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Calls

EFSA Grant - GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/10: Supporting tasks in the area of Animal Welfare | Deadline: 10/03/2022

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

Call reference: GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/10: **Supporting tasks in the area of Animal Welfare**

Link to the **call documents**:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsaalp202110-supporting-tasks-area-animal-welfare>

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Thursday 10th March 2022**.

This call for proposals aims to identify organisations, to which can be entrusted supporting tasks as detailed under two lots of the call, upon concluding Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA) for duration up to 4 years:

Lot 1: Animal welfare risk assessments & protection of animals on farm and protection of animals during transport

Lot 2: Animal Welfare risk assessments & protection of animals during slaughter and on-farm killing.

You can find more details on the main and specific objectives in the call documents (ref. the link above), and apply for one or both lots (total available budget of EFSA's grant up to Eur 660.000).

EFSA Grant - GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/11 - Development of a crop-based survey approach for potato pest | Deadline: 15/02/2022

We would like to inform you that EFSA has launched the following Call for Proposals (grant):

Reference: GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/11 - **Development of a crop-based survey approach for potato pest**

Link to the **call documents**:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsaalp202111-development-crop-based-survey-approach-potato-pest>

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Tuesday 15th February 2022**.

The overall objective of this call is the identification of the Article 36 List organisations to support EFSA for output related to the pest surveillance activities falling within the mission of the EFSA Plant Health Team Monitoring. The interested applicant shall support EFSA in the development of methodology and tools to support the MSs in the planning and preparation of crop-based surveys using the potato crop, specifically in delivering the following results:

1. Pest survey cards
2. Pilot the new expert system
3. Multi-pest surveys in potato crop
4. Workshop and webinar on multi-pest surveys in potato

This grant is financed based on timely achievements of the specified results (deliverables), amounting max. Eur 200.000 for the two years duration of a partnership agreement. You can find more details in the `Call for proposals and guide for applicants` document (available under the [link](#) above).

EFSA Grant - GP/EFSA/NUTRI/2021/01 – Support to EFSA in the Safety Assessment of Novel Foods and Nutrient Sources | Deadlien: 17/02/2022

We would like to inform you as the contact person for your organisation in the competence field of **Nutrition, Dietetic products and Novel Food, Chemical Contaminats** and **Nanotechnologies** that there is open the following EFSA Call for Proposals (grant):

Reference: GP/EFSA/NUTRI/2021/01 – **Support to EFSA in the Safety Assessment of Novel Foods and Nutrient Sources**

Link to the **call documents**:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsanutri202101-support-efsa-safety-assessment-novel-foods-and-nutrient>

Note: there are recently added **EFSA clarifications** responding to questions received from the interested applicants, which are **published** during the time of the call being open **to inform all** eligible potential applicants.

The deadline for submission of proposals is Thursday **17th February 2022**.

The overall objective of this call is the identification of several partners, among Art. 36 List competent organisations, to which EFSA can entrust at any time during the next 4 years the tasks of contributing to the preparatory work for the safety assessment of novel foods and nutrient sources.

The interested applicants shall cover at least one of the specified 7 areas:

1. Product characterization
2. Intake assessment
3. Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism and Excretion (ADME) & Bioavailability
4. Nutritional assessment
5. Toxicological information
6. Human studies
7. Allergenicity

This grant is financed based on achievements of results (deliverables) under entrusted task within timeline. You can find more details in the `Call for proposals and guide for applicants` document (available under the [link](#) above), and summarised main aspects also visually in the **attached infographics**.

EFSA open call for tenders: Characterization of Human Variability in Toxicodynamics - OC/EFSA/SCER/2021/15 | Deadline: 17/02/2022

We are pleased to inform you about the EFSA open call for tenders on ‘**Characterization of Human Variability in Toxicodynamics: towards the Development of Quantitative Adverse Outcome Pathways (qAOPs)**’ - Ref OC/EFSA/SCER/2021/15

The aim of this procurement procedure is to characterize human variability in TD responses to specific cell stress and cell death pathways in order to map the relevant AOPs in a quantitative way and to use of this knowledge to propose mechanism- and pathway-based uncertainty factors (UF) for TD to refine and reduce the uncertainty in HBGV setting.

Please note that the call is open until **17 February 2022**

Please note that the call has a maximum budget in total **EUR 1.600.000,-** and duration **48 months**. 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 tenders - [EFSA Tenders webpage](#)

TED eTendering - [OC/EFSA/SCER/2021/15 - Characterization of Human Variability in Toxicodynamics: towards the Development of Quantitative Adverse Outcome Pathways \(qAOPs\)](#)

Public Consultations

EFSA`s Public Consultation: Re-evaluation of the risks to public health related to the presence of bisphenol A (BPA) in foodstuffs | Extension of deadline: 22/02/2022

We would like to inform you that EFSA has opened a **public consultation** on the “*Re-evaluation of the risks to public health related to the presence of bisphenol A (BPA) in foodstuffs*” until **8th February 2022**.

