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Calls

Extension of deadlines: EFSA's two open Calls for proposals in PLANTS / deadlines 12/04/2023 & 28/04/2023

We would like to inform you that the following two Calls for Proposals (grants) are still open with the extended deadlines and available on the EFSA website:

(1) Call reference: GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2022/09 - Estimation of pest survey parameters for Priority pests

Link to the call documents:
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsaplants202209-estimation-pest-survey-parameters-priority-pests>

The deadline for submission of proposals is Wednesday 12th April 2023.

The objective of this call is to estimate the Method Sensitivity, Relative Risk and Design Prevalence for designing surveys for priority pests in the following two lots:

- Lot 1. Preparation of experimental and statistical protocols to quantify key survey parameters
- Lot 2. Collection of evidence in preparation of Expert knowledge Elicitation (EKE) to quantify key survey parameters.

You may submit a proposal for one or both lots. In case you decide to apply for both lots, a separate proposal for each lot must be provided.

(2) Call reference: GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2022/10 - Development of crop-based survey tools for plants pests of fruit-bearing vegetables (Lot 1), cereals and fibre crops (Lot 2), grape, berries and exotic fruits (Lot 3), palms and ornamentals (Lot 4) in the EU

Link to the call documents:
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsaplants202210-development-crop-based-survey-tools-plants-pests-fruit>.

The deadline for submission of proposals is Friday 28th April 2023.

The main objective of this call for proposal is to identify organisations to support EFSA in the development of tools to support the MSs in the planning and preparation of crop-based surveys of regulated pests in line with the EU regulation in force⁸. In particular, EFSA wishes to identify partner organisations for characterizing crops affected by regulated pests and preparing plant pests technical reports (i.e. EFSA Pest Survey Cards) in the following three lots:

- Lot 1: for fruit-bearing vegetables
- Lot 2: for cereals and fibre crops
- Lot 3: for grape, berries and exotic fruits
- Lot 4: for palms and ornamentals.

You may submit a proposal for one or more lots. In case you decide to apply for more lots, a separate proposal for each lot must be provided.

Both calls, are the type of grant based on achievements of results/deliverables/milestones. You can find more details as description the tasks, objectives, deliverables and deadlines in the call documents (ref. the respective links above).

GP/EFSA/BIOHAW/2023/01 Call for proposals - Support to EFSA in the risk assessment of alternative methods for the use and disposal of animal by-products and derived products | deadline: 11/05/2023

We would like to inform you that the following Call for Proposals (grant) has been published on the EFSA website:

Call reference: GP/EFSA/BIOHAW/2023/01- **Support to EFSA in the risk assessment of alternative methods for the use and disposal of animal by-products and derived products**

Link to the **call documents**:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsabiohaw202301-support-efsa-risk-assessment-alternative-methods-use-and>

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Thursday 11th May 2023**.

This call aims to support the evaluations carried out by the EFSA Scientific BIOHAZ Panel and the ad hoc Working Group on applications for alternative methods of use or disposal of animal by-products or derived products, performing work related to the development of the draft scientific opinions.

Via this call EFSA intends to identify one or several partners among Article 36 organisations, to sign a Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) allowing then during next 4 years entrusting the tasks to

support EFSA's evaluation of applications for alternative methods for the use and disposal of animal byproducts (ABPs) or derived products.

It is a type of grant not linked to costs but based on achievements of results/set milestones. You can find more details under the description the tasks, deliverables and timelines in the call documents (ref. the link above).

Updated interest in partnering for proposals: EFSA EU-FORA Call 2023-2024 | deadline: 15/3/2023

Please receive the **updated information on possibilities of partnering** under the still open Call [EUBA-EFSA-2022-ENREL-02: Selection of hosting sites and fellows for EU-FORA Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme](#), specifically you may use for this purpose:

1. EC Funding and Tender Opportunities portal including a feature allowing [for the search of partners](#). Click on the link for further information and instructions.

The deadline for this Call is **15/03/2023** and that all applications need to be submitted via the [Funding & Tender opportunities portal](#).

2. Request support by your [national EFSA Focal Point](#). In this regard, EFSA has received from **Focal Points the requests for partners** as shown in the updated recent table here below. Should your organisation be interested in partnering with any of the institutions in the table, please use the indicated contact details.

Please check for the potential interests within your organisations and/or forward this information to your networks and peers that may have **interests on the topic(s)**:

Organisation offering a work programme (hosting site)	Country	Title/topic	Contact details
Institute of Marine Research	Norway	Risk ranking of (emerging) contaminants present in the aquaculture production chain	Annette.bernhard@hi.no EfsaFocalPoint-norway@vkm.no
University of Parma, Food and Drug Department	Italy	European burden of disease based on dietary trends: exposure, health and economic impact.	Chiara Dall'Asta chiara.dallasta@unipr.it Octavian Mihalache augustinoctavian.mihalache@unipr.it
Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaria CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTÍFICAS	Spain	Identification of pesticides degradation products during drinking water treatment processes. Environmental and consumer risk assessment.	Pilar