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Calls

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Opportunity is therefore open to stakeholders to submit unpublished data for the purpose of this call.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

CALL FOR DATA : *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*

Corrigendum: EFSA grant - Call for proposals GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/08 : Development of a crop-based survey approach for pests of citrus and of broadleaved trees | Deadline: 4/10/2021

Please note that there is published a [Corrigendum](#) and the call was also respectively updated including extended deadline for submitting applications for the following Call for Proposals (grant):

Call for proposals reference:: GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/08: **Development of a crop-based survey approach for pests of citrus and of broadleaved trees**

Link to the **updated call documents** published on the EFSA website: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsaalp202108-development-crop-based-survey-approach-pests-citrus-and>.

The **new deadline** for submission of proposals is **Monday 4th October 2021**.

EFSA grant - Call for proposals "Evaluation and development of methods and tools for the preparation of the next round of national dietary surveys (EU Menu phase 2)" | DL 23/09/2021

We would like you to support EFSA in promoting the call for proposals (grant) - **Evaluation and development of methods and tools for the preparation of the next round of national dietary surveys (EU Menu phase 2)** - Ref GP/EFSA/DATA/2021/03

The main objective of this call is to map the landscape on methods and tools available/used for national dietary surveys outside the EU Menu project and to evaluate those used under the EU Menu surveys as well as the consumption data received so far and consequently update the EU Menu guidance.

This call for proposals, is in an innovative type of grant based on achievements of results. The grant will take the form of a co-financing not linked to costs, amounting to maximum **200,000 Eur**. You can find more details on the specific objectives and the indicated deliverables for each phase in the call documents (ref. the link above). The maximum duration of projects under this call is 21 months (after the kick-off meeting).

Please note that the deadline for submission of proposals is **23 September 2021**

The link to the EFSA webpage with the guide for applicants and relevant annexes of the call : [GP/EFSA/DATA/2021/03 - Evaluation and development of methods and tools for the preparation of the next round of national dietary surveys \(EU Menu phase 2\)](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gp/efsa/data/2021/03-evaluation-and-development-of-methods-and-tools-for-the-preparation-of-the-next-round-of-national-dietary-surveys-eu-menu-phase-2)

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.

EFSA grant - Cooperation with EFSA in the area of Cumulative Risk Assessment from dietary exposure to pesticides | DL 24/09/2021

We would like you to support EFSA in promoting the call for proposals (grant) - **Cooperation with EFSA in the area of Cumulative Risk Assessment from dietary exposure to pesticides** - Ref GP/EFSA/PRES/2021/02.

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.

Please find more specifics on the objectives in the call documents.

Please note that the deadline for submission of proposals is **24 September 2021**

The link to the EFSA webpage with the guide for applicants, the specific objectives, the indicated deliverables for each phase and relevant annexes of the call: [GP/EFSA/PRES/2021/02 - Cooperation with EFSA in the area of Cumulative Risk Assessment from dietary exposure to pesticides](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gp/efsa/pres/2021/02-cooperation-with-efsa-in-the-area-of-cumulative-risk-assessment-from-dietary-exposure-to-pesticides)

EFSA grant - Call for proposals "Experimental and observational evidence to reduce entomological knowledge gaps for plant health risk assessment and surveillance " | DL 24/09/2021

We would like you to support EFSA in promoting the call for proposals (grant) - **Experimental and observational evidence to reduce entomological knowledge gaps for plant health risk assessment and surveillance** - Ref GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/07

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.

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

Please note that the deadline for submission of proposals is **24 September 2021**

The link to the EFSA webpage with the guide for applicants and relevant annexes of the call: [GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/07 - Experimental and observational evidence to reduce entomological knowledge gaps for plant health risk assessment and surveillance](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/procurement/oc/efsa/alpha/2021/07)

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.

EFSA-ECDC interagency open call for tenders on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) - OC/EFSA/BIOCONTAM/2021/01 | Deadline: 1/10/2021

We would like to inform you about the publication on the EU eTendering platform of EFSA-ECDC joint interagency open call for tenders on '**Provision of Support to EFSA and to ECDC in the Production of the European Union Summary Report on Antimicrobial Resistance**'.

This call for tenders aims at provision of support to EFSA and to ECDC in the production of the European Union Summary Report (EUSR) on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). As the volume and quality of submitted AMR data increase every year, yet the EUSRs on AMR need to be produced and published with limited resources within short deadlines to address the needs of the risk managers and other targeted audiences, it is the purpose of this call for tender to prepare the upcoming reports and to produce several interactive online AMR data visualisation dashboards, AMR story maps and DataVIZ to innovate and enhance the communication of this report, and raise awareness of AMR.

