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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Calls

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#### *EFSA open call for tenders on 'Food and feed safety crises preparedness trainings' | deadline 15.02.2024*

The call aims to conclude a new Framework Contract on food and feed safety crises preparedness trainings, with overall objectives to:

- increase collaboration between EFSA and its institutional stakeholders that are likely to work/cooperate with in incident/crisis situations in EFSA's remit
- increase EFSA staff's and EFSA partners' knowledge and understanding of general crisis handling concepts and specifically of EFSA's crisis handling procedures
- support the continuous improvement of EFSA's crisis handling procedures and incorporating lessons learned from the crisis preparedness exercises to EFSA's procedures for urgent advice needs
- identify gaps and needs in crisis preparedness trainings
- share good practices during the execution/conduction of crisis preparedness exercises.

Maximum budget is **€ 400,000** for duration of **48 months**.

Call reference EFSA/2023/OP/0008: **Food and feed safety crises preparedness trainings**.

**Deadline** for submission of proposals is Thursday **15 February 2024** (14:30 CET).

Detailed information available at TED eTendering website ref. [EFSA/2023/OP/0008](#) and complementary information on the [EFSA website](#).

See all EFSA open calls for [grant proposals](#), [calls for data](#) and [calls for tender](#).

### Public Consultations

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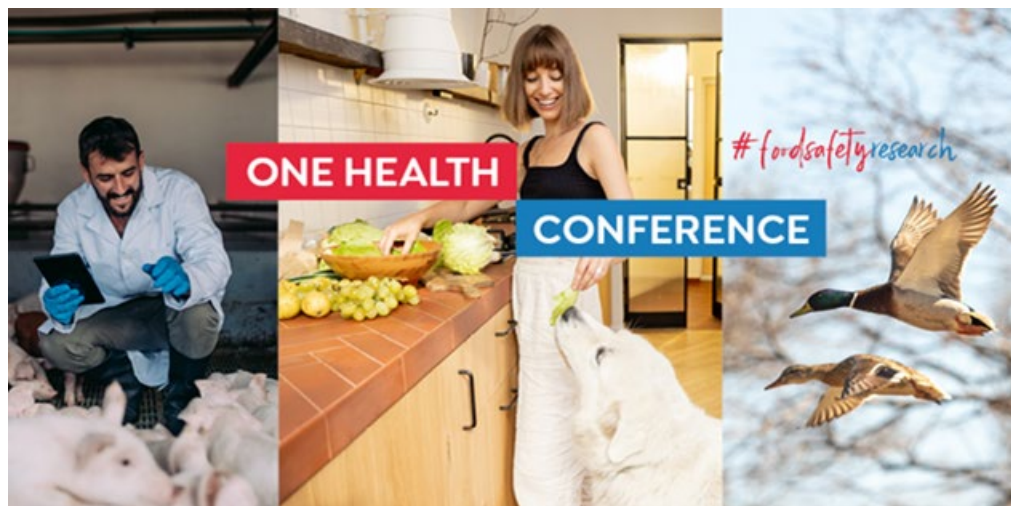
See all open public consultations [here](#).

## Events

### *One Health research conference Luxembourg 2023 - 11 December*

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA) organises the annual conference on research in food safety, this year with the focus on One Health. The event is supported by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and will be held in-person at the Cercle Cité, 11 December.

Please find more information, Agenda, abstracts and registration [here](#).



### *EFSA funding opportunities – webinar 4 December*

EFSA is organising a **Webinar on funding opportunities in the EFSA 2024 workplan**, that will be held **online on December 4th** (14.30-17.00 CET).

The event aims to inform on the areas in which EFSA will be launching funding opportunities in 2024-2025 and on the way through which interested parties can express interest in collaborating with EFSA. The objectives of the online info session are to provide participants with:

- insights on EFSA's strategic intention to increase scientific cooperation with competent organisations in the Member States;
- an overview of the types of outsourcing that EFSA uses to cooperate with partners, also covering recent developments that reduce the administrative burden for applicants to EFSA's calls;
- information on the draft 2024 plan for calls for grants and procurement.

