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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

# 22-10

### Calls

#### ***Call for expressions of interest - Scientific and Technical Support in the area of the assessment of Animal Health and Animal Welfare, Biological Hazards and Chemical contaminants, Pesticides, Plant health, Genetically Modified Organisms for food and feed uses, Food Additives, Food Contact Materials, Food Enzymes, Food flavourings, Feed additives, Novel Foods, Nutrition and Social Science***

The objective of this call for expressions of interest is to establish a list of individuals (natural persons) with scientific expertise to assist EFSA in carrying out preparatory work (including data related activities) in support of EFSA's scientific and risk communication activities with the main focus on the areas of generic risk assessments and the assessment of applications for the authorisation of regulated products, in particular in the areas of Animal Health and Animal Welfare, Biological hazards and Chemical contaminants, Pesticides, Plant health, Genetically Modified Organisms for food and feed uses, Food Additives, Food Contact Materials, Food Enzymes, Food Flavourings, Feed additives, Novel Foods, Nutrition and activities in the area of Social Sciences. The delivered preparatory work will be reviewed by EFSA staff and/or ad hoc experts for its use in EFSA scientific outputs and communications.

This call will replace the previously published calls ([\(EOI/EFSA/NUTR/2019/1\)](#)) and ([\(EOI/EFSA/SCIENCE/2020/01\)](#)).

More information: <https://careers.efsa.europa.eu/via/ElisaB-631MN8/jobs/notice-of-call-for-expressions-of-interest-scientific-and-technical-support-various-scientific-and-communication-profiles-325>

#### ***Call for interest for experts in the field of biomarkers of effects | Deadline: 5th December 2022***

EFSA is looking for experts to participate in preparatory work or support the Working Group that will be established to prepare a guidance document on biomarkers of effect.

EFSA aims to prepare guidance documents to support the Panels and Units when establishing a Health Based Guidance Value in the absence of clear evidence of adversity or overt toxicity of a chemical. For this reason, a dialogue has been established with scientists in and outside the EU, with International

Organisations and with other scientific advisory bodies, to learn from existing experiences, to gather information on the approaches taken so far, to collect views and recommendations on possible ways and to help EFSA to shape its future work in this area. To continue the scientific discussion started at the thematic workshop on “Biomarkers of effects” held in September 2022 and to perform preparatory work in specific sub-areas that will support the preparation of the guidance document, EFSA is inviting MSs to nominate experts with the scientific background relevant for the topic to be addressed.

To express your interest please contact the LU EFSA Focal Point: [focal.point@alva.etat.lu](mailto:focal.point@alva.etat.lu) until 5/12/2022.

### ***OC/EFSA/BIOHAW/2022/03 Provision of Support to EFSA in the European Union Summary Report (EUSR) on AMR: Information on the published corrigendum | deadline: 20/11/2022***

Please be informed that for the call in subject a corrigendum to sections “Procedure timetable” and “2.4 Selection Criteria” of the tender specifications has been published. The corrigendum is available via the link provided [here](#) on the EFSA website.

The new deadline for tender submissions is **20/11/2022**.

If you need additional information regarding this call for tender, please contact [EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu).

The purpose of this call for tender is to prepare and improve 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. The online dashboards and DataVIZ should show large volumes of related aggregated (summarised) AMR data and analysis results interactively, in a quick, robust and creative way. The AMR story maps will focus on storytelling and putting a context, while also displaying related evidence-based information.

### ***OC/EFSA/BIOHAW/2022/04 - Support in the assessment of species or groups of species of aquatic animals (...) | deadline: 21/11/2022***

Please be informed that the contract notice has now been translated into all EU languages by the Publications Office and the call in subject, launched on 13/10/2022 has now been publicised on the [EFSA website](#), including links to all procurement documents.

The deadline for receipt of tenders is **21/11/2022**.

If you need additional information regarding this call for tender, please contact [EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu).

## **Public Consultations**

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### ***Risk assessment of N-nitrosamines in food | deadline: 22nd November 2022***

We would like to inform you that EFSA has published **for public consultation the draft opinion** assessing the risks to public health related to the **presence of nitrosamines in food**.

The assessment concludes that it is highly likely that for all age groups dietary exposure to nitrosamines is above the level that could indicate a health concern. Feedback is particularly welcome on the exposure assessment scenarios used, to reduce uncertainty in the calculation of exposure through the diet.

Interested parties can submit comments and input **by 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022** via EFSA website [here](#).

## Events

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### ***Opening of registrations for the 118th PPR OPEN Plenary meeting 07 December 2022 | deadline: 23 November 2022***

We would like to inform you that registrations to observe the **118<sup>th</sup> Open Plenary** of the **Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues (07 December 2022)** is now open on the EFSA website.

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/118th-plenary-meeting-panel-plant-protection-products-and-their-residues-ppr-open-observers>

Interested parties can [register here](#) by **23 November 2022**.

### ***EU AI Talk – Live Edition | 30 November 2022 | deadline: 23/11/2022***

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA is organising with other EU Agencies the online event **EU AI Talk – Live Edition**, which will take place on **Teams Live Event** on **30 November 2022**, 15.00-17.00 (CET). Please see the programme [here](#).

