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Calls

Call for tenders "Updating of Upper Levels for Micronutrients" | DL 13/08/2021

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has launched a call for tenders aiming at **identifying Organisations which can support EFSA in the preparatory work for the assessment of Tolerable Upper Intake Levels (UL) for the following micronutrients with a view for EFSA to deliver its scientific opinions to the Commission by March 2023: vitamin A, folic acid / folate, vitamin D, Vitamin B6, iron, manganese, and β -Carotene.** Ref OC/EFSA/NUTRI/2021/01.

Please note that the deadline for receipt of tenders is **13 August 2021**

The link to the EFSA webpage with the relevant documents is available at the bottom of this email.

In case of any queries related to this Call, please do not hesitate to address them to EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu by indicating the Call reference.

Thank you for disseminating this information to any relevant national networks/organisations, in particular the organisations in charge of deriving dietary reference values (DRVs) and/or setting ULs in your respective countries, whom we would like to invite to contribute to this call for tenders.

EFSA's call for expression of interest on circular economy

EFSA is looking to build a network of partners and stakeholders with whom to engage through various activities such as workshops, events, consultations, etc. in order to identify challenges for future risk assessments and explore possible synergies, opportunities, conflicts and trade-offs between environmental and food safety policies, objectives and actions.

For this network, EFSA aims to attract a wide range of organisations, including:

- From Europe and beyond.
- From across the food value chain/system.
- Farmers, businesses, NGOs, consumers, academia and research, public bodies, etc.
- With expertise in human/animal/plant health and/or environmental and climate issues.

For more information: [Food and feed safety vulnerabilities in a circular economy](#)

Pre-information notice | Open Call to develop two roadmaps for actions on Insect Pollinators and Omics and Bioinformatics

We would like to inform you about the publication on the Official Journal of the EU (TED) of the **pre-information notice (PIN)** for the Open Call (procurement) - **Development of Roadmaps for Actions on: a) Advancing the Environmental Risk Assessment of Chemicals for Insect Pollinators; b) Application of Omics and Bioinformatics Approaches in Risk Assessment** (Ref. :OC/EFSA/ED/2021/01).

The aim of this procurement (2 lots for an estimated total value of 1 Mio euro) is to independently develop two roadmaps for action:

- 1) In the area (scientific theme) of omics and associated bioinformatics approaches in risk assessment, defining a multi-annual strategy for their application across several EFSA scientific domains; and
- 2) In the area (scientific theme) of advancing the environmental risk assessment for chemicals (such as plant protection products, biocides, veterinary drugs and fertilizers) to insect pollinators, defining a multi-annual strategy for their incorporation across several EFSA scientific domains.

Please note that estimated date of publication of **contract notice** is 15/09/2021

More information on the specific objectives of the call and description of the two lots is available [here](#) on the dedicated page of Official Journal of the EU.

Call for data on genotoxicity data on sweeteners | Deadline: 30/12/21

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA launched a **Call for data on genotoxicity data on sweeteners**.

The purpose of this call for data is to offer interested parties and/or stakeholders the opportunity to submit documented information (published, unpublished or newly generated) relevant to the re-evaluation of acesulfame K (E 950), salt of aspartame-acesulfame (E962), isomalt (E 953), sucralose (E 955), neohesperidine DC (E 959), neotame (E 961), lactitol (E 966), xylitol (E 967) and cyclamates (E 952 i, ii,iii).

Interested parties are invited to submit data by the deadline of **30 December 2021**.

We remind you that in case of more clarifications and enquiries, you can contact the Unit's functional mailbox: fip@efsa.europa.eu

CALL FOR DATA : [genotoxicity data on sweeteners](#)

EFSA grant - Call for proposals GP/EFSA/PRES/2021/02 - Cooperation with EFSA in the area of Cumulative Risk Assessment from dietary exposure to pesticides | Deadline: 24/9/2021

The following Call for Proposals (grant) is published on the EFSA website:

Call reference: GP/EFSA/PRES/2021/02: **Cooperation with EFSA in the area of Cumulative Risk Assessment from dietary exposure to pesticides**

Link to the **call documents**:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsapres202102-cooperation-efsa-area-cumulative-risk-assessment-dietary>.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Friday 24th September 2021**.

The **main objective** of this call for proposal is to implement the cumulative risk assessment (CRA) process described in section 1.2.2 of the call documents, in the form of a cooperative activity between

EFSA and competent national organisations. This would optimise the experience sharing in EU, and therefore contribute to the achievement of the EFSA strategic objective 'Building the EU's scientific assessment capacity and knowledge community' while ensuring consistency of the outcomes.

You can find more details on the specific objectives and the indicated deliverables for each phase in the call documents (ref. the link above).

EFSA grant - Call for proposals GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/07-Experimental and observational evidence to reduce entomological knowledge gaps for plant health risk assessment and surveillance | Deadline: 24/9/2021

The following Call for Proposals (grant) is published on the EFSA website:

Call reference: GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/07: **Experimental and observational evidence to reduce entomological knowledge gaps for plant health risk assessment and surveillance**

Link to the **call documents**:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsaalp202107-experimental-and-observational-evidence-reduce>.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Friday 24th September 2021**.

The main objective of this call for proposal is to reduce uncertainties and knowledge gaps related to entomology for risk assessment and surveillance for the EU territory. This call for proposals is divided into three specific lots, and applicants can submit proposal(s) for one or more lots:

Lot 1: Investigating the European host plants of *Saperda tridentate*,

Lot 2: Biology of xylem-sap feeding insect vectors and potential vectors of *Xylella fastidiosa* in Portugal,

Lot 3: Exploring citizen science contribution to statistically sound and risk-based surveillance of insect pests in the EU.

