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Calls

EFSA grant - Call for proposals "Creation of Open Access EU Food Composition Database (EU FCDB) and related datasets" | DL 15/09/2021

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has launched the call for proposals (grant) - **Creation of Open Access EU Food Composition Database (EU FCDB) and related datasets** - Ref GP/EFSA/DATA/2021/02

This call for proposals, is in a new type of grant based on achievements of results/deliverables. The main objective is development, publication and maintenance of two databases. 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 **15 September 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/DATA/2021/02 - Creation of Open Access EU Food Composition Database \(EU FCDB\) and related datasets](https://efsa.europa.eu/GP/EFSA/DATA/2021/02)

ONE Conference 2022: call for abstracts promotion

The Scientific Programme Committee is pleased to launch the call for abstracts (for digital posters) for the **ONE – Health, Environment, Society – Conference 2022**, taking place in Brussels (and via live web streaming) from 21 to 24 June 2022.

In the spirit of innovation, collaboration and partnership, the ONE Conference 2022 is a great opportunity to showcase your work, as it will bring together scientists and experts of diverse backgrounds and expertise from all over the world.

- **ONE – Health, Environment, Society – Conference 2022** dedicated microsite with a dedicated section on thematic sessions and call for abstracts. <https://www.one2022.eu/abstracts>

Important dates

- Call for abstracts opens: 31 May 2021
- Abstract submission deadline: 15 September 2021

- Notification of review outcome: Mid-November 2021
- Deadline for accepted poster presenters to submit their video, accompanied by a short description, for the Instagram video contest (optional): Mid-January 2022
- Instagram video contest (optional): February 2022
- Deadline for accepted poster presenters to submit their digital poster: March 2022

EFSA grant - Call for proposals "Development of a crop-based survey approach for pests of citrus and of broadleaved trees" | DL 01/09/2021

We would like you to support EFSA in promoting the call for proposals (grant) - **Development of a crop-based survey approach for pests of citrus and of broadleaved trees** - Ref GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/08

The main objective of this call for proposal is to identify organisations to support EFSA in the development of methodology and tools to support the MSs in the planning and preparation of crop-based surveys. EFSA wishes to identify two partner organisations for piloting and developing the methodologies in the following two lots:

Lot 1: citrus pests

Lot 2: pests of broadleaved trees

This call for proposals, is in an innovative type of grant based on achievements of results. 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 **1 September 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/2021/08: Development of a crop-based survey approach for pests of citrus and of broadleaved trees](#)

Public Consultations

Public consultation on the draft Scientific Opinion on in vitro random mutagenesis techniques | Deadline 30 June 2021

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has launched a **public consultation on the draft opinion on in vitro random mutagenesis techniques**.

This Opinion provides a more detailed description of in vivo and in vitro random mutagenesis techniques and the types of mutations and mechanisms involved, to conclude on whether in vivo and in vitro random mutagenesis techniques are to be considered different techniques.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments by **30 June 2021**.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION on the [Draft Scientific Opinion on in vitro random mutagenesis techniques](#)

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 7th August

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 7th of August 2021 at the address specifically created for this public consultation: consultation-publique.vgaimelange@anses.fr.

Events

UK Global Food Safety Incidents & Emergency Response Conference 2021 - Save the Date| Date: 13-15/10/2021

OCTOBER 13th - 15th 2021

This virtual conference will bring together professionals from the international food safety community, including regulators, food safety scientists, food laboratory experts and technical experts from the food industry to explore the issues and challenges that we all face in keeping food incidents and emergencies high on the agenda both now and in the future, through a programme of plenary and workshop sessions.

It will be an opportunity to share expertise and best practice and to contribute to discussion on subjects ranging from how we manage incidents and emergencies as part of broader food systems to how we can work more closely with INFOSAN and Codex and WHO to help set high standards and support industry and regulators alike. This is your opportunity to be part of discussions to ensure we keep food safety and good incident management practice a high priority in a world of shifting global events.

Second Announcement 14th International Congress on Nutrition, "A Place Where Science Meets Practice"

We would like to inform you that Serbian Nutrition Society organizing 14th International Congress on Nutrition, "A Place Where Science Meets Practice" from 11th-12th October 2021.

Registration for participation could be done through the following link [REGISTRATION](#)

More information on this page: <https://www.conu2021.com/>.

Training

Training course on Adverse Outcome Pathways (AOPs) | Deadline: 10/9/2021

Institute of Environmental Medicine, Karolinska Institutet offers the following course in autumn 2021:

Adverse Outcome Pathways (AOPs) – principles and applications in toxicology and health risk assessment, October 11-15, 2021.

The course is intended for PhD students and other participants from academia as well as participants from authorities and industry.

The course will be given as an on-line course.

Application deadline: September 10, 2021.

Application and further information: <https://ki.se/en/imm/international-training-in-health-risk-assessment>

For any questions, please contact the course leader Annika Hanberg, annika.hanberg@ki.se,

Webinar on application procedure for feed additives – 8 July 2021 | deadline to register 7 July 2021 10:00 (CET)

We would like to invite you to participate to the webinar "**Webinar on application procedure for feed additives**".

EFSA is holding a webinar to explain the steps of the application procedure for feed additives. Based on questions received following the entry into application of the Transparency Regulation, speakers will explain the specific steps of the application procedure including details for applications for renewals.

The online event is aimed at applicants in the area of feed additives, business operators, small and medium-sized enterprises, and laboratory/testing facilities. It is open to the public.

