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Calls

One Health - Living Risk Assessment Tool: Information on the launched call for tender | Deadline: 28 September 2022

We inform you that a [call for tenders to develop a living \(automated\) One-health Risk Assessment \(ORA\)](#) tool was published.

OC/EFSA/BIOHAW/2022/02: One Health - Living Risk Assessment Tool

[#EFSAprocurement](#) | A [#callfortenders](#) was launched to develop an online, living risk assessment tool, to assess the risk for zoonotic and animal diseases using a holistic, one-health approach, in which the risk assessments are updated automatically.

The maximum budget for the framework contract (One year + automatic renewal up to 3 times for an overall maximum duration of four consecutive years) is €780.000.

Please, submit your offer **by 28 September 2022**.

Call for proposals stemming from EFSA roadmap on NAMs and Prior Information Notice of the open call on Advancing Aggregate Exposure to Chemicals in EU | deadline: 26.9.2022

EFSA would like to inform you that they have launched a call for proposals (GP/EFSA/ED/2022/01):

Call for proposals for (grant procedure in two steps)	NAM projects in the areas of AOP development and transcriptomics for risk assessment
Link to the call	EFSA grants page
Maximum budget	10,000,000.00 € (5,000,000.00 € for each lot: 1&2)
Deadline for submission of outline proposals (step 1)	26 Sep 2022 - 23:59 (CEST)
For questions, please contact:	EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu

This call is aimed at inviting proposals for NAM-based case studies in areas that have been identified in the NAM roadmap as needing further scientific development. In line with EFSA's vision, the proposed case studies should have the potential to improve the speed, precision and predictability of chemical risk assessment related to food safety by enabling the integration of mechanism-based data while at the same time reducing the need for animal bioassays.

This call for proposals is divided into the following two lots:

- Lot 1: Development of AOPs/AOP networks
- Lot 2: NAM transcriptomics for toxicology specific pathway analysis to predict target organ toxicity

It consists of a 2-step procedure, with the first step consisting in submitting a concise Outline Proposal (step 1) that, if shortlisted, will lead to the applicant being invited to submit a Full Application (step 2). To be eligible, applicants must be on the list of competent organisations designated by the Member States in accordance with Article 36 of Regulation (EC) 178/2002 and Commission Regulation (EC) 2230/2004. This list is regularly updated by EFSA Management Board and is available for consultation using this link <https://efsa.force.com/competentorganisations/s/>.

EFSA has also published the Prior Information Notice (PIN) for an open call to develop a roadmap for action on:

Title: Advancing Aggregate Exposure to Chemicals in EU

Link: [TED website](#)

The aim of this procurement is to develop a roadmap for action (i.e., strategic planning document that outlines the current status of the issue, data gaps, barriers, cooperation opportunities that allows prioritisation of strategies necessary to achieve a given vision) in the area of aggregate exposure to chemicals, defined as exposure to one chemical via different sources (e.g. air, soil, diet, consumer products) and via different routes (oral, dermal and inhalation), and to define a multi-annual strategy for its implementation.

Overview of the EFSA ongoing calls

N	Call	Link	Call reference	Clarifications question to EFSA	Deadline
1	Development of a Roadmap for Action for the Project 'More Welfare: towards New Risk Assessment Methodologies and Harmonised Animal Welfare Data in the EU' (<i>procurement</i>)	TED website	OC/EFSA/ED/2022/02	How: through the TED e-Tendering website, using the "Questions & answers" tab, by clicking "Create a question"	25 Aug 2022 – 14:30 (CEST)
2	Development of a Roadmap for Action on Evidence-based Risk Communication in the EU Food Safety System (<i>procurement</i>)	TED website	OC/EFSA/ED/2022/01	Note: registration on TED e-Tendering is required to be able to create and submit a question	

3	Development of Roadmaps for Action on Applying Omics and Bioinformatics Approaches: Towards Next Generation Risk Assessment (<i>procurement</i>)	TED website	OC/EFSA/ED/2022/03		15 Sep 2022 - 14:30 (CEST)
4	ADME4NGRA: Implementing the EFSA NAMs Roadmap through Advancing Toxicokinetic Knowledge in Chemical Risk Assessment (<i>procurement</i>)	TED website	OC/EFSA/MESE/2022/04		
5	NAMS4NANO: Integration of New Approach Methodologies results in chemical risk assessments: Case studies addressing nanoscale considerations (<i>grant</i>)	EFSA website	GP/EFSA/MESE/2022/01	EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu Note: please indicate the Call reference	20 Sep 2022 - 23:59 (CEST)
6	NAM projects in the areas of AOP development and transcriptomics for risk assessment (<i>grant</i>)	EFSA website	GP/EFSA/ED/2022/01		26 Sep 2022 - 23:59 (CEST)

