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Calls for tenders and proposals

Clarification n. 1 - Call for Proposals - GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2018/02 - Image analysis for early detection of quarantine plant pests

We would like to inform you that EFSA has published **clarification n. 1** in relation to the Call for Proposals GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2018/02 - Image analysis for early detection of quarantine plant pests.

Please note that the deadline for submission of proposals is **11 October 2018**.

Should you have any questions, please write to EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu by indicating the call reference.

More information: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/180730>

Publications

Xylella: host plant database updated

We would like to inform you that EFSA has published the **latest update of its database of plants that act as hosts for *Xylella fastidiosa***. The updated list includes 563 plant species identified through a new literature search and from notifications to the EU's plant health interception service EUROPHYT. For 312 of the species, infection has been identified by at least two detection methods.

Should you have any questions, please write back to us at alpha@efsa.europa.eu.

Newstory: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/180910>

Scientific Report: [Update on the Xylella spp. host plant database](#)

Scientific Opinion: [Updated pest categorisation of Xylella fastidiosa](#)



EFSA African Swine Fever animation

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA's latest animation "**African Swine Fever: how to stay one step ahead**" is available. It provides a practical guide to farmers and all those concerned on how to assess, manage and prevent the spread of the disease. What it is and how to protect domestic pigs from infection: from causes and symptoms to precautionary measures, a list of best practices on how to protect farm animals and wild boar populations from ASF.

Should you have any questions, please write back to us at Elisa.CORSINI@efsa.europa.eu.

Animation: [African Swine Fever: how to stay one step ahead](#)

EFSA Recruitment

Vacancy notice - Director of Science and Risk Assessment at The Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand

We would like to inform you that **The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) in Wellington City, New Zealand**, has an exciting level 3 leadership opportunity as **Director of Science & Risk Assessment**.

The Director role includes managing the largest centre of food safety and biosecurity scientific regulatory capability in New Zealand. The MPI prides itself on being a science-based organisation and the provision of timely and fit-for-purpose science advice for a wide range of MPI activities is an essential function. To find out more about this position please click on the link below.

More information: <https://careers.mpi.govt.nz/jobs/MPI18-1355782>

Other

BPA update: working group to start reviewing new studies

We would like to inform you that a new EFSA working group will start evaluating recent toxicological data on the food contact material bisphenol A (BPA) this month.

Should you have any questions, please write to AnnaFederica.CASTOLDI@efsa.europa.eu.

Newstory: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/180904>