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Calls

Call for tender for the European network for medical and veterinary entomology (VectorNet 3) | deadline 15.02.2024

We would like to inform you that that EFSA has published a new call for tender for the European network for medical and veterinary entomology 'VectorNet 3'.

EFSA and ECDC plan to strengthen further the collaboration on **vector-borne diseases** through the establishment of a **One-Health VectorNet Entomology Network**. The objective of the Network is to **improve communication and preparedness through the exchange of data flows**.

Call reference: EFSA/2023/OP/0009 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Objectives: increase collaboration and exchange of information among stakeholders involved in the prevention and control of vector borne diseases; support and facilitate the collection and analysis of harmonised vector data; and support the development of efficient and sustainable control strategies.

Budget: 3.750.000 EUR for a duration of 48 months

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 15/02/2024, 14:30 (CET)

[Apply here.](#)

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

Public Consultations

EFSA public consultation on "updated Guidance on the assessment of the efficacy of feed additives" | deadline 26.01.2024

On Friday 1 December EFSA's FEEDCO Unit launched a public consultation on a draft Guidance on the assessment of the efficacy of feed additives endorsed by the FEEDAP Panel on 16 November 2023.

The public consultation on the guidance will remain open until 26 January 2024. You can find the details of the consultation on [Connect.EFSA](#).

Call for evidence on beef cattle and turkeys on farm | deadline 31.01.2024

EFSA is requested to deliver scientific opinions on the welfare of turkeys and beef cattle on farms. Stakeholders are invited to share evidence at the following links:

- [Welfare of beef cattle on farm](#)
- [Welfare of turkeys on farm](#)

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

Events

Technical meeting on animals kept for fur | deadline 08.01.2024

Following the European Citizens' Initiative "Fur Free Europe", the European Commission mandated EFSA to deliver a scientific opinion on the protection of animal kept for fur production. EFSA invites stakeholders to a technical meeting on the welfare of animals farmed for fur.

Date: **22 January 2024, 15.00 - 16.00 (CET)**

Location: Brussels

Deadline for registration: 8 January 2023 12:00 (CEST) – Register [here](#)

119th plenary meeting of the Scientific Panel on Plant Health | deadline 25.01.2024

We would like to inform you that the registration to observe the **119th plenary meeting of the Scientific Panel on Plant Health** is now open for Observers.

The Open Session will be held as tele conference on **30-31 January and 1 February 2024** at 09.00-13.00. Please note that the agenda will follow.

More information, including the registration form, can be found at this [link](#).

EFSA Recruitment

Business Analyst | deadline 08.01.2024

The **European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)**, based in Parma, Italy is looking for a [Business Analyst \(Temporary Agent, Grade AD7\)](#)

Are you interested in applying your skills and knowledge to co-design optimal business processes to drive real performance improvement in a scientific organisation?

Are you able to identify process performance key components and provide tailored solutions?

In EFSA's context, Business Analysts support EFSA's strategy implementation by helping to design the necessary changes to EFSA's business processes, organisation, technology and information management towards the strategic objectives.

Please send your application by no later than **8 January 2024 at 23:59** (local time), following the instructions in the [ANNEX](#).

Other

One Health research conference Luxembourg 2023

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA), with support of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), orchestrated again its pivotal annual food safety research conference, this year with the focus on One Health. Held at the prestigious Cercle Cité in Luxembourg City, the event drew a gathering of around a hundred participants eager to explore the nexus of food safety and the One Health approach.

Distinguished speakers from Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg graced the event. Three speakers from our neighbouring countries were invited to showcase their countries' progressive One Health strategies and their experiences from the field. National scientists presented insightful topics, spanning a wide spectrum from infective competence in microbiome reservoirs to surveillance of viral zoonoses, arthropod vectors of medical and veterinary importance, and human biomonitoring, bringing Luxembourg closer to the One Health concept.

Find speaker info, abstracts, and presentation slides [here](#).

Funding opportunities in the EFSA 2024 workplan

We would like to inform you that the material of the online info-session that EFSA organised on 04 December 2023 on the “**Funding opportunities in the EFSA 2024 workplan**” has [now been published](#). The material consists of the slides that were presented in the event and the video recording of both sessions. The latter is split into chapters, each covering a single presentation or Q&A session, thus making it easy to identify the part(s) that one may be interested in.

EFSA podcast: Science on the menu

In each episode, we will walk you through the science behind the assessment of risks from the farm to the fork and discuss with our experts what goes on behind the scenes at EFSA. You can expect to hear in-depth interviews with some of the main actors who contribute to keeping food safe in the EU.

Listen to the latest episode on [Alien \(species\) vs plants: beware of the invaders](#)