More information on the call is available at TED eTendering website ref. [OC/EFSA/BIOCONTAM/2021/01](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/procurement/oc/efsa/biocontam/2021/01) and notified via EFSA website [here](#).

The call is open until Friday **1 October 2021** (14:30) and has a financial ceiling of **EUR 2.048.550,-** and duration up to a **maximum of 4 consecutive years**.

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

EFSA open call for tenders: Feed Classification and Feed Consumption Database|23/9/2021

We would like to inform your organisation and you, as its contact person for 'Products / Substances in Animal Feed' and/or 'Animal Health / Welfare' competences, about the EFSA open call for tenders on '**Feed Classification and Feed Consumption Database**'.

This call for tenders aims at concluding a direct contract to outsource the preparatory work for further implementation of a harmonised feed classification system and development of a EU feed consumption database.

More information available at **TED eTendering website** ref. [OC/EFSA/GMO/2021/05](#) and notified via EFSA website [here](#).

The call is open until Thursday **23 September 2021** (14:30) and has a maximum budget **EUR 500.000,-** and duration up to **32 months**.

Public Consultations

EFSA`s Public Consultation: Tolerable Upper Intake Level for Dietary Sugars, open by 30/09

We would like to inform you as the contact person for your organisation in the competence field of nutrition that EFSA has open **public consultation on the draft scientific opinion on the Tolerable Upper Intake Level for Dietary Sugars** until **30 September 2021**.

A related public meeting will take place on 21 September. You can read in brief some details and objectives in a [news story](#); for more information and as the entry point to provide your **written feedback** consult this dedicated EFSA page:

<https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/publicconsultation2/a0l1v00000D7rT9/pc0048>.

Public Consultation draft opinion protection of Pigs (F2F) | Deadline: 28/9/2021

EFSA's ALPHA unit is launching a Public Consultation with the aim to involve stakeholders in their ongoing work on the Farm to Fork mandate on the protection of pigs on farm.

EFSA is be interested in stakeholders' opinion on whether the current draft opinion covers relevant husbandry systems and practices for keeping pigs. We are also interested in stakeholders' opinion on our interpretation of the mandate specific scenarios and on the exposure variables that were identified as the most relevant for further assessment.

The draft opinion shared with this public consultation represents part of the final opinion that will address the mandate. Adoption of the scientific opinion is scheduled for June 2022.

Link for public consultation is here:

<https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/publicconsultation2/a0l1v00000D7seH/pc0064>

Deadline is 28/09/2021.

Events

14-th Scientific Conference of the Bulgarian Focal Point of EFSA |Date: 27/10/2021 | Registration by 10/9/2021

The Bulgarian EFSA Focal Point is pleased to invite you at our **14th Scientific Conference of the Bulgarian Focal Point of EFSA** under the motto „Sustainable science for safety food”, that will be held on **27th October 2021**, from **09:00 h till 17:00 h**, as a **hybrid event** – physical attendance at [Grand Hotel Sofia](#) and virtually in Webex.

The Program of the Conference will be published additionally at the Bulgarian focal point website - <https://focalpointbg.com/>.

The registration for the event shall be made in advance **on-line** on the Bulgarian focal point website at the following link: <https://focalpointbg.com/?event=9> , until **10th of September 2021 at latest**.

The participation in the Conference is free of charge. All the other expenses of the participants have to be covered by their organization.

Please find additional information within the attached invitation letter.

Invitation to the International Scientific Conference HYGIENA ALIMENTORUM XLI, November 21-23, 2021, Štrbské Pleso, Slovak Republic

The EFSA National Focal Point of the Slovak Republic would like to invite you to the **International Scientific Conference HYGIENA ALIMENTORUM XLI “New trends in improving the quality and safety of meat and meat products”**, that will be held on **21-23 November 2021 at Hotel Patria, Štrbské Pleso, Slovak Republic**. The conference is organized by the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice (Department of Hygiene, Technology and Food Safety) and one of the co-organizers is Slovak Focal Point.

The aim of the international scientific conference is to obtain new knowledge on the production, health safety and quality of beef, pork, mutton, goat and horse meat in relation to intravital effects and the application of animal welfare principles prior to slaughter. The scientific conference will also focus on new technological processes and the level of hygiene in carcass processing and meat handling to ensure health, safety and quality. In the field of meat products, the focus of the scientific conference is to promote modern technological production processes, pointing out solutions to improve safety and quality through the use of modern butchering technology, application of food additives and packaging materials, taking into account the traditional quality of meat products, impact of retail on the quality of meat and meat products, possibilities of innovation in food sales and assessment of the situation of implementation of the European legislation and quality policy.