Public Consultations

EFSA/EMA joint approach for assessing exposure to residues of veterinary medicines, feed additives and pesticides in food of animal origin - Deadline: 31 August 2022

EMA and EFSA launched a public consultation on a joint report on the development of a harmonised approach to exposure assessment methodologies for residues from veterinary medicinal products, feed additives and pesticides in food of animal origin.

Food from animals may contain traces of veterinary medicines as well as feed additives and pesticides. The presence of residues in food of animal origin is regulated in the European Union to ensure the safety of consumers.

The two EU agencies have joined together at the request of the European Commission to harmonise how they do dietary exposure assessments, which until now differed because of the separate regulatory frameworks in the areas of veterinary medicines, feed additives and pesticides.

The draft report was produced by experts from EMA, EFSA, the [Joint FAO / WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives \(JECFA\)](#), the [Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues \(JMPR\)](#), and with the [European Chemicals Agency \(ECHA\)](#). EMA and EFSA are proposing a set of recommendations to harmonise and align data gathering and assessment processes to improve consistency of outcomes across these three fields.

The public consultation is open until **31 August 2022**. For more information you can consult [this link](#).

Bees and pesticides: draft guidance update for public consultation |Deadline: 3.10.2022

EFSA launched a [public consultation on its draft guidance document on the risk assessment of plant protection products and bees, covering honey bees, bumble bees and solitary bees](#).

EFSA is responding to a request from the European Commission to review the guidance document, first published in 2013, considering new scientific knowledge that has emerged in the meantime.

Comments are particularly invited on the novel approaches included in the draft guidance, which regards the risk assessment and the statistical analysis of field studies.

The **deadline** to submit comments is **3 October 2022**.

ECDC published a Call for Tenders on Country support to advance One-Health responses against AMR in Western Balkans - OJ/2022/DIR/23891 |Deadline: 05/09/2022

We inform you that based on the discussions and conclusions of the [ECDC/EFSA Regional workshop on One Health approach against antimicrobial resistance in EU pre-accession countries](#) (Belgrade, Serbia, 2019), ECDC has published a **Call for Tenders on Country support to advance One-Health responses against antimicrobial resistance in Western Balkans - OJ/2022/DIR/23891**.

The scope of this call for tender is to contribute to the advancement of the 'One-Health' approach against AMR in the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) through:

- (i) identification of gaps in the current national AMR strategies and action plans;
- (ii) development of country roadmaps;
- (iii) support in the development of electronic surveillance of AMR; and
- (iv) raising awareness initiatives.

This is part of ECDC technical pre-accessions assistance to national public health authorities in EU candidate and potential candidate countries funded by the Instrument of Pre-accession Assistance of the EU.

(*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence)

Announcement

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/about-us/procurement-and-grants>

Question deadline

26/08/2022 23:59 UTC+02:00

Time limit for receipt of tenders	05/09/2022 16:00 UTC+02:00
Conditions for opening tenders (date)	07/09/2022 10:00 UTC+02:00
Award method	Best price-quality ratio
Estimated total value	300000.00 EUR
Functional mailbox	procurement@ecdc.europa.eu

Call for Tenders: [OJ/2022/DIR/23891- Country Support to Advance One-Health Responses against Antimicrobial Resistance in Western Balkans](#)

Document: [1. Invitation to tender DIR/23891](#) has been published EN

Document: [2. Tender specifications DIR/23891](#) has been published EN

Document: [3. Annex I- Model Contract DIR/23891](#) has been published EN

Document: [4. Annex II - Financial tender form DIR/23891](#) has been published EN

Events

125th CONTAM Panel Plenary Meeting - Open for Observers | deadline: 8.9.2022

We inform you the “125th plenary meeting of the Chemical Contaminants (CONTAM) Scientific Panel - Open for Observers” will be held online on **13, 14 and 15 September 2022**.

Registrations are open until **8 September 2022**.

Please, consult the [EFSA website](#) for more information.