Public Consultations

Call for data relevant to the assessment of the conversion factor of calcium-L-methylfolate and (6S)-5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid, glucosamine salt into dietary folate equivalent | Deadline: 4/10/21

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA launched a **Call for data relevant to the assessment of the conversion factor of calcium-L-methylfolate and (6S)-5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid, glucosamine salt into dietary folate equivalent**.

The purpose of this call is to provide the opportunity for stakeholders and other interested parties to submit studies relevant for the evaluation of the scientific evidence on the conversion factor of calcium-L-methylfolate and (6S)-5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid, glucosamine salt into dietary folate equivalent (DFE).

Opportunity is therefore open to stakeholders to submit unpublished data for the purpose of this call.

Interested parties are invited to submit data by the deadline of **04 October 2021**.

We remind you that in case of more clarifications and enquiries, you can contact the Unit's functional mailbox: nda_callfordata@efsa.europa.eu

ANSES Public consultation on the expert appraisal work on the consideration of chemical mixtures for the setting of reference values : review of existing methods and recommendations/ DL extended to 19 September 2021

ANSES (French Agency for food, environmental and occupational health & safety) is holding an open consultation on a draft document “Existing knowledge on methods for taking mixtures into account in the areas of health risk assessment and the setting of reference values - Reflection on the setting of reference values”.

This document is a report reviewing the existing methods for taking into account mixtures in the field of human health risk assessment and in the construction of reference values for chemical substances. This report is issuing recommendations on how to select contaminants, and which method to use for setting reference values for a mixture.

They are interested in comments on health risk assessment issues before the final publication of this work.

Feedback is particularly expected on the following aspects:

- 1 / any important scientific publications or data that have not been taken into account in the report ;
- 2/ any comments on the interpretation made in the report of the available data;
- 3/ any additional information that might help improve and develop the methodology used by ANSES for establishing reference values taking into account mixtures.

You can find a detailed description of the context of this work as well as the instructions of this public consultation via the following link:

<https://www.anses.fr/en/content/public-consultation-expert-appraisal-work-consideration-chemical-mixtures-setting-reference>

Answers by email are expected by the 19 September 2021 at the address specifically created for this public consultation: consultation-publique.vgaimelange@anses.fr.

Safety of dietary sugars: draft opinion open for public consultation | Deadline: 30/09/2021

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has published a draft scientific opinion on the **Tolerable Upper Intake Level for Dietary Sugars**.

This document includes a scientific assessment of the relationship between the intake of dietary sugars and adverse health effects in relation to chronic metabolic diseases, pregnancy-related endpoints, and dental caries; advice to Member States when setting goals and recommendations for dietary sugars; and intake estimates of total, added and free sugars in 25 European countries.

An open consultation on the draft scientific opinion has been launched.

Interested parties are invited to submit their comments by the **deadline of 30/09/2021**.

NEWSROOM : [Safety of dietary sugars: draft opinion open for public consultation](#)

SCIENTIFIC OPINION on the [Draft scientific opinion on the Tolerable Upper Intake Level for Dietary Sugars](#)

Events

Online International Workshop on Risk Assessment of Combined Exposure to Multiple Chemicals | 18-20 October 2021 | Deadline to register: 30th August 2021

We are pleased to inform you that the registrations for the **EFSA International Workshop on Risk Assessment of Combined Exposure to Multiple Chemicals** taking place on the 18-20 October 2021 are now open [at this link](#) on the EFSA Website.

The deadline for registration is the **30th of August 2021 (midnight)**. Since the number of participants is limited, registration may close once the maximum number is reached.

Structure of the event

The workshop will consist of an opening plenary session providing international perspectives on the topic, break-out and plenary sessions, and a final plenary session. The draft programme will include presentations and discussion groups exploring questions on [Scientific Criteria for grouping chemicals into assessment groups and future challenges in risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals \(chemical mixtures\)](#):

- Hazard-driven criteria,
- Prioritisation methods: exposure, driven criteria and risk-based criteria,
- Future challenges in the risk assessment of multiple chemicals.

Who should attend? The workshop is intended for risk assessors, scientists, policymakers and risk managers working in the field of human health risk assessment of chemicals and others with a potential interest in this topic, e.g. NGOs, industry, journalists.

For more information on the event, kindly consult the [dedicated page](#) on the EFSA website or contact the organising committee at events@efsa.europa.eu.

EFSA Recruitment

New Job Opportunities at EFSA | various deadlines

We would like to inform you that **EFSA has recently published two new staff positions for application.**

These two positions are:

- **Statistician & Bioinformatician**
- **Head of Risk Assessment Services Department**

If you are 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.**

For any further questions, kindly contact us at recruitment@efsa.europa.eu

EFSA Professional Opportunities

[Statistician & Bioinformatician](#) – Deadline to apply: 23/08/2021

[Head of Risk Assessment Services Department](#) – Deadline to apply: 07/09/2021

Other

Horizon Europe R&I Candidate Partnership on Safe and Sustainable Food Systems

We are glad to share with you the recently published narrative and factsheet of the **Horizon Europe R&I Candidate Partnership on Safe and Sustainable Food Systems**, which is foreseen for the Horizon Europe work programme of 2023-24. Kindly find relevant links below:

- [Consolidated narrative](#)
- [Factsheet](#)

This preparatory work is being led by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Research, in particular its Strategic Working Group on Food Systems, in collaboration with Commission services.

Should you have any question regarding this Horizon Europe R&I candidate Partnership you may approach: Hans-Joerg.Lutzeyer@ec.europa.eu and anastasiya.terzieva@inrae.fr