You can register [online](#) until September 30, 2021. More details on conference and registration can be found [here](#) and in the attached flyer.

Contributions (Abstracts and Full text manuscripts) should be sent by e-mail to hygiena.alimentorum@uvlf.sk at the latest **October 31, 2021**.

Posters should be sent by e-mail to hygiena.alimentorum@uvlf.sk at the latest **October 31, 2021**.

Note: in the case of an unfavorable pandemic situation the conference will be held on 22-23 November 2021 online via the MS-Teams platform. All registered participants will be individually informed of such a change by the members of the Organizing Committee.

Please contact hygiena.alimentorum@uvlf.sk in case of questions or for further details.

Publications

Revised 5th edition of the “EU Food Safety Almanac” is now available!

The German EFSA Focal Point is pleased to inform you that the revised 5th edition of the “EU Food Safety Almanac” is now available online.

The new edition is available in English and comprises 37 country profiles. It has been prepared and updated by the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR). The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) as well as the EFSA Focal Point Network, with members from all 27 EU Member States, Iceland and Norway as well as observers from Switzerland and EU candidate countries, have contributed significantly to the revision of the EU Almanac.

The EU Almanac serves as a reference document in the field of food and feed safety. It provides an overview of institutional structures and legal frameworks in the respective countries. It also contains detailed information on national institutions and their responsibilities.

The EU Food Safety Almanac is available on the BfR website:

https://www.bfr.bund.de/de/publikation/eu_almanach-192686.html

The German EFSA Focal Point hopes that you, your colleagues and partner institutions find this EU Almanac useful and that you gain interesting insights into the present world of European food and feed safety.

Contact German EFSA Focal Point: efsa-focal-point@bfr.bund.de

Vigil'Anses website in English is now open

The French Agency for Food, Environmental, and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) is in charge of several health vigilance systems, including pharmacovigilance of veterinary drugs, nutriviigilance, phytopharmacovigilance, toxicovigilance in partnership with the eight French Poison Control Centres [PCC]) and vigilance in the field of occupational pathologies.

ANSES has created a dedicated publication entitled Vigil'Anses in order to highlight and share news and results from these different vigilance systems and to make them known to public health decision-makers and stakeholders, health professionals, companies commercializing products and ordinary citizens.

We are pleased to announce that the Vigil'Anses website in English is now open (<https://vigilanses.anses.fr/en>). You will find all the issues of Vigil'Anses that have been translated into English up to now, and you can also [subscribe](#) to the newsletter so that you are the first to know when new issues are available.

Every year, three issues are published which present the main results of the work carried out by ANSES in the framework of its vigilance missions. Each issue contains five to six articles in a voluntarily short and easy-to-read format, with references to more detailed publications, scientific opinions and reports available on the Internet for those who wish to find out more.

Recruitment

The German EFSA Focal Point Team is looking for new staff! | Deadline : 12/9/2021

<https://www.bfr.bund.de/cm/343/kennziffer-2859-2021.pdf>

Would you like to develop professionally and become even more internationally oriented in the future? Science management and coordination in an international context are becoming increasingly important. In 2012, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) established national contact points ("EFSA Focal Point") to coordinate and harmonise risk assessment activities in the individual Member States at European level. As a scientific officer in the EFSA Focal Point team, you will contribute to pooling existing European knowledge on food health risks. You will be the contact person for various national food and feed safety authorities and other stakeholders. Through networking and efficient exchange of information, you will ensure that German experts increasingly contribute their expertise to EFSA's work. For the cooperation with international organisations, we are interested in candidates who, in addition to their scientific profile, already have professional experience as a scientific coordinator. Do you enjoy project management, have communication skills and enjoy working in a creative team? Then the position as Scientific Officer in the EFSA Focal Point Team (temporary until 12/2023) may be just right for you.

Recrutement auprès du Commissariat alimentaire: Correspondant info et data-manager (A2) pour une tâche complète pour CDI | Deadline: 15/9/2021

Le Commissariat du Gouvernement à la qualité, à la fraude et à la sécurité alimentaire recrute un correspondant info et data-manager (A2) à tâche complète pour un CDI. Le poste est disponible soit sous le statut de fonctionnaire soit sous le statut d'employé de l'État.

La date limite de candidature est le **15 septembre 2021**.

