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Calls

EFSA Management Board - Call for expressions of interest for the position of a member | Deadline 7 May 2021

The European Commission is organising a **selection procedure to replace 1 out of 14 members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)** whose mandate will expire on 30 June 2021.

The Call for expressions of interest with information about selection criteria and application procedure is published in the Official Journal of the European Union on this link: [OJ C 118 of 7 April 2021](#).

The online application and the Declaration of Interest Form are to be found here: https://ec.europa.eu/food/efsa/management-board_en.

Please note that the final deadline for submission of applications is 12.00 noon, Brussels time, 7 May 2021.

Please note also that **the term of office of the candidate appointed in this procedure will end on 30 June 2022**, according to the provisions of the Regulation (EU) 2019/1381.

EFSA grant - Call for proposals "Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant health – Data management for spatially explicit environmental data and climate suitability analysis of plant pests and diseases" | Deadline: 30/06/2021

We would like you to support EFSA in promoting the call for proposals (grant) - **Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant health – Data management for spatially explicit environmental data and climate suitability analysis of plant pests and diseases** - Ref GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/01

This call for proposals aims to identify organisations, to which can be entrusted the specific tasks as detailed under the following three lots of the call, upon concluding Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA) for duration up to 5 years:

- **Lot 1:** Spatial explicit environmental data selection, collection, management and analysis
- **Lot 2:** Climate suitability and potential establishment analyses of plant pests and diseases using the CLIMEX software package

- **Lot 3:** Climate suitability and potential establishment analyses of plant pest and diseases using Species Distribution Models (SDM).

You can find more details on the main and specific objectives in the call documents (ref. the link below), and may apply for one or more lots.

Please note that the deadline for submission of proposals is **30 June 2021**

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.

Call for proposals : [GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/01 - Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant health – Data management for spatially explicit environmental data and climate suitability analysis of plant pests and diseases](https://efsa.europa.eu/procurement/2021/01)

Public Consultations

Public consultation on the draft EFSA Strategy 2027 | Deadline: 09 May 2021

EFSA is pleased to share with you the [draft EFSA 2027 strategy](#), now out for [public consultation](#) following the [86th meeting of the EFSA's Management Board](#) held end of March. It sets out how they intend to respond to the changing operating environment and it captures the implementation actions for the Transparency Regulation as well as new measures in line with the EU policy developments.

The document describes EFSA's strategic foundation – the elements that give purpose and meaning to our day-to-day activities, including the key values. It also details the outcome of an analysis that we carried out over the past two years to identify the critical challenges and opportunities that we will face in the future and to explore their relevance to the organisation in the medium and long term.

Finally, the document sets out the strategic objectives, expected outcomes and results that will guide us through the next six years:

Strategic Objective 1 | Deliver trustworthy scientific advice and communication of risks from farm to fork.

Strategic Objective 2 | Ensure preparedness for future risk analysis needs

Strategic Objective 3 | Empower people and ensure organisational agility

Please note that interested parties can submit written comments by **09 May 2021 23:59 (CEST)**, using the [electronic template provided](#).

Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (VKM) - Public consultation - Draft updated model for fortification of foods with vitamins and minerals | Deadline: 12 May 2021

The Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (VKM) has launched a public consultation concerning a draft updated model for fortification of foods with vitamins and minerals.

Background

According to Norwegian food legislation, foods and drinks fortified with vitamins and minerals could not, until 1 January 2020, be placed on the market without special permission from the Norwegian Food Safety Authority (NFSA). This was regulated in the supplementary Norwegian provisions on the addition of vitamins, minerals and certain «other substances» in the regulation (EF) 1925/2006. In 2006

VKM adapted a Danish model for assessing applications concerning food fortification with vitamins and minerals into Norwegian conditions. The NFSA also requested VKM to assess whether the model can represent a safe assessment of fortification. VKM updated the model in 2009 and in 2013, and the model was used in the NFSA as a tool in the management of applications on food fortification.

From 1 January, amendments regarding the national provisions on the addition of vitamins, minerals and «other substances» entered into force and two so-called positive lists were introduced in the regulation, one for the addition of vitamins and minerals, and the other concerning the addition of certain “other substances”. This implies that food business operators may add vitamins and minerals that appear in the positive list to relevant food categories (i.e. in accordance with the requirements in Annex 1 of the regulation).

If a food business operator wants to add vitamins and minerals to foods in different quantities or to other categories of food from those stated in the positive list, the food business operator must notify the NFSA according to the relevant procedures described in the regulation. As part of the basis to assess these notifications, the NFSA has requested VKM to update the fortification of foods model with new data concerning intake of energy, vitamins and minerals, both from diet in general and from dietary supplements.

Please find more information concerning the [public consultation on their website](#).

Please note that the deadline for submission of comments is **12 May 2021**.

EFSA`s public consultation: Protection of animals during transport | Deadline: 10 June

We would like to inform you, as the contact person for the animal health and welfare competence of your organisation included in the Art.36 List, that EFSA has launched a [public consultation](#) on ‘**Protection of animals during transport**’.

