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Calls

Pre-information notice on EFSA open call for tenders OC/EFSA/IDATA/2022/01 and interest in feedback | deadline: 15.6

EFSA has published:

- 1) **an open call for tenders** (OC/EFSA/IDATA/2022/01- [link](#)) consisting of two lots, with the overall objective of defining, validating and applying a standardised workflow for deriving reliable human reference points and health-based guidance values (HBGVs) using cutting edge *in-vitro* approaches, namely organ-on-a-chip (OoC) platforms and multiple OMICs endpoints (transcriptomics, metabolomics, epigenomics).

The available budgets for each direct contract are:

- Lot 1 maximum budget during the 3 years of the duration of the contract is 3,000,000 EUR
- Lot 2 maximum budget during the 1 year of the duration of the contract is 250,000 EUR.

The Call is also published on EFSA's LinkedIn page ([link](#)) and the deadline for tender submission is **15/06/2022**.

- 2) **a pre-information notice (PIN)** for the relaunching of an Open Call procurement on: Development of a Roadmap for Action on the Application of Omics and Bioinformatics Approaches in Risk Assessment (OC/EFSA/ED/2022/03-[link](#)) that was unsuccessful. The aim of this procurement for a maximum budget of 500,000 EUR is to develop a roadmap for action in the area (scientific theme) of omics and associated bioinformatics approaches in risk assessment, defining a multi-annual strategy for their application across several EFSA scientific domains.

In addition, this PIN includes **a link to a survey** to collect feedback and understand if any of the requirements of the unsuccessful Call could be improved/better specified.

The estimated date of publication of the contract notice is **15/05/2022**.

Relaunch of the Call for tender "Methodological Support for the Performance of Literature Reviews within Evidence-based Scientific Assessments"- Deadline: 30 May 2022

We would like to inform you that the call for tender on "Methodological Support for the Performance of Literature Reviews within Evidence-based Scientific Assessments" [has been relaunched](#).

This call for tenders is being launched by the European Food Safety Authority and aims at providing to EFSA multiple framework contracts for the provision of scientific services of methodological support for literature reviews for evidence-based scientific assessments. Such support may be requested to perform and/or appraise full or part(s) of systematic reviews (SRs), as well as scoping and narrative literature reviews. Please, note that the call is open until **30 May 2022**.

In case of any questions on this call, please contact EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu

Call for experts - FAO Call for experts for scientific advice on cell-based food products and food safety considerations

FAO has issued a [call for experts for scientific advice on cell-based food products and food safety considerations](#) inviting relevant experts to apply.

Since the initial studies in the early 2000s, cell-based food production methodologies have been well characterized, meaning they are now ready to move from laboratories to production facilities. There are currently more than 75 start-ups developing various cell-based products around the world and this commercial landscape is fast expanding with many types of products and commodities such as various types of meat, poultry, fish, aquatic products, dairy and eggs in the pipeline for future commercialization.

In order for FAO to assist its Members by providing sound scientific advice for informed decision-making on the topic of cell-based food products and the relevant food safety issues, a 3-day expert consultation will be held in Rome, Italy or Singapore in the last quarter of 2022, if the global situations allow it.

Interested applicants are encouraged to read [the call](#) carefully and complete the online application form (the link is provided in the call). The application deadline is **30 April 2022**, the end of the day in the applicants' time zones. Any questions can be sent to Masami Takeuchi (pronouns: she, her, hers) at Masami.Takeuchi@fao.org, Food Safety Officer, Food Systems and Food Safety Division, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

JEMRA Call for experts and data on the control of Salmonella and Campylobacter in poultry meat | Deadline: 1.6.2022

For your kind information and dissemination through your networks and relevant contacts the FAO/WHO Joint Expert Meeting on Microbiological Risk Assessment [Call for experts and data on the pre- and post-harvest control of non-typhoidal Salmonella spp. and Campylobacter spp. in poultry meat](#)

The nominations and CVs shall be submitted at earliest convenience. Selection of participants will begin on **1 June 2022** and continue until suitable candidates are identified.