Plus d'informations:

<https://securite-alimentaire.public.lu/fr/actualites/communiqués/2021/08/Recrutement-Commissariat-alimentaire-data-manager.html>

Other

DISCOVER One Health EJP: on-line survey on the prevention and control programs for Salmonella, Campylobacter, Shiga Toxin-producing E. coli and antimicrobial resistance | Deadline: 20/09/2021

On behalf of the coordinator of the **DISCOVER project of the One Health European Joint Programme (OHEJP - <https://onehealth.ejp.eu/jrp-discover/>)**, we are pleased to share with you **an online survey** which is part of a mapping exercise on the existing programs and strategies for preventing and controlling *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, Shiga Toxin-producing *E. coli* and antimicrobial resistance in the animal-environment-food-human chain in European Union and other European Countries.

The online survey is addressed to experts within the OHEJP Consortium, as well as experts within the National Competent Authorities in the food, animal and environment sectors, the European and National Reference Laboratories (EURLs; NRLs), national Networks and Focal Points.

The expert survey aims to describe the control programs in terms of population and target under control, timing and strategy to reach the target, metrics to monitor the process and its achievements, actors and responsibilities of the stakeholders involved and communication. The scientific evidence supporting the program and the actions adopted to revise the strategy are also investigated. The survey applies to both pre-harvest and post-harvest parts of the food chain and the environment.

Based on the results of the online survey, the project coordinator will make an assessment of existing prevention and control activities from a One Health perspective.

We therefore cordially invite you and any knowledgeable expert in filling in the DISCOVER on-line survey by clicking on the links below:

Salmonella: <https://epivet.limesurvey.net/134736?lang=en>

Campylobacter: <https://epivet.limesurvey.net/433657?lang=en>

Shiga Toxin-producing *E. coli* : <https://epivet.limesurvey.net/325879?lang=en>

Antimicrobial resistance: <https://epivet.limesurvey.net/571273?lang=en>

Please note that the surveys will be active until **20 September 2021**

Being this not a sample-based survey, but an exercise to map the situation in the European countries, please feel free to submit your reply (to one or more questionnaires) and share the link to the survey with experts/agencies that you believe may contribute with their expertise. Each expert/agency is welcomed to provide information relevant to her/his/its sector of activity (even without exhaustively filling all the questionnaires).

Multiple submits of the same questionnaire from a single country are therefore welcomed.

Please find for your convenience a short abstract of the DISCOVER project here below.

DISCOVER - SHORT DESCRIPTION

This project brings together experts from different disciplines (microbiology, bioinformatics and epidemiology) and sectors (veterinary science, food safety, public health and environmental health) from 19 institutions in 13 European countries into a unique consortium to address the challenges of source attribution in an interdisciplinary manner. As there is no gold standard for source attribution, we will take a comprehensive approach applying several different methodologies and models in a comparative fashion.

The project will map the existing knowledge gaps and recommend new studies and/or methods that are needed to fill them. The work will start by mapping existing data and establishing a joint data-sharing platform for the project partners. We will include data from a broad range of reservoirs and sources, including those that are not traditionally part of existing monitoring and surveillance activities, e.g. pets (incl. reptiles), wildlife, and environmental sources.

The work will also focus on cataloguing, evaluating and advancing existing methods for source attribution and develop methods for the critical assessment of source attribution models. Novel approaches for source attribution will also be explored, developed and assessed. Existing approaches that will be investigated include the microbial subtyping, meta-analysis of case-control studies and outbreak data, and risk-assessment based methods. The source attribution estimates will focus on three pathogens (Salmonella, Campylobacter, and STEC) and AMR.

We expect by the end of the project to have identified and filled important knowledge, methodological and data gaps for source attribution of zoonotic pathogens and AMR determinants through systematic collection and analysis of existing and new data and by applying existing, modified and novel approaches. We will make recommendations on how source attribution estimates can be translated to policy action to support the surveillance, control and prevention of foodborne infections in EU. These recommendations will be presented for and discussed with stakeholders such as ECDC and EFSA, and farmer and consumer organisations.

Might you have further questions on the project or on the survey, please feel free to address your query to Valentina.RIZZI@efsa.europa.eu

Reminder: EFSA Survey on Artificial Intelligence (AI) | Deadline: 12.09.21

This is a gentle reminder that the **EFSA survey on Artificial Intelligence** (please, see below email) is **open until Sunday 12th September** at this link: https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/AI-in-evidence-management_2021 (it takes 10 minutes on average to complete it).

The survey aims at investigating AI applications for evidence management in order to provide the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) with useful support in developing a harmonised approach on the implementation of AI methods to the evidence management phase of the risk assessment.

For more insights on the context and objectives, you can consult the [presentation](#) and the [recordings](#) from the dedicated webinar (as it was announced in the email below).

If you have questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with the Project Team via email at costanza.bersani@intelleraconsulting.com or carolina.beniamina.rutta@intelleraconsulting.com.