Thematic Workshop on Biomarkers of Effect | 22 and 23 September | Parma & Online | Deadline: 26 August EOB

We would like to inform you that EFSA’s Scientific Committee will start a self-task mandate to develop a guidance document on the biomarkers of effect. It is expected that this work will take approximately 24 months, considering the public consultation on the draft opinion.

Before the development of the guidance document by EFSA’s Scientific Committee starts in 2023, EFSA would like to hold a **workshop with the Member States** and its **international and EU partners** to understand the challenges, approaches and expectations of this assessment paradigm, and gather preliminary information on the scientific developments in this domain.

The workshop will analyse examples of this assessment approach in practice - such as EFSA’s scientific opinions on cadmium in food, perfluoroalkyl substances, phosphates, copper and Bisphenol A - to collect useful input at an early stage of the mandate and inform the development of the guidance document.

The workshop will run in **EFSA’s premises (Parma, Italy) on 22 and 23 September** (lunchtime to lunchtime). Participation will be by invitation only, with the opportunity for participants who are unable to attend in person to join the discussion online.

EFSA will welcome expressions of interest from **two designated representatives** per Member State with relevant expertise in the field, to contribute to the technical discussion.

Please contact the LU Focal Point focal.point@alim.etat.lu for expression of interest. Deadline: 26/8/2022

Please find the preliminary draft agenda of the meeting (see attachment). The designated representatives will receive further information about the workshop after the closing date of the expression of interest.

Training

REGISTRATION OPEN - 10th BfR-Summer Academy on Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in Food Safety | deadline 7.8.2022

The BfR is pleased to announce that the registration for the **10th BfR-Summer Academy on Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in Food Safety** is now open!

The '10th BfR-Summer Academy 2022' will be held online. The participation is free of charge.

The course is intended for members of staff of public organisations engaged in food and feed safety, who already have experience in risk assessment analysis. The participants will gain deeper understanding in risk assessment analysis and in risk communication measures. The course will be conducted by highly qualified and experienced scientists from the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) or partners with profound and long standing experience in risk assessment of chemical or microbial risks as well as risk communication. Consequently this BfR-Summer Academy is from professionals to professionals.

Due to the pandemic situation, this year's 10th BfR-Summer Academy will be a digital event. It will take place from **5–16 September 2022**. Considering the internationality and the different time zones in which the participants are located, the 10th BfR-Summer Academy will be divided into the following parts:

- September 5 to 9; 10:30 – 13:30 UTC, lecture series for all time zones
- September 12 to 15; 07:00 – 11:00 UTC, workshops for Eastern time zones (limited number of participants)
- September 13 to 16; 12:00 – 16:00 UTC, workshops for Western time zones (limited number of participants)

The workshops for Eastern and Western time zones are the same! Only a limited number of participants can take part in the interactive workshops. It is required to participate in the lecture series if you want to take part in a workshop.

Please **apply until August 7, 2022**. More details and the link to the application form can be found here: <https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/events/bsa-2022.html> and in the attached flyer.

Please contact summeracademy@bfr.bund.de in case of questions or for further details.

Follow-up Training workshop on the ImproRisk model, 20-21 September 2022, Larnaca (Cyprus) | Deadline: 22.08.2022

The main objective of the workshop is to provide training on the dietary exposure assessment model, ImproRisk, developed in Cyprus, about its applicability in chemical risk assessment. In this context, key topics will be the management of the occurrence data and the food consumption data in order to be used as inputs to the model, the applied exposure assessment methodology and the model's final output.

A combination of lectures and practical interactive case studies, mainly consisting of computational tasks, will enable participants to apply the gained knowledge to simple examples.

What is ImproRisk: ImproRisk is an open access online model (Shiny web application) for conducting chronic dietary exposure assessment to chemicals. The users of the model will be able to estimate dietary exposure to a chemical substance of interest at any level of the food classification and description system **FoodEx2**, developed by EFSA, utilising the FoodEx2 base term and the processing facet descriptor (F28). The model allows the estimation of the dietary exposure statistics for subjects with different demographic characteristics such as age, gender and area of living within the country. Exposure estimates are also stratified by these demographic characteristics. In this context, ImproRisk is considered as a tool for facilitating decision making, since it also provides information regarding the percentage of the population exceeding the health-based guidance value for the chemical substance under study.

For more information, visit the relevant website: <http://www.improrisk.com/>

The draft agenda of the workshop is attached.