The event mainly targets scientists and administrative staff of competent organisations, i.e., organisations in the Member States, Norway and Iceland that are currently in the list of Art. 36 of Regulation (EC) 178/2002. It is also relevant to organisations and regulatory bodies that are in the process of being designated as 'competent organisations' or have an interest in exploring the partnership opportunities that EFSA will provide in 2024.

Please note that registration may close once the maximum number of participants is reached or, at the latest, **by 30 November 2023 at 12.00 CET**. After closure of registration, eligible participants will be informed and will receive the link to attend.

Please find [here](#) the link to the registration, the agenda of the webinar as well as all relevant information.

## ***Protein safety assessment in GMOs – webinar 19 December | deadline 18 December***

EFSA is organising a webinar on **Protein safety assessment in GMOs**, to be held **online** on **19 December 2023** (15.00-16.00 CET). The webinar primarily aims to provide clarity on EFSA's self-task mandate to develop a scientific opinion on protein safety assessment, which will be issued by the GMO Panel at the beginning of 2025. It will also be the occasion to introduce an open survey, which will be launched to collect input on the topic from stakeholders, to be used for the development of the scientific opinion. The survey will remain open until 18 February 2024 to allow as many responses as possible from stakeholders.

The webinar is intended for all interested stakeholders with expertise in the area of protein safety assessment. Registration is open **until 18 December 2023 (12.00 CET)** at this [link](#). Please note that registration may close once the maximum number of participants is reached or, at the latest, by 18.12.2023 at 12.00 CET. You will receive the link to attend the webinar after the registration's closure, on the day before the event.

## ***Symposium Modern Inspections with new technology | deadline 20.01.24***

The Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) will host the symposium **Modern Inspections with new technology** on **26 – 27 February 2024**. On behalf of Inspector-General (CEO) Gerard Bakker of the NVWA, we kindly invite you to attend the symposium. You may forward this message to colleagues that might be interested in attending this symposium.

In this e-mail you find information about the outlines of the symposium program (bottom of this e-mail), registration for the symposium and hotel reservations.

### **Registration**

You have to register for the symposium. Registration needs to be done [here](#). The possibility for registration will be open until 20 January 2024.

### **Hotel booking**

We have made arrangements with two hotels, close to the symposium venue in The Hague (± 10 min walk):

- NH Hotel (Prinses Margrietplantsoen 100, The Hague): You can book your room [here](#).
- Eden Babylon Hotel (Bezuidenhoutseweg 53, The Hague): You can book your room by filling in the form that is attached to this e-mail and send it to [reservations.babylon@edenhotels.nl](mailto:reservations.babylon@edenhotels.nl)

e-mail: [symposium2024@nvwa.nl](mailto:symposium2024@nvwa.nl)

## International symposium: Modern inspections with new technology

**Date:** 26 – 27 February 2024

**Venue:** RVO (CentreCourt), Prinses Beatrixlaan 2, The Hague, The Netherlands

How can inspection agencies use new data sources and modern technology, such as sensors and artificial intelligence to make inspections more effective and efficient? Which practical applications are used or developed in Europe? And which organizational or ethical issues do we face when implementing modern technology in our work?

Interested? Then come to the symposium!

## International symposium: Modern inspections with new technology

**Background info:** The symposium aims to inspire inspection agencies managers and employees who are interested or involved in incorporating modern technology in the planning and execution of inspections. Day 1 is 'inspiration day'; inspection agencies colleagues, researchers or companies will present interesting practical applications of sensor technology, AI and data science, especially in the fields of food safety and animal welfare, such as automated camera inspections in slaughterhouses. Day 2 will host several thematic sessions, such as sessions about the validation and ethics of algorithms, new technology and EU-regulations, and the transformation of our agencies towards more digital driven organizations.

**The organizer:** The Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) has the ambition to stimulate European cooperation on incorporating modern technology in our inspection work. Heads of Agencies members expressed their support for this ambition during the HoA-meeting in Prague, on November 30, 2022. The 2-day symposium in February 2024 is a first step towards European cooperation on this subject. On behalf of Inspector-General (CEO) Gerard Bakker of the NVWA we invite you to attend this symposium!

**Registration:** Registration will be mandatory to attend the symposium. Participation of the conference and the social event on the evening of day 1 will be free of charge. Travel and accommodation costs are at your own expense.

**Time schedule:** 26 February: 9:15 - 27 February: ± 14:00