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Calls

Horizon 2020 R&I European Green Deal Call

For your consideration and action, we are pleased to inform you that the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) has launched **online surveys to engage stakeholders and the public** in shaping up the different draft call areas of the new **Horizon 2020 R&I European Green Deal Call**. This dedicated call for proposals will reinforce Green Deal-related research and innovation activities under the current EU research and innovation framework programme.

The general online entry point is: https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/european-green-deal/call_en

You will find through the link above all necessary details, including timeline. Under the section 'How can I get involved?' you will find the list with **11 call areas**. Out of those areas, **call area 6 is dedicated to Farm to Fork-related R&I activities**.

The online entry point for call area 6 dedicated to Farm to Fork-related R&I activities is: https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/european-green-deal/call/farm-fork_en

Deadline extended: Call for Proposals - GP/EFSA/ENCO/2020/02 - Thematic grants: Preparedness for future challenges in specific areas of EFSA's work | 24 July 2020

The **deadline** for submitting applications has been **extended** for the below-mentioned Call for Proposals (grant): **GP/EFSA/ENCO/2020/02 - Thematic grants: Preparedness for future challenges in specific areas of EFSA's work**

The **new deadline** for submission of proposals is **Friday 24th July 2020**.

Please note that there are published seven **Clarifications** by now and the call was also respectively updated by a **Corrigendum**. The corrigendum further specifies the extension of the deadline for raising clarification questions and amendment of possibility to hold virtual meetings.

News: [New grant opportunity: microbiomes and plant pests](#)

Call for proposals: [GP/EFSA/ENCO/2020/02 - Thematic grants: Preparedness for future challenges in specific areas of EFSA's work](#)

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Call for Proposals - GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2020/01 - Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant health Commodity risk assessment for High Risk Plants (plants for planting for ornamental purpose)

We would like to inform you that the deadline of the below- mentioned **call for Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant health Commodity risk assessment for High Risk Plants (plants for planting for ornamental purpose)** has been extended to **Friday 4th September 2020**.

Call for proposals: [GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2020/01 - Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant health Commodity risk assessment for High Risk Plants \(plants for planting for ornamental purpose\)](#)

Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (VKM) - Call for data on caffeine concentrations in cosmetics and personal care products

[The Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment \(VKM\)](#) will carry out a risk assessment of caffeine. The risk assessment, which has been initiated by the [Panel on Food Additives, Flavourings, Processing Aids, Materials in Contact with Food, and Cosmetic](#), includes exposure estimates from multiple sources. Data on caffeine concentrations in cosmetics and personal care products are required to make estimations about exposure.

In this regard, VKM invites businesses and other interested public and private parties (including authorities, organisations, universities, research and other institutions, and companies) both in Norway and internationally to submit information about concentrations of caffeine (analytical results) in cosmetics and personal care products.

Please read more about this call for data [here on our website](#).

You will also find more information about the risk assessment, including the protocol for the assessment [here on our website](#).

The deadline of the submission of data is **31 August 2020**.

EXTENDED DEADLINE: GP/EFSA/ENCO/2020/03 - Partnering grants

We would like to inform you that the deadline of the below- mentioned **call for partnering grant proposals from EU Member State organisations operating across the Authority's remit** has been extended to **Friday 28th August 2020**.

Please note that there are published five **Clarifications** by now and the call was also respectively updated by a [Corrigendum](#). The corrigendum further specifies the extension of the deadline for raising clarification questions and amendment of possibility to hold virtual meetings.

This grant opportunity calls for proposals covers **all areas of EFSA's remit**.

Interested applicants need to build **consortia**. EFSA is looking for partnering projects strengthening of food safety risk assessment capacity of national organisations through **capacity building**, i.e. initiatives that lead to the strengthening of food safety risk assessment capacity through the transfer or exchange of knowledge, skills, competencies and abilities among partnering organisations.

NEWS: [New grant opportunity: capacity building](#)

PARTNERING GRANTS: [GP/EFSA/ENCO/2020/03](#)

Public Consultations

EFSA Public consultation on the draft scientific opinion on update of the risk assessment of nickel in food and drinking water

EFSA has launched the **public consultation** on the **draft scientific opinion on the update of the risk assessment of nickel in food and drinking water**.

