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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Calls for tenders and proposals

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#### *Call launch: supporting the food safety systems of the future*

EFSA would like to inform you that the European Commission has launched a **call to develop a research and innovation platform on food safety**.

The platform will make it easier for national food safety authorities, EU agencies, policy-makers, the scientific community and civil society to coordinate research efforts. It will also facilitate new approaches to communication on food safety.

**The deadline for applications is 22 January 2020 - 17:00 (CET).**

News: [Supporting the food safety systems of the future](#)

Funding call: [FNR-08-2020](#)

### Public Consultations

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#### *Public consultation on the draft EFSA scientific reports on a cumulative dietary risk characterisation of pesticides that have acute effects on the nervous system and chronic effects on the thyroid*

We would like to inform you that EFSA has launched **public consultations on two scientific reports**:

- **Cumulative risk assessment of pesticides and the nervous system;**
- **Cumulative risk assessment of pesticides and the thyroid.**

The deadline for interested parties to submit written comments through the electronic templates is **15 November 2019**.

Should you have any questions, please write to [pesticides.mrl@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:pesticides.mrl@efsa.europa.eu)

For more information on how to submit comments, please check the link: [Public consultation on the draft EFSA scientific reports on a cumulative dietary risk characterisation of pesticides that have acute effects on the nervous system and chronic effects on the thyroid](#)

## ***Public consultation on the draft scientific opinion on the risks to public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food***

EFSA has launched a **public consultation** on the **draft Scientific Opinion on the risks to public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food**. This document presents estimations of human dietary exposure to aflatoxins and an assessment of human health risks related to dietary exposure to aflatoxins.

Please note that interested parties are invited to submit written comments by **15 November 2019**.

Should you have any questions, please write back to [biocontam@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:biocontam@efsa.europa.eu).

NEWS : [Public consultation: aflatoxins in food](#)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION : [Public consultation on the draft scientific opinion on the risks to public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food](#)

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## **Events**

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### ***SAVE THE DATE: Research in Food Safety - Strassen, 26<sup>th</sup> November A.M.***

The Commissariat du gouvernement à la qualité, à la fraude et à la sécurité alimentaire as Luxembourgish EFSA Focal Point would like to invite you to its annual **conference “Research in Food Safety”**. It will take place the **26<sup>th</sup> November** in the morning in Strassen.

More information on the programme and online registration will follow soon.

### ***Technical stakeholder event: re-evaluation of authorized food additives - focus on sweeteners***

EFSA would like to inform you that on **3 December 2019**, they will host in Paris the **Technical stakeholder event: re-evaluation of authorised food additives - focus on sweeteners**, where EFSA scientists and external experts will present two draft protocols on the approach and the methodology that will be followed by the Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF) to perform all the risk assessment steps, from hazard identification and characterisation to exposure assessment for the coming re-evaluation of sweeteners. They will also present the main feedback received during the public consultation phase and how this could be further developed in the protocols.

All interested stakeholders, especially those contributing to the public consultation with expertise in the area of food additives, toxicology, dietary exposure, systematic reviews and/or protocol development can participate to the event.

Interested parties can register [here](#). **Registration closes on 8 November 2019.**

Do not hesitate to contact [FIP@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:FIP@efsa.europa.eu) for content related information or [events@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:events@efsa.europa.eu) for organisational information.

**TECHNICAL STAKEHOLDER EVENT:** [re-evaluation of authorised food additives - focus on sweeteners](#)

## Training

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### ***REGISTRATION OPENS - ITS Food 2020 by the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)***

The BVL is pleased to announce our third training course on Food Safety and Risk management in Berlin from 9 to 13 March 2020. **Registration is open until 15 November, 2019.**

You can find more information and the application form here: <https://www.bvl.bund.de/saferfood>.

Contact: [its-food@bvl.bund.de](mailto:its-food@bvl.bund.de)

Invitation, Flyer and Programme attached to this newsletter.

### ***Webinar: Testing the study appraisal methodology for the re-evaluation of BPA safety, 14 Nov. at 2.30 p.m.(CET)***

EFSA would like to inform you, especially the organisations interested in the **Bisphenol A (BPA) hazard assessment**, on the webinar describing how the **methodology** was tested and to discuss the **outcome** and the resulting **refinement** of the appraisal methodology.

**The webinar** is scheduled on Thursday **14<sup>th</sup> November 2019** from **14:30** o'clock in duration of 60 minutes.

More information incl. draft [agenda](#) and [online registration](#) are available at this EFSA webpage: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/webinar-testing-study-appraisal-methodology-re-evaluation-bpa-safety>.

Should you have any questions or doubts, please contact EFSA at [webinars@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:webinars@efsa.europa.eu)

## Publications

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### ***Scientific Opinion 'Appropriate age range for introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet'***

EFSA published the Scientific Opinion '**Appropriate age range for introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet**'.

Please do not hesitate to contact [nda@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:nda@efsa.europa.eu) for any enquiries.

Link to the dedicated EFSA Journal webpage: [Appropriate age range for introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet](#)

### ***Publication on chemical mixtures of contaminants (AGES)***

AGES (Österreichische Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit) shared their publication "Modified Reference Point Index (mRPI) and a decision tree for deriving uncertainty factors: A practical approach to cumulative risk assessment of food contaminant mixtures" in Food Chemistry Toxicology.

Publication is attached to this newsletter.

## ***PUBLICATION: EU-FORA: Series 2***

The Second Special Issue of EFSA journal containing the Technical Reports of the second cohort of EU-FORA fellows, has been published.

Link to the Special Issue : <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/18314732/2019/17/S2>

## ***Video AMR: The Superbacterium***

The Hungarian EFSA Focal Point would like to inform you about a video, which subject is the antimicrobial resistance. The animated film was made by the Ministry of Agriculture, by the National Food Chain Safety Office and by the Elsevet Enterprise in Hungary. The animation is available in English and in Hungarian language. You can find the English version here by clicking on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IMKzFeMSUc&t=86s>