EFSA is interested in:

- the various stakeholders’ views on whether the scientific assessment to be carried out by EFSA cover relevant transport practices and areas of concern;
- gathering any available records (data and information) related to the environment that animals experience during transport on road or sea, demonstrating a link between the microclimatic conditions and any adverse welfare consequences experienced by animals during transport;
- feedback on the practical difficulties with current animal welfare legislation when transporting animals.

For **more information** and providing **your feedback** use please [this link](#), refer to there available public consultation document, specifically under section 4.

Interested parties are invited to submit their comments **by 10 June 2021**.

Events

GMO Workshop on Allergenicity Assessment | 15-16 June 2021 | Deadline: 17 May 2021

We would like to invite you to participate to the virtual **workshop on allergenicity assessment**.

The aim of the workshop is to set the scene on the current state-of-the-art in the science of allergenicity assessment and to define what specific elements of such assessment need to be developed to move forward a field still in its infancy.

For your information, the workshop is scheduled on **15-16 June 2021** and the registration to attend is open until 17 May 2021 (23:59 CEST).

Should you have any questions or doubts, please contact EFSA at events@efsa.europa.eu

WORKSHOP : [GMO Workshop on allergenicity assessment](#)

Training

REGISTRATION OPEN - 9th BfR-Summer Academy on Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in Food Safety 2021 - Lecture Series

We are pleased to announce that the registration for the 9th BfR-Summer Academy on Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in Food Safety in Berlin is now open!

The '9th BfR-Summer Academy 2021 - Lecture Series' will be held online. The participation is free of charge.

It is intended for members or staff of public organisations engaged in food and feed safety, who have already experience in risk assessment analysis. The participants will gain deeper understanding in risk assessment analysis and in risk communication measures. The course will be conducted by highly qualified and experienced scientists from the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) or partners with profound and long standing experience in risk assessment of chemical or microbial risks. Consequently this BfR-Summer Academy is from professionals to professionals.

Due to the internationality and the different time zones in which the participants are located, the lecture series will be held twice:

August 16 to 20, 2021; 6:30–11:00 UTC each day (Eastern time zones)

August 23 to 27, 2021; 11:30–16:00 UTC each day (Western time zones)

In both weeks, the same lectures will be given.

Please apply until July 18, 2021. More details can be found here: <https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/bsa-2021.html> and in the attached flyer.

Please contact summeracademy@bfr.bund.de in case of questions or for further details.

Publications

VectorNet Newsletter 3

EFSA is happy to share with you the latest VectorNet Newsletter, enclosed herewith and published on [EFSA's website](#).

AMR: Resistance levels still high in bacteria causing foodborne infections

EFSA and ECDC have published the **European Union summary report on Antimicrobial Resistance in zoonotic and indicator bacteria from humans, animals and food in 2018/2019**. It is accompanied by a news story "[Resistance levels still high in bacteria causing foodborne infections](#)", available in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish and the updated [data visualisation](#). This interactive tool gives an overview of the situation of antimicrobial resistance in humans, animals and food across the EU. If you need more information about the report, please contact zoonoses@efsa.europa.eu.

EFSA advises food suppliers on information for consumers

EFSA has published the scientific opinion "[Guidance on date marking and related food information: part 2 \(food information\)](#)". The scientific opinion includes a decision tree that assists food suppliers in deciding whether it is appropriate to give consumers other instructions in addition to the 'use by' or 'best before' dates (figure 2, page 18).

The scientific opinion was accompanied by a news story "[EFSA advises food suppliers on information for consumers](#)". We have also produced an [infographic on how to thaw food safely](#).

Please note that the news story, the decision tree and the infographic are available also in French, German, Italian and Spanish.

EFSA reports set to inspire future risk communications in Europe

EFSA published four new reports designed to inform the future General Plan for Risk Communication (as per informative email sent earlier today to the Advisory Forum, who read us in copy):

- [Scientific report of EFSA on Technical assistance in the field of risk communication](#)
- [Mapping the coordination and cooperation mechanisms of risk communication on feed/food safety in the EU](#)
- [Catalogue of Communication Tools and Dissemination Guidelines: Benchmarking current practice in EU and Members State bodies](#)
- [Engagement Toolkit: Methods, tips and best practices to design effective participatory processes](#)

EFSA Recruitment

New Job Opportunity in EFSA - Head of Human Capital | Deadline 17/05/2021

We would like to inform you that EFSA has recently published a new call for Head of Unit – Human Capital.

EFSA is looking for a dynamic individual with passion and strategic insight to lead its Human Resources (HR) function.

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 this opportunity and/or spread the word within your network.

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

EFSA Professional Opportunity : [Head of Unit – Human Capital \(deadline for application 17/05/2021\)](#)

New Job Opportunity in EFSA - Communication Officer | Deadline: 27 May 2021

We would like to inform you that EFSA has recently published a new call for Communication Officers.

EFSA is looking for dynamic individuals who combine generalist skills and experience in traditional communications practice with demonstrated effective understanding and use of the very latest trends in digital and community management.

EFSA Professional Opportunity : [Communication Officer \(deadline for application 27/05/2021\)](#)