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Calls for tenders and proposals

Pre-Notification on EFSA's 2020 Thematic Grant call (Microbiomes - Gastro-intestinal and Environmental and Plant Health)

Pre-notification regarding the launch of EFSA's 2020 Thematic Grant call in the fields of:

- **Microbiomes**
 - o **Lot 1: Gastro-intestinal tract microbiomes (human and domestic animal)**
 - o **Lot 2: Environmental microbiomes (plants, wildlife, soil)**
- **Plant Health**
 - o **Lot 3: Hot Spots for plant pests introductions: an integrated analysis to better prepare for plant pests invasions**

More information will be made available as soon as the call is launched and published on EFSA's website. Please note that, on this same webpage [here](#), EFSA has recently published its "**2020 EFSA Scientific Cooperation plan: calls for tenders (procurement) and calls for proposals (grants)**" with the indicative title, budget and timing for launch.

See the attached document for more details.

Public Consultations

Public consultation: new recommendations for applicants on whole genome sequence analysis of microorganisms

EFSA has launched the **public consultation** on the **EFSA statement on the requirements for whole genome sequence analysis of microorganisms intentionally used in the food chain**. The document provides guidance to applicants who wish to place such products on the market.

Please note that the deadline for the interested parties to submit comments is **28 February 2020**.

NEWS : [Public consultation: new recommendations for applicants on whole genome sequence analysis of microorganisms](#)

Public Consultation on data collection on products or materials to present a risk to transmit ASF virus

We would like to inform you that EFSA's Panel on Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW) has launched an [open consultation](#) on a **draft data section of the scientific opinion on risk assessment of African Swine Fever and the ability of products or materials to present a risk to transmit ASF virus**. This draft section lists data on the ability of ASFV to survive and remain viable in different matrices and information on matrix production/ processing parameters that allow to understand if the production/ processing of the matrix would allow the virus to remain viable, should the matrix have been contaminated with ASFV before production/ processing.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments by 28 February 2020. Please use the [electronic template provided](#) to submit comments and refer to the line and page numbers. To submit additional data to support your comments or files, there is an upload function available in the tool (for a maximum size of 1Mb file). Otherwise you can also contact the **ALPHA Unit** functional mailbox alpha@efsa.europa.eu.

Please note that comments will not be considered if they:

- are submitted after the closing date of the consultation (**Friday, 28.02.2020**);
- are presented in any form other than what is provided for in the instructions and template;
- are not related to the contents of the document;
- contain complaints against institutions, personal accusations, irrelevant or offensive statements or material;
- are related to policy or risk management aspects, which are out of the scope of EFSA's activity.

Council of Europe: Food contact materials and articles: new documents for consultation

In the framework of its task to develop and strengthen standards and policies to improve the health protection of consumers, the [European Committee for Food Contact Materials and Articles \(Partial Agreement\) \(CD-P-MCA\)](#), has elaborated a set of general technical provisions to be appended to an upcoming Council of Europe resolution on food contact materials and articles and specific provisions for paper and board food contact materials and articles.

The two documents:

- [Guiding Principles for Food Contact Materials and Articles](#) (technical appendix to the resolution on food contact materials and articles), and
- [Technical Guide on Paper and Board Materials and Articles for Food Contact](#)

are open for consultation by all concerned parties (national authorities, control laboratories, business operators) from 5 February 2020 to 16 March 2020.

More information: <https://www.edqm.eu/en/news/food-contact-materials-and-articles-new-documents-consultation>

Events

6th International Workshop on Total Diet Studies: Global developments in TDS

The "6th International Workshop on Total Diet Studies" will be held at the **BfR in Berlin** on **19-20 March 2020**. If you are interested in this scientific event please register by using the following links:

Registration for the conference: <https://www.bfr-akademie.de/index.php/english/events/tds.html>

For the TDS-Training: <https://www.bfr-akademie.de/index.php/english/events/training-course-on-total-diet-studies.html>

Workshop on Risk Ranking of Hazards in Foods

A **2-day workshop** will take place on **May 5-6, 2020, in Uppsala, Sweden**, to discuss the state-of-the-art in **risk ranking of hazards in foods**. The workshop is organized by the Swedish Food Agency and the Finnish Food Authority, with support from the European Food Safety Authority.

More information, including a tentative programme, can be found in this link:

<https://www.livsmedelsverket.se/riskranking>.

The extended deadline for registration to the workshop is **February 28, 2020**.

If you are interested in this event, register by using this link: <https://www.livsmedelsverket.se/om-oss/kurser-och-seminarier/risk-ranking-hazards-food-workshop/anmalan/>

Training

Better Training for Safer Food – Risk Assessment (RA) Training

BTSF in collaboration with **EFSA** is organising trainings regarding:

- Chemical RA,
- Microbiological RA,
- Pest and plant protection RA,
- Nutrition RA,
- RA in biotechnologies,
- RA applied to Animal Health and Welfare,
- Environmental RA
- Evidence collection, management and integration.

/!\ Deadline are very soon (Urgency for Nutrition RA course)

More information is available here: <http://www.btsftraining.com/btsf-risk-assessment/>

For registration, contact the BTSF National Contact Point via formation@alim.etat.lu.

2020 Parma Summer School – One Health

EFSA is glad to inform you that the website and registrations for the **2020 Parma Summer School on One Health** have been launched. You can find all the information and the **registration form** here: <https://events.efsa.europa.eu/summerschool2020>

Note that the **maximum number of registrations** will be reached soon. **Deadline : 31/3/2020**

Publications

Mycotoxin mixtures in food and feed: holistic, innovative, flexible risk assessment modelling approach

Publication of the article on Wiley Online Library:

<https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/sp.efsa.2020.EN-1757>