Submissions in response to this call for experts should be sent to:

- Kang Zhou, Food Systems and Food Safety Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Email: jemra@fao.org

- Haruka Igarashi, Department of Nutrition and Food Safety, World Health Organization, Email: jemra@who.int

Two news related to the topic are below:

- **Call for data on the control of *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* in poultry meat**
<https://www.fao.org/food-safety/news/news-details/en/c/1505664/>
- **Wanted: Experts on the control of *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* in poultry meat**
<https://www.fao.org/food-safety/news/news-details/en/c/1505386/>

Call for interest for members of the Editorial Advisory Board of the EFSA Journal | deadline 25.5.2022

EFSA is establishing a new publication channel for Member States' scientific assessments. At the 82nd AF Meeting on 1st December 2021 it was agreed that the governance of this new channel should be attributed to the Editorial Advisory Board of the EFSA Journal which will expand its scope to incorporate this task and review its membership to include representation of Member States/National Food Safety Agencies. The generic role of the current [EFSA Journal Editorial Board](#) is to provide advice to EFSA on all issues related to the publishing of its scientific outputs, ensuring that users' needs are addressed and key performance indicators are monitored.

The new Board will continue to address the aforementioned but will also provide oversight and advice on the selection and publication of scientific documents from Member States. The selected candidates will be balanced on geographical spread, gender and size of the national risk assessment capacity. Regular progress updates will also be provided to the Advisory Forum who will also monitor the development of this new channel.

With this in mind, we are issuing a call for interest for members of the Editorial Advisory Board to represent the views of Member States. It is envisaged that 3 to 4 nominees will be appointed to the Board in June 2022.

If interested, please contact us via ALIM Focal Point focal.point@alim.etat.lu before 25.5.2022.

Public Consultations

EFSA Public consultation - draft guidance on the data required for the risk assessment of flavourings to be used in or on foods |Deadline: 19.6.2022

We would like to inform you that EFSA's Food Ingredients and Packaging unit has launched **an open consultation on the draft guidance on the data required for the risk assessment of flavourings to be used in or on foods**.

This document provides guidance to applicants on the data required for the evaluation of flavourings to be used in or on foods. It applies to application for new authorisations as well as for modifications of existing authorisations of food flavourings, submitted under Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008.

Interested parties can submit comments **by 19 June 2022** through this [link](#).

Events

11th Central European Congress on Food and Nutrition - september 2022 | deadline: registration 1.9.2022

The organizers of the 11th Central European Congress on Food and Nutrition (**CEFood 2022**) cordially invite you to the sunny side of the Alps, to the region where agriculture is still alive, where food is still harvested in seasonal mode, and where culinary and cultural traditions are still respected as part of the nation's philosophy. The CEFood congress has a rich 20 years tradition. The first in the series was held in 2002, right here in Slovenia. Since then CEFood congresses have been organized biannually in different CEI countries (more).

AIM OF THE CONGRESS

- To pinpoint and recognize the latest advances along the food supply chain including research and education with open discussions on current issues in this area respecting environmental concerns;
- To provide guidance to the ongoing projects in Food Science, Technology and Nutrition, involving hands-on professionals, scholars, researchers and policy makers.

More information: <https://cefood2022.si/>

Codex alimentarius : World Food Safety Day (7 June 2022) campaign update

Preparations for World Food Safety Day are well under way

New content is regularly posted on the World Food Safety Day [news site](#), so please check for the latest information. And don't hesitate to [get in touch](#) to share news if you are participating in an event.

New to the campaign:

- The [2022 poster](#) is now available in all six official UN languages plus Albanian, Belarusian, Dutch, German, Kazakh, Korean, Serbian and Turkish - with more languages on the way.
- The Guide is now also available in [Portuguese](#).
- To facilitate posting on social media, a selection of ['pre-canned' tweets](#) is available on the World Food Safety Day Trello board.
- The [events page of the website](#) is up and running. Submissions are welcome at [this email address](#) – all that is needed: a short description and an image.

Save the date

- World Food Safety Day is on 7 June – keep an eye out for updates on the WHO/FAO-hosted virtual event.

Conference "Shaping the future of livestock farming through research" Paris, 13/06/2022 | Deadline: 20.5.2022

We would like to inform you about the conference organised during the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union (PFUE 2022) on the theme "**Shaping the future of livestock farming through research**" (advertised on the website of the French Presidency of the Council of the EU - [Link](#)). The conference will be held on Monday June 13, 2022 and will be held with simultaneous translation English-French and vice-versa, with both limited physical presence (in Paris) and on-line participation.