The workshop will be held in the Golden Bay Beach Hotel in Larnaca, Cyprus, on 20-21 September 2022, and will have a duration of 1.5 days. Attendance will be on an invite-only basis, with one participant per Member State. Travelling, accommodation and catering costs for one nominee per Member State and observer country will be covered by the Organisers.

Eligible participants should be professionals with a basic knowledge in the area of exposure assessment coming from organisations/institutes involved in food safety risk assessment activities.

To be nominated for participation please contact the LU Focal Point by 22.08.2022 via focal.point@alim.etat.lu

6th International Workshop on Total Diet Studies - October 10th-11th 2022 | deadline: 31/8/ (online tutorial) or 12/9 (workshop)

We are pleased to inform you that the **6th International Workshop on Total Diet Studies (TDS)** that had to be cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic can finally be made up for this year in October.

The **Workshop** will be conducted in a conference format from **10th until 11th October 2022**. The workshop shall focus on new developments in TDS worldwide and give a place for exchanging expertise. We offer the Workshop as hybrid event with the possibility to participate virtually or in-person in Berlin and the participation in the event is free or charge. Furthermore, you can apply for an oral and/or poster presentation.

The Workshop is accompanied by an interactive **Online Tutorial**, which takes place from **4th October until 7th October**. The Online Tutorial shall give a good overview on general issues for starting and conducting a TDS with countries wishing to initiate a TDS as target audiences.

In order to apply for the Online Tutorial and/or register for the Workshop, please use these links:

- Application Online Tutorial (deadline 31st August 2022): <https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/tds-online-tutorial.html>
- Registration Workshop (deadline 12th September 2022): <https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/tds2022.html>
- Application presentation Workshop (deadline abstract submission 5th September 2022): <https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/tds2022.html>

Publications

Launch of the 3rd edition of the ‘Stop African swine fever’ campaign

EFSA launched the third edition of the [‘Stop African swine fever’](#) campaign. It is run in partnership with local authorities in eighteen countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo*, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia.

The campaign will address farmers, veterinarians, and hunters. With the assistance of local farmers’ groups, veterinary organisations, hunting associations, and other relevant bodies, it aims to raise awareness about how to prevent the spread of this disease.

Visit EFSA’s [ASF campaign website](#) for more information and a communication toolkit containing factsheets, infographics, ready-to-use social media posts and other materials.

Revised guidance on food labelling flexibility in response to the challenges caused by the ongoing crisis in Ukraine

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland has published revised guidance on food labelling flexibility in response to the challenges caused by the ongoing crisis in Ukraine.

https://www.fsai.ie/Updated_Labelling_Ukraine_210722/

ANSES 2021 annual report

ANSES is pleased to inform you that the **ANSES 2021 annual report** is now available in English via this link: <https://www.anses.fr/en/content/anses-action-2021-annual-report>

EFSA Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2021

I hereby inform you that the EFSA Consolidated Annual Activity Report (CAAR) 2021 is available on the EFSA website at the following web link: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate-pubs/annual-activity-report-2021>

CAAR 2021 is an annual account of deliverables and outputs and a report on the progress made towards achieving key objectives in a results-oriented approach. The structure of the document follows the common template for all EU agencies and it includes a dedicated section on Assurance, which ensures a comprehensive view of both performance and compliance dimensions.

Strengthening governance at EFSA: new Management Board becomes operational

We inform you that EFSA’s new Management Board is operational as of 1 July 2022.

- In the new governance model, the Member States, the European Parliament, the European Commission, civil society and those representing food chain interests, will be represented in EFSA’s Management Board.
- The new model responds to the requirements of the Transparency Regulation, which entered into force in March 2019 and increased the role of Member States as well as the engagement of all parties involved with the work of EFSA.

- The Management Board ensures that EFSA functions effectively and efficiently delivers its mandate as defined in its founding Regulation and meets the expectations of European and national institutions, stakeholders and the public

You can read more in English [here](#) (translations are also available in DE, FR, ES and IT).

The news item is linked to the below publications

- Infographic : <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/infographics/how-efsa-works-eu-member-states> (all EU languages)
- Management board page: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/people/mbmembers> + translations in the 9 languages available on the EFSA website
- Governance page: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/about/governance> + translations in the 9 languages available on the EFSA website
- Trusted science: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/howwework/independentscience> + translations in the 9 languages available on the EFSA website