

# Credibility of scientific expertise and decision-making

New challenges for health risk governance  
in a changing world

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## 1 - Risk assessment framework: a common vision?

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More than 10 years after the publication of the silver book, the reference framework for risk assessment has evolved, as well as the methods, to adapt to changes in the science of risk assessment and optimize its usefulness for public decision-making in different institutional contexts.

Nevertheless, faced with current major issues such as climate change or the emergence of important concepts for expertise (one health, global exposure, sustainability, etc.), what can be the capacity of this framework to address more systemic questions and influence the processes of decision-making?

What are the impacts of this frame of reference today in the practice of various public health organizations such as WHO or agencies responsible for safety and health? How have these institutions integrated the logic, content and forms of producing recommendations or advice for decision-makers?

Beyond the frame of reference itself, how can the forms, methods of expertise and the practices of groups of experts change the content, influence the results and strengthen the usefulness of scientific expertise? All these issues will be addressed by the speakers and discussed in this session dedicated to the risk assessment framework.



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