The theme of the EU AI Talks centres on the potential of artificial intelligence within the European public sector, with a focus on the European Agencies. The event aims to bring different ecosystem actors together to discuss the growing importance of AI in the past years.

Specific objectives are:

- Setting the scene with a presentation of the grassroots initiative and EU AI Virtual Community;
- Improving understanding of the growing importance of artificial intelligence within the European public sector and its impact on European Agencies;
- Improving understanding of how different actors can help each other in the adoption and use of artificial intelligence;
- Improving understanding of how different actors can collaborate in addressing the modern challenges linked to artificial intelligence and ensure its trustworthiness;
- Improving understanding of the remaining obstacles that prevent closer collaboration and further application of AI;
- Inspiring participants to be part of the future developments.

**Registrations are open until 23rd November. For more information, please visit the EFSA website ([HERE](#)).**

For more information, do not hesitate to contact the organising team at [online.events@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:online.events@efsa.europa.eu).

## Training

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### ***Training course on Health risk assessment: Principles and applications (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden) | deadline: 3/2/2023***

Institute of Environmental Medicine, Karolinska Institutet offers the following course in spring 2023:

- Health risk assessment: Principles and applications, March 13-17, 2023

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: February 3, 2023.**

Application and further information:

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

Please forward this information to your students and colleagues.

For any questions, please contact the course leader Anna Beronius, [anna.beronius@ki.se](mailto:anna.beronius@ki.se).

Webinar on animal by-products applications - 1 December | deadline: 30/11/2022

EFSA is organising a webinar on animal by-products applications scheduled on 1 December 2022 from 14:00 to 16:00 (CET).

The webinar will outline the procedures concerning the implementation of the transparency regulation, the submission of applications, the confidentiality assessment and content sanitisation in place at EFSA. It will also provide practical guidance based on lessons-learned and principles to consider when submitting applications on alternative methods for the processing of animal by-products (ABP) or derived products.

Representatives of business operators, small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as laboratories and testing facilities are invited to attend. [Registrations](#) are open until **30 November**. More information please visit the [EFSA website](#).

## Publications

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### *EFSA opinion on Transmission of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) during animal transport*

EFSA has published the scientific opinion on [Transmission of antimicrobial resistance \(AMR\) during animal transport](#).

There is a news story “Reducing the spread of antimicrobial resistance during animal transport: EFSA outlines mitigation measures” [here](#) in four languages.

The key messages are:

- EFSA’s scientific opinion, requested by the European Parliament’s Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), assesses the risk of spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) among poultry, pigs and cattle during transport between farms or to slaughterhouses.
- Main risk factors include: the presence of resistant bacteria in animals before transport, increased release of AMR bacteria through faeces, exposure to other animals carrying more or different types of AMR bacteria, insufficient hygiene of vehicles and equipment, and the duration of transport.
- Key mitigation measures include minimising the duration of transport, thorough hygiene of vehicles and equipment, and appropriate transport organisation. In addition, any measure improving animal health and welfare just before and during transport is key to reduce AMR transmission.
- Specific scientific studies on the issue of the spread of AMR among animals during transport are lacking. EFSA’s opinion identifies current data gaps and recommends certain areas where research should focus.

# EFSA Recruitment

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## *Senior Scientific Officer Toxicology | Deadline: 22/11/2022*

Are you an enthusiastic scientist with extensive experience in the field of toxicology? Do you have experience in developing relationships with scientific stakeholders in and determination to implement policies and processes in international scientifically driven organisations such as EFSA?

EFSA is looking for seasoned and motivated scientists with a background in toxicology and a good knowledge of the trends and development in chemical risk assessment who will contribute to the implementation of EFSA's mission and objectives.

The **European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)**, based in Parma, Italy is looking for a **Senior Scientific Officer - Toxicology** (Temporary Agent, Grade AD8)

Please send your application by no later than **22 November 2022 at 23:59** (local time), following the instructions in the [ANNEX](#).

More information: <https://careers.efsa.europa.eu/via/ElisaB-631MN8/jobs/senior-scientific-officer-toxicology-326>

## Other

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## *Questionnaire on Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) | Deadline: 19/12/2022*

The SCAR FOOD SYSTEMS SWG team and a taskforce have developed a **Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)** for the candidate [Horizon Europe Partnership on Sustainable Food Systems for People, Planet and Climate](#).

They are delighted to share with you the **2<sup>nd</sup> version** of the consolidated **SRIA**, to take into account your contributions. **The SRIA is now open for wider public consultation.**

Please find attached the SRIA and an overview of the questions (word file).

**The aim of this public consultation is to collect input to further develop and strengthen the SFS partnership SRIA. We highly value your participation and feedback and take note of all the proposals (suggestions) given.**

The information collected through this consultation will benefit greatly the drafting of the next and final version. However, as a kind reminder: the SRIA will continue to follow and reflect the published [SFS partnership proposal](#) (April 2022).

**They kindly invite you to read the SRIA carefully and respond to the questionnaire online:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M9KC85X>

This survey will take approximately 30 min to complete online.

The deadline for submitting your response online is: **19<sup>th</sup> December 2022, at noon.**

If you have any questions regarding the survey and SFS Partnership, please don't hesitate to contact the coordination team at [anastasiya.terzieva@inrae.fr](mailto:anastasiya.terzieva@inrae.fr)