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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Calls

#### *Prior-information notices (PIN) for the open Call to develop roadmap for actions on two SPIDO scientific themes (Risk communication & Animal Welfare)*

We would like to inform you about the publication in the Official Journal of the EU (TED) of two prior-information notices (PIN) for the Open Call (procurement):

- roadmaps for Actions on **Evidence-based Risk Communication in the EU Food Safety System** (Ref: OC/EFSA/ED/2022/01);

Aim: develop a roadmap for action on evidence-based risk communication in the EU food safety system by providing recommendations for research priorities to support the implementation of risk communication according to the principles defined in the Transparency Regulation;

- development of Roadmaps for Actions on **More Welfare: New Risk Assessment Methodologies and Harmonised Animal Welfare Data in the EU** (Ref: OC/EFSA/ED/2022/02)

Aim: develop a roadmap for action in the area of risk assessment of animal welfare and to define a multi-annual strategy for its implementation.

The estimated total value for each roadmap is **0.5 Mio EUR**.

Please note that the **estimated date of publication of contract notice** is: **30/04/2022**

More information on the specific objectives and description of the two procurements is available here for [Risk communication](#) and [Animal Welfare](#) on the dedicated pages in the Official Journal of the EU.

# Public Consultations

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## *Public Consultation SC Guidance on BMD - Deadline 11 April 2022*

We inform you that the EFSA's Scientific Committee has launched an open consultation on its [draft Guidance on the use of the Benchmark Dose approach in risk assessment](#).

The consultation will remain open for 7 weeks, **until Monday, 11 April 2022**.

Here some information on the scope of the consultation:

EFSA's Scientific Committee has launched an open consultation on its draft Guidance on the use of the Benchmark Dose approach in risk assessment. The Guidance was initially published in 2009 and updated in 2017. The purpose of this new update is to align it with internationally agreed concepts described in the recently revised Chapter 5 on dose-response assessment of WHO/IPCS Environmental Health Criteria 240 (WHO, 2020), and therefore harmonise further EFSA's approach with those of its international Partners. The major change compared to the previous Guidance (EFSA Scientific Committee, 2017) concerns Section 2.5, in which a change from the frequentist to the Bayesian model averaging paradigm is recommended for BMD analysis and as a consequence Section 2.6 is now added guiding the reader step-by-step to perform Bayesian model averaging BMD estimation. This public consultation, also targeted to EU Member States Competent Authorities, EFSA's sister agencies, and other international partners, aims to broaden the consensus on the approach for BMD analysis and ensure harmonised outcomes of dose-response assessments. All the comments received will be used for the finalisation of the Guidance and a technical report summarising the outcome of the consultation will be published.

## Events

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### *Stakeholder workshop on the next update of the EFSA Guidance on Non-Dietary Exposure to Pesticides | 28 March 2022*

We are pleased to announce that EFSA is organising a **Stakeholder workshop on the next update of the EFSA Guidance on Non-Dietary Exposure to Pesticides** which will take place online on **28 March 2022**.

The overall aim of the workshop is to discuss the approach to be implemented for the next update based on new evidence. The workshop is aimed at anyone interested in the NDE assessment of PPPs such as industry, competent authorities of Member States, academia, public and private research institutes, non-governmental organisations, etc.

The deadline to register is **14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 12.00 (CET)**.

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

## Publications

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### *EFSA opinion on sugars in diet*

We would like to inform your organisation, and you as its contact in 'Nutrition, Dietic products and Novel Food' competence, about the this week published EFSA [Scientific opinion on a Tolerable Upper Intake Level for dietary sugars](#).

EFSA's scientists concluded that intakes of added and free sugars should be as low as possible as part of a nutritionally adequate diet; this is in line with current recommendations. However, the scientific evidence did not allow the setting of a tolerable upper intake level for dietary sugars, the original goal of this assessment.

The opinion's rich findings will support national public health authorities in Europe update future advice for their consumers. The fact that EFSA's review was so wide-ranging allowed our scientists to prioritise the data gaps and research needed to set a tolerable upper intake level for dietary sugars in the future.

The opinion is accompanied by a news story "[Added and free sugars should be as low as possible](#)", an infographic "[Sugar consumption and health problems](#)" and a plain-language summary "[a Tolerable Upper Intake Level for dietary sugars](#)". The news story and infographic are available in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

For other topics you may like to subscribe to [EFSA email alerts](#) to receive updates of your needs and interests within EFSA's area of work (including: latest news, publications, events and others).

## EFSA Recruitment

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### ***New Job Opportunity at EFSA\_Service Continuity Manager – Deadline: 28/3/2022***

We would like to inform you that **EFSA has recently published a new call for a Service Continuity Manager**.

EFSA is looking for a highly motivated professional with excellent skills in Service Management best practices and principles, particularly focused on Business Continuity and CyberSecurity.

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.

For any further questions, kindly contact us at [recruitment@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:recruitment@efsa.europa.eu)

**[Service Continuity Manager](#) - Deadline for application: 28/03/2022**