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has re-evaluated the risks of bisphenol A (BPA) in food and proposes to considerably lower the tolerable daily intake (TDI) compared to its previous assessment in 2015.

In its draft re-evaluation of BPA, published on 15 December 2021, EFSA’s expert Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes and Processing Aids (CEP) has established a TDI of 0.04 nanograms per kilogram of body weight per day. The lowering of the TDI results from the assessment of studies that have emerged in the literature since 2013 until 2018, particularly those which indicate adverse effects of BPA on the immune system. In animal studies, an increase was observed in the number of “T-helper” cells, a type of white blood cells which play a key role in cellular immune mechanisms and which when raised can lead to the development of allergic lung inflammation. By comparing the new TDI with estimates of consumer *exposure* to BPA in the diet, EFSA concludes that those with both average and high exposure to BPA in all age groups exceed the new TDI, indicating health concerns.

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 please this dedicated EFSA page: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/publicconsultation2/a011v00000E8BRD/pc0109>.

Events

Reminder: Technical meeting with MS risk assessment representatives (25.01.2022 AM) following the BPA stakeholder event of 24.01.2022

The EFSA Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes and Processing Aids (CEP) [re-evaluated](#) the risks related to the presence of bisphenol A (BPA) in foodstuffs (EFSA-Q-2016-00635). EFSA's conclusions on BPA are explained in a draft scientific opinion that is open for [public consultation](#) until 22 February 2022.

As part of the public consultation process, on 24 January 2022 EFSA will hold a public meeting with stakeholders and other relevant parties to gather feedback on the draft opinion. This public session will be followed by a technical meeting with MS risk assessment representatives on the morning of 25 January to focus on specific issues that may require further clarifications from EFSA in view of the finalisation of the opinion by the CEP Panel.

Considering that the public stakeholder event will set the scene for the technical discussion of the following day, **we would like to invite you (or any MS risk assessment representatives designated by you) to participate in both meetings.**

- The announcement, agenda and registration link for the **stakeholder event of 24 January** can be found [at this link](#) (deadline for registrations: 16 January 2022);
- The registration to the **technical meeting of 25 January 2022** can be found [at this link](#) (deadline for registrations: 19 January 2022). We will welcome expressions of interest from max. 2 MS risk assessment representatives per MS. In addition, we would be most grateful if you could indicate, using the abovementioned registration link and within the same deadline, any particular area of concern or specific issues that you would like to see addressed during the MS technical meeting, in order for us to best tailor it to your expectations.

We will be happy to address any queries you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact us at fip@efsa.europa.eu for agenda or other content-related matters; and to afsecretariat@efsa.europa.eu for organizational/logistical issues.

EFSA Stakeholder workshop on small particles and nanoparticles in food | 31 March and 1 April 2022

We are pleased to announce the "**EFSA Stakeholder workshop on small particles and nanoparticles in food**", which will be held online on **31 March and 1 April 2022**.

EFSA invites applicants, interested parties, laboratories conducting the studies, consultants, and other stakeholders to actively participate in the discussion, sharing their experiences and discussing best practices for implementing the new requirements of the guidances in a cost-effective way.

The **deadline to register** is **7 March 2022**.

Further details on the online event and on how to register are available on the [dedicated page](#) on the EFSA website.

Training

Virtual training courses - Biological relevance and weight of evidence on chemical and non-chemical risk assessments - deadline for registration 19 January and 2 February

EFSA would like to inform you that two new training courses are now open for registration. These courses will be delivered in real time as webinars and will include lectures and presentations by a tutor. They will be taking place over four different 4-hour sessions spread over four consecutive half days.

More information about the courses and the respective online registration form is available at the links provided below.

[Weight of evidence and biological relevance in risk assessment of chemicals](#)

Course dates

February 21-24, 2022, at 9-13 CET each day

Application deadline is January 19, 2022.

[Weight of evidence and biological relevance in non-chemical scientific assessment](#)

Course dates

March 7-10, 2022, at 9-13 CET each day

Application deadline is February 2, 2022.

EFSA Recruitment

New Job Opportunity at EFSA_Legal Officer| Deadline: 25/01/2022

We would like to inform you that **EFSA has recently published a new call for a Legal Officer.**

EFSA is looking for a highly motivated professional with experience in the legal field, a results driven mind and an ability to work proactively, both individually and in a team.

If you are interested in contributing to food and feed safety in Europe 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.**

Link: [Legal Officer](#)

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