1. **Mission Brief**: Contribute to the safety and quality of our environment, food and products. This includes biocides, plants, human medicines, and veterinary medicines. One mission brief is to ensure that all chemicals are properly assessed and that their benefits are realized.

2. **Why Efficiency Matters**: Timelines for risk assessment can differ greatly among agencies. For example, EFSA exceeded its legally mandated timeline for GM O authorizations by a factor of 4 and 1.5 respectively in comparison to biocides and human medicines.

3. **GM Crops**: GM crops have been shown to reduce environmental impact from pesticide use, and they provide relevant and cultivation information to the public. Loss of biodiversity is another concern that needs to be addressed.

4. **Assessment Timelines**: The current EU risk assessment process appears disproportionate and costs more than 8 on average in 2017. While EFSA lacks pre-submission meetings, other agencies have even stricter timelines and procedures. Risk assessment for GM Os trails far behind compared to all other EFSA product groups.

5. **Costs and Benefits**: In the case of human medicines and biocides, these deadlines differ greatly among agencies. For instance, in 2016, the actual timeline for human medicines was over twice the expected timeline. In the EU and to involve parties, the EFSA exceeded its legally mandated timelines for biocides and human medicines by factors of 49 and 51 respectively, which prevents some from meeting their expected timelines.

6. **Sustainability**: Approximately 26.7 billion KGs of CO2 are emitted, which is equivalent to the carbon dioxide emitted by over 78 million cars. Biotech crops can reduce this by improving food security, environmental sustainability, and nutrition.

7. **Conclusion**: It's not too late to learn from past mistakes and improve the lives of citizens across the EU by enabling access to innovative biotechnology products whilst ensuring the highest assed quality feed.

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