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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Events

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#### ***BELGIAN EVENT - IMEKOFOODS4***

You are invited to the **4<sup>th</sup> international conference on Metrology in Food and Nutrition (IMEKOFOODS)**. The conference is a collaboration between Sciensano and Imeko TC 23, and takes place on 16-18 September 2019, at Sciensano, Tervuren, Belgium.

The 4th IMEKOFOODS conference addresses: metrological issues in measurement; data in food quality; food integrity; food safety; nutrition; with emphasis on new technologies.

In addition to technical and poster sessions, scientific discussions and workshops dedicated to specific initiatives may encourage new collaborations and strengthen existing ones.

[Register now](#) to get your early bird discount, as it ends on **15<sup>th</sup> of June 2019**

Abstract submission deadline: **1st of May 2019**; Notification of acceptance: **1st of June 2019**

**More information:** <https://www.imekofoods4.be/>

#### ***Technical meeting with stakeholders on the draft opinions on Dietary Reference Values for sodium and chloride– 07 May Brussels***

We would like to inform you that EFSA is organising a **meeting with stakeholders to present its draft opinions on Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for sodium and chloride**.

The meeting will take place on **7 May 2019 in Brussels, Belgium**.

Representatives of governmental organisations, professional associations, non-governmental organisations, academia, food business operators, and industry associations with interest and expertise in nutrition and public health are welcomed.

Please note that the meeting is limited to a **maximum of 50 participants** and that the registration may close once the maximum number of participants is reached or, at the latest, by **15 April 2019** at midnight CET.

Should you need more information please write to the organising committee at [events@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:events@efsa.europa.eu)

Link: [Register now! Technical meeting with stakeholders on the draft opinions on Dietary Reference Values for sodium and chloride](#)

## Publications

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### ***EFSA chemical mixtures interactive tool (Mix Tox Scroller)***

EFSA has [published a guidance on harmonised methods for assessing risks from combined exposure to multiple chemicals for humans, animals and the environment](#), and related outputs on the cumulative assessment of pesticides complemented by a new [interactive multimedia tool](#).

This tool has been created to address the main results of report on [EU Insights study](#) from 2018, which shows that overall in the EU awareness of chemical mixtures among the general public is quite low.

It is therefore intended to help people understand some of the main issues and concepts, such as 'combined exposure' and 'combined toxicity'.

See the [news story](#) for more details.

### ***HEV technical report published***

We'd like to inform you that the technical report on the Hepatitis E Virus workshop held in March 2018 has now been published on the Food Standard's Agency website:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/research/foodborne-diseases/workshop-on-the-hepatitis-e-hev-virus-technical-report>

If you have any questions on the report please contact Milen Georgiev: [Milen.Georgiev@food.gov.uk](mailto:Milen.Georgiev@food.gov.uk)

### ***Dedicated support for small and medium-sized enterprises***

EFSA has launched [new support initiatives dedicated to applicants from small and medium-sized enterprises \(SMEs\)](#). The project is run by the Applications Desk Unit. SMEs will now be able to access support from EFSA when preparing, submitting and monitoring their applications for regulated products.

The results of the pilot project on "Pre-submission administrative check of draft dossiers" demonstrated that dedicated initiatives to SMEs should be simple, easy to access, flexible and be available at an early stage of the application process. EFSA therefore decided to launch and test activities tailored to the specific needs identified by the project.

Interested SMEs can find [here](#) more details on the support initiatives and learn how to access them.

### ***European Joint Project ORION***

A catalogue describing the experiences of collaboration across sectors in the surveillance of zoonotic bacteria has now been published on the website of the National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark:

<http://www.food.dtu.dk/english/news/nyhed?id=545ac065-3134-4572-bf2e-40834d21ac83>

# EFSA Recruitment

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## ***Call for expressions of interest - Scientific and Technical Support - Novel Foods & Nutrient Sources***

We would like to inform you that EFSA is establishing a list of scientists to assist its Nutrition unit in carrying out the preparatory work for scientific outputs in the areas of novel foods and nutrient sources. In most cases, these support tasks will be carried out remotely and the results delivered electronically. In certain cases, EFSA may request that specific tasks are carried out at EFSA premises.

The list resulting from this call for expression of interests will be valid for maximum 5 years from publication of the notice. The list is intended to cover the period of activity of the EFSA mandate in the areas of Novel Foods/Nutrient Sources. It may be closed as a result of a period of inactivity.

Link to the dedicated webpage of the EFSA [careers section](#) :  
<https://careers.efsa.europa.eu/jobs/notice-of-call-for-expressions-of-interest-scientific-and-technical-support-novel-foods-nutrient-sources-123>