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Calls

Reminder: Call for interest for experts in the field of biomarkers of effects / Deadline: 7th 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 until 7/12/2022.

Call for proposal: GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2022/10 - Development of crop-based survey tools for plants pests of fruit-bearing vegetables (Lot 1), cereals and fibre crops (Lot 2), grape, berries and exotic fruits (Lot 3), palms and ornamentals (Lot 4) in the EU | deadline: 2/3/2023

Link to the **call documents**:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsaplants202210-development-crop-based-survey-tools-plants-pests-fruit>.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Thursday 2nd March 2023**.

The main objective of this call for proposal is to identify organisations to support EFSA in the development of tools to support the MSs in the planning and preparation of crop-based surveys of regulated pests in line with the EU regulation in force⁸. In particular, EFSA wishes to identify partner

organisations for characterizing crops affected by regulated pests and preparing plant pests technical reports (i.e. EFSA Pest Survey Cards) in the following three lots:

- Lot 1: for fruit-bearing vegetables
- Lot 2: for cereals and fibre crops
- Lot 3: for grape, berries and exotic fruits
- Lot 4: for palms and ornamentals.

You may submit a proposal for one or more lots. In case you decide to apply for more lots, a separate proposal for each lot must be provided.

This call for proposals, is the type of grant based on achievements of results (milestones/indicators). You can find more details as specific objectives of the call in the call documents (ref. the link above).

EFSA has launched the new call for the selection of hosting sites and fellows for the **EU-FORA cycle 2023-2024**. For details consult the Call documents at this link: [EUBA-EFSA-2022-ENREL-02: Selection of hosting sites and fellows for EU-FORA Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme](#), including the instruction on how to apply for this **e-grant** through the [EU Funding and Tenders portal](#).

EU-FORA Call 2023-2024 | Now live!! | Deadline: 15/3/2023

The deadline for submission of proposals is **15 March 2023**.

The Call intends to fund the placement of 15 fellows by awarding grants to **consortia** made of **two** Art. 36 List organisations from two different MS, Iceland and Norway:

- ✓ one acting as **hosting site** and responsible for the training of the fellow, and
- ✓ the other as **fellow sending organisation**, identifying a fellow to be trained.

The Funding and Tender Opportunities portal includes a feature allowing for the search of partners. However, to further facilitate the **creation of consortia**, please contact your [National Focal Point](#) expressing your interest in this call, either as a hosting site or as a fellow sending organisation. Note that the same organisation can act as both in different consortia.

Organisations can make use of existing joint projects and partners from former projects and EFSA/EU grants. Some of the currently existing large EU projects could be a **good starting point** for organisations to search for partners: For example, [projects involving EFSA](#), EFSA partnering grants, etc. always keeping in mind the need to avoid potential EU double funding.

You can find the main features of this Call in the attached document and further details in the call documents under the above [link](#).

Information on the **EU-FORA Programme** are available on this EFSA's dedicated website [here](#). Please contact EU-FORA@efsa.europa.eu, if you would have questions.

Kindly disseminate this information to the relevant national organisations/networks/stakeholders.

Open call for tenders GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2022/09 - Estimation of pest survey parameters for Priority pests | Deadline: 27/1/2023

Call for proposals reference: GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2022/09 - **Estimation of pest survey parameters for Priority pests**

Deadline for submitting proposals: **27/01/2023**

Link to the call documents:

Events

Reminder: Scientific web-conference - Research in food safety | 9/12/2022 | deadline: 7.12.2022

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA), as EFSA Focal Point, is pleased to invite

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you to the scientific conference

The virtual conference will be held in English and will take place on 9th December from 9 am to 1 pm. The detailed agenda is attached.

Please register until 7th December via this link: <https://www.emfro.lu/s3/Research-in-Food-Safety-2022>

The link to the conference will be sent to you by email after registration. Feel free to disseminate this message through your networks.

Training

Workshop on EFSA's updated Guidance on the use of the benchmark dose approach in risk assessment - 15-16 February 2023 | deadline: 9 January 2023

EFSA is holding a workshop to disseminate the revised methodology for benchmark dose (BMD) analysis in EFSA's updated Guidance document and to support its implementation in the R4EU BMD analysis platform.

The event takes place in the afternoon of 15 February and in the morning of 16 February, and is divided in two parts:

1. Presentation of the new guidance, changes to the previous version, and EFSA's recommended approach for BMD analysis.
2. Illustration of the new approach, using the EFSA BMD analysis platform with pesticides-related case studies.

