aspects to be documented in the evaluation
 - to identify questions that first seemed less relevant but still need answers

Properly managing stakeholders' involvement in risk assessment seems like an important tool to promote science-based regulation in Europe.

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Thank you for your time