The document presents an estimation of the acute and chronic human dietary exposure to nickel from food and drinking water, and an assessment of the human health risks related to this dietary exposure.

Please note that the deadline for interested parties to submit written comments is **15 July 2020**.

In case of any questions or enquiries on the consultation, please contact biocontam@efsa.europa.eu

PUBLIC CONSULTATION: [Public consultation on the draft scientific opinion on update of the risk assessment of nickel in food and drinking water](#)

Public consultation on a draft Guidance for consideration and parameterisation of photo transformation compounds in groundwater simulations in the exposure assessment of plant protection products

EFSA has launched the **public consultation** on a **Guidance for consideration and parameterisation of photo transformation compounds in groundwater simulations in the exposure assessment of plant protection products** drafted by the German Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt, UBA).

This document gives recommendations on how to consider transformation products formed by soil photolysis when calculating predicted environmental concentrations in groundwater and describes possible parameterisations of the photolytic pathway (i.e. the photolytic half-life and the corresponding reference irradiation) in a tiered approach.

Please note that the deadline for interested parties to submit written comments is **1 July 2020**.

In case of any questions or enquiries on the consultation, please contact pras.secretariat@efsa.europa.eu

PUBLIC CONSULTATION: [Public consultation on a draft Guidance for consideration and parameterisation of photo transformation compounds in groundwater simulations in the exposure assessment of plant protection products](#)

Events

Registration opening for observing the 99th Plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee | 23- 24 June 2020

We would like to inform you that the registration to observe the **99th Scientific Committee Open plenary meeting** is now open. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the meeting has been entirely converted to a WEB event and will take place on **23-24 June 2020**.

Please note that the registration to observe is open until the **15 June 2020 - 23:00 (CEST)**.

Please note also that EFSA reserves the right to screen applications and prioritise requests to ensure geographical balance and broader participation.

You will receive a written response by email after the closing of registrations. If your participation is confirmed, you will receive the link to join the meeting. This link must not be shared with any other persons, including colleagues from the same company; and not registered and invited persons will be rejected from the meeting.

The platform used for the event will be Microsoft Teams.

OPEN PLENARY: [99th Plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee](#)

COMPATIBLE WEB BROWSERS: [List](#)

Webinar: High-risk plants – how does the EU carry out risk assessment of plant commodities? / Fri. 26 June at 13.30 (CET)

We would like to invite you to participate to the webinar “**High-risk plants – how does the EU carry out risk assessment of plant commodities?**”.

This webinar aims to explain to the general public the rationale for this phytosanitary measure and to support national plant protection organisations (NPPOs) from third countries in further improving the quality of their dossiers. After one year of experience in risk assessment of high-risk plants, EFSA’s scientists have in fact gained important experience that we would like to share with our stakeholders.

The webinar is also part of EFSA’s contribution to the International Year of Plant Health.

For your information, the webinar is scheduled on **Friday 26th June 2020 from 13:30 to 14:30 (CET)** and [the registration to attend is open](#).

WEBINAR: [Webinar: High-risk plants – how does the EU carry out risk assessment of plant commodities?](#)

Publications

National risk assessment on heavy metal exposure published in Finland

Risk Assessment Unit of Finnish Food Authority has published the results of their new risk assessment on the dietary exposure of Finnish adults to cadmium, lead, arsenic, mercury, nickel and aluminium. The project continued an earlier assessment on the heavy metal exposure of Finnish children. Inorganic arsenic and lead were the two heavy metals with the highest risk to Finnish consumers, although the estimated exposure was lower than previously assessed by EFSA from EU data. The risk assessment report, including a summary in English, is available at:

<https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/en/organisations/risk-assessment/projects-of-risk-assessment/chemical-food-safety/dietary-heavy-metal-exposure-of-finnish-adults/>

EFSA Recruitment

Senior Scientific Officer – Toxicology

We would like to inform you that **EFSA has recently published a new call for Senior Scientific Officer – Toxicology**.

EFSA will grow considerably over the next few years and in view of this, a number of calls to establish reserve lists of suitable candidates to help carry EFSA forward, have been launched.

Are you interested in contributing to the future of science and play a role in EFSA's readiness for the future, **make sure you consider these opportunities and/or spread the word within your network.**

EFSA Professional Opportunity: [Senior Scientific Officer – Toxicology \(deadline for applications 30/06/2020\)](#)