Please consult the following links to the registration form and to the announcement of the event:

English: [Pre-registration](#); [Announcement](#) | French: [Pré-inscription](#), [Annonce](#)

ANSES is in support of the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food to organise this conference, a brief description:

At a time when livestock farming is undergoing profound changes in Europe, this conference will evoke the strong link that has been built between the history of humanity and that of livestock farming. It will put into perspective the expectations of European citizens and of present and future generations, and take a look at the answers that today's research can provide for tomorrow's livestock farming. The first of these issues concerns the welfare of animals and of the humans who raise them, and will be addressed through the "One Welfare" concept. The challenges of a comprehensive "One Health" initiative, which takes into account the health of consumers as well as of animals and the environment, will be addressed from the standpoint of agro-ecology and climate change. The contribution of the European Union to these challenges through the on-going construction of the "animal health and welfare partnership" (under Horizon Europe, the EU framework programme for research and innovation, 2021-2027) will be presented. What kinds of research are needed to support livestock farming in harmony with the environment and the well-being of animals and humans, within an agricultural framework that is a return to local, circular and sustainable agriculture, and one that requires less antimicrobials? What animal genetics are suited to these new ways of farming? This conference will attempt to provide some initial answers to all of these questions. Finally, it will address the question: What types of training are needed to successfully transfer research results to farms in transition? This conference, which will bring together researchers, decision-makers and actors from the livestock farming world, among others, will end with a round-table discussion in which stakeholders in livestock farming will discuss their vision and their thoughts on all of these research issues.

Technical hearing on the draft scientific guidance on data required for the risk assessment of flavourings in foods - 25 May 2022 | deadline: 19.5.2022

We are pleased to announce that EFSA is organising a **Technical hearing on the draft scientific guidance on data required for the risk assessment of flavourings in foods** which will take place online on **25 May 2022**.

The overall aim of the workshop is to exchange views on the approach developed in the draft scientific guidance, which describes the scientific data required for the risk assessment of food flavourings. The workshop is aimed at all interested stakeholders.

The deadline to register is **19th May**.

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

Publications

New FAO publication "International and national regulatory strategies to counter food fraud"

<https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb9035en>

Abstract:

Food fraud has beset governments for centuries, and the legal responses to it have been uniquely suited to the sensibilities of the time. This publication follows the concept of food fraud described to occur when a fraudster intentionally deceives a customer about the quality and/or contents of the foods they wish to purchase, and such act is done to obtain an undue advantage, most often economic, for the fraudster. The vastness and complexity of food fraud, and the versatility in regulatory approaches can

challenge national governments in their attempts to develop a coherent, focused approach to food fraud. To respond to this challenge, this paper introduces the available international regulatory guidance and the potential legal strategies at the national and regional level. It identifies and analyses some of the regulatory approaches to food fraud that countries have chosen and pays attention to the role of the private sector in food fraud regulation.

Authors: Roberts, M.T., Viinikainen, T., Bullon, C.

EFSA`s Scientific Advice on Nutrient profiling for FOP and health claims

EFSA published a [scientific advice related to nutrient profiling for harmonised front-of-pack labelling and restriction of claims on foods](#).

EFSA's scientific advice on nutrient profiling modelling will inform the European Commission's proposals for harmonised front-of-pack nutrition labelling and for restricting claims on foods expected by the end of 2022. EFSA's opinion does not evaluate or propose a particular nutrient profiling model for either of these purposes.

Feedback during a public consultation helped our scientists to finalise their assessment, in particular to clarify the scope of their scientific advice, the limitations of the assessment given it was conducted in a short space of time, and EFSA's remit and responsibilities in the area of nutrition. These issues are addressed in the FAQ below.

EFSA's scientists assessed the nutrients and non-nutrient food components of public health importance for Europeans, the food groups with important roles in European diets, and scientific criteria to guide the choice of nutrients for nutrient profiling. Proof points: recap of main conclusions.

The advice is accompanied by a news story "[Nutrient profiling – scientific advice for EU Farm to Fork initiative](#)", including [FAQs](#).

EFSA scientific opinion: Hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) in feed for honey bees

EFSA published a scientific opinion on [Evaluation of the risks for animal health related to the presence of hydroxymethylfurfural \(HMF\) in feed for honey bees](#).

EFSA experts identified a health concern for bees that are exposed to HMF contaminated feed for several months (winter bees).

Experts used a mathematical model to extrapolate the results from chronic studies with summer bees (exposure period to this compound of about 3 weeks) to an exposure period of up to 6 months. Thereby, it was possible to better assess effects of this compound to winter bees. These live on bee feed and live much longer and are therefore exposed to HMF for a much longer time.

The Panel made several recommendations on which knowledge gaps should be filled (e.g. lack of data on toxicokinetics and toxicity of HMF in bees, refinement of consumption data). It also recommended that a concentration of HMF of no health concern for bees is established in bee feed with appropriate production/storage conditions that is compatible with brand loyalty feeding practices (i.e. beekeeper buying one type of feed only).