For your information, the webinar is scheduled on **Thursday 8 July 2021, from 11.00 to 12.30 (CEST)** and the registration to attend is open.

Please note also that the registration will close the 7 July at 10.00 (CEST).

[WEBINAR: Application procedure for feed additives](#)

Summer School on “Food Safety Aspects of Integrated Food Systems” | Registrations open until 30 June

We are pleased to inform you that European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), University of Parma, the School of Advanced Studies on Food and Nutrition, and the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart are organising a **Summer School** on “**Food Safety Aspects of Integrated Food Systems**” for early-career professionals. The event will take place online from **28 – 30 September 2021**.

Also this edition of Summer School 2021 is **free-of-charge**, offered to PhD and early-career researchers, as well as other scientists, academics and representatives of public institutions, non-governmental organisations and European agencies. A maximum of 300 participants can be accommodated, including speakers and other experts identified by the Scientific Committee. Therefore, a careful selection of registration requests will be made to ensure geographical balance and a fair representation of all stakeholder groups in the audience.

Please be aware that the [registrations](#) are open until **30 June 2021**(midnight).

For further information, visit this EFSA page: <https://events.efsa.europa.eu/summerschool2021>.

Publications

EFSA`s Scientific Opinion on AMR and the Environment

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has published a Scientific Opinion on “**Role played by the environment in the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through the food chain**”.

The main highlights are:

- Fertilisers of faecal origin, irrigation, and water are the most significant sources of AMR in plant-based food and/or aquaculture. In terrestrial animal production, potential sources are feed, humans, water, air or dust, soil, wildlife, rodents, arthropods, and equipment.
- For the first time, EFSA experts have assessed the role of food producing environments in the emergence and spread of AMR. They identified the main sources of AMR bacteria and genes, although current data do not allow quantification of the specific contribution each of them makes to this global problem. EFSA Recruitment

NEWSROOM: [Antimicrobial resistance and the food production environment: sources and control options](#)

SCIENTIFIC OPINION on the [Role played by the environment in the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance \(AMR\) through the food chain](#)

Publication of the Scientific Opinion “Antimicrobial consumption and resistance in bacteria from humans and animals”

Please be informed of the publication in the EFSA Journal of the Scientific report on “**Antimicrobial consumption and resistance in bacteria from humans and animals**” by EFSA, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

For your information the main report highlights are the following:

- The use of antibiotics has decreased and is now lower in food-producing animals than in humans.
- The significant fall in antibiotic use in food-producing animals suggests that the measures taken at country level to reduce use are proving to be effective.
- The picture in the EU is diverse – the situation varies significantly by country and by antibiotic class. For example, aminopenicillins, 3rd- and 4th-generation cephalosporins and quinolones are used more in humans than in food-producing animals, while polymyxins (colistin) and tetracyclines are used more in food-producing animals than in humans.

For further information on the scientific report, please contact zoonoses@efsa.europa.eu

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Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022

We are pleased to inform you that the Commission published the **Horizon Europe main work programme for the period 2021-22**. The related press release can be found [here](#).

Available R&I funding opportunities, with **first calls for proposals opening on 22 June**, can be accessed through the [EU Funding and Tenders portal](#); on the portal you will also find additional material as legislations, calls, documents, guidance documents, deadlines and templates.

You may be particularly interested on the opportunities offered for R&I in the area of food systems through **Cluster 6 on “Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment”** (‘annex 9’). [Here](#) please take a look at the full details on the related calls and topics.

Moreover, the **EU Research and Innovation Days**, taking place virtually on the 23 and 24 June, offer an opportunity to learn more about the new Horizon Europe and its activities. Information on the event is available [here](#), including the programme and **registration** details.

For any practical question about the Horizon Europe work programme, please contact the available [helpdesk and support services](#).

Scientific opinion on titanium dioxide

We would like to inform you that EFSA published its safety assessment of Titanium Dioxide as feed additive. Experts have concluded that **titanium dioxide can no longer be considered safe when used as an additive in animal feed**. The assessment by EFSA’s Panel on Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP) follows the conclusion reached by EFSA’s Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF) that the [same compound can no longer be considered safe when used as a food additive](#).

Please find more information [here](#).

Other

Selection procedure for the members of the EFSA Management Board representing civil society and food chain interest | Deadline: 16 August 2021

Following the entry into application of the new [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1381 on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain](#), which amended amongst others the [Founding Regulation \(Regulation \(EU\) No 178/2002 on general food law\)](#) of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), a new EFSA Management Board will be established as of 1 July 2022. The new EFSA Management Board will be composed of representatives of the Member States, the European Commission, the European Parliament as well as representatives of civil society and food chain interests.

On 23 June 2021, the European Commission launched a **call for expressions of interest** for the position of members of the EFSA Management Board, **representing civil society and food chain interests**.

This call will result in a Commission list of candidates from which the Council, in consultation with the European Parliament, will appoint:

- one member and one alternate member from **consumer organisations**;
- one member and one alternate member from **environmental non-governmental organisations**;
- one member and one alternate member from **farmers' organisations**; and,
- one member and one alternate member from **industry organisations**.

The members and the alternate members of the Management Board shall be nominated and appointed on the basis of their relevant experience and expertise in the field of food chain law and policy, including risk assessment, whilst ensuring that there is relevant expertise in the fields of managerial, administrative, financial and legal matters within the Management Board.

They will be appointed for a 4-year term of office starting on 1 July 2022. The online application and more information are available at the following link: https://ec.europa.eu/food/efsa-management-board_en

The deadline for the submission of applications is 16 August 2021, at 12:00 (noon).