Risk assessors and all stakeholders involved or interested in the use of the benchmark dose (BMD) approach in risk assessment are invited to attend.

Registrations are open until **9 January 2023 - 12:00 (CET)**. More information please visit the [EFSA website](#).

Webinar: Applications through the Funding & Tender opportunities portal: The EU-FORA Call example | date: 20 December 2022

Efsa is organising an info-session to inform about application for the EU-FOR A call on 20 December 2022 from 10.00-11.30.

The session intends to inform potential applicants, both already in the Article 36 List and that would like to become part of it, of the changes introduced in the submissions of applications to Calls using the Funding & Tender Opportunities portal, including information on how to register in the tool or how to search for partners.

The ongoing EU-FORA Call has been selected by EFSA to pilot this project and specific information on this Call will also be shared with the participants.

Please inform us via focal.point@alva.etat.lu if you would like to participate.

Info-session on 8 December 2022 on canine brucellosis, for Network Members and Observers, Veterinary Services and Veterinary Practitioners

EFSA invites to an Info-session on canine brucellosis, which will take place on Thursday 8 December 2022, from 13:30 to 14:30 CET, as online meeting.

The info-session is organised in follow-up of action point 6 of our 40th Network meeting of the Zoonoses Network. The content provider is the ANSES team for brucellosis, in the framework of the [IDEMBRU](#) project.

The target audience for this meeting are Network Members and Observers, colleagues from the National Veterinary services (Competent Authorities), and veterinary practitioners.

Online meeting link :

Réunion Microsoft Teams

[Cliquez ici pour participer à la réunion](#)

ID de réunion : 314 547 374 762

Code secret : zo9evv

Registration : Interested colleagues need to register by filling in the registration form :

https://survey.anses.fr/SurveyServer/s/animal_health/registr_webinare_bcanine_europe81222/questionnaire.htm

Please note that only registered participants will be allowed to attend.

Documentation : find attached a PDF for your information on the 'Emergence of canine brucellosis in different European countries and UK', which can be provided to the your National colleague (from Veterinary services and veterinary practitioners).

Publications

EFSA's Update of re-evaluation of sulfur dioxide-sulfites (E220-228)

EFSA has published the scientific opinion on the "[Follow-up of the re-evaluation of sulfur dioxide \(E 220\), sodium sulfite \(E 221\), sodium bisulfite \(E 222\), sodium metabisulfite \(E 223\), potassium metabisulfite \(E 224\), calcium sulfite \(E 226\), calcium bisulfite \(E 227\) and potassium bisulfite \(E 228\)](#)".

It is accompanied by a news story "[Sulfites: safety concern for high consumers, but data lacking](#)" (also available in German, French, Spanish and Italian).

In brief:

Dietary intakes of sulfites could be a safety concern for high consumers of foodstuffs that contain the additives. Gaps in toxicity data meant the extent of certain adverse health effects could not be confirmed.

EFSA has updated the re-evaluation of eight food additives (sulfur dioxide - SO₂ and seven sulfites) used in wine and other foodstuffs, and sets a margin of exposure (MOE), withdrawing the temporary ADI set in 2016 due to insufficient data.

The MOE approach was used because uncertainties were identified in the evidence from the updated literature review, in particular surrounding possible adverse toxicological effects, adding to the previously identified data gaps in the toxicity data.

EFSA online communications now available in all 24 EU languages

We are happy to inform you that **Multilingualism and food safety – EFSA online communications now available in all 24 EU languages**. Please see related [piece of news](#).

EU summary report on surveillance for the presence of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE)

EFSA has published the latest [European Union summary report on surveillance for the presence of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies \(TSE\)](#) and it's accompanied by an updated [topic page](#).

EFSA Recruitment

New Job Opportunity at EFSA - Senior Scientific Officer - Toxicology - DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 14 DECEMBER 2022

We would like to inform you that **EFSA has extended the deadline for the call for [Senior Scientific Officer – Toxicology](#)**. The deadline for applications is now **14/12/2022**.

EFSA is looking for a highly motivated Senior Scientific Officer with a background in Toxicology to play a central role for its scientific experts' community.

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 at recruitment@efsa.europa.eu.

New job opportunity at EFSA: Procurement & Grant Officer| deadline: 24th January 2023

EFSA is looking for a Procurement & Grant Officer with a result-driven mind and an ability to work proactively, both individually and in a team. The deadline for application is 24 January 2023, 23:59 (local time).

More information: http://careers.efsa.europa.eu/msg/13978_55414_bf13c/jobs/procurement-grant-officer-331?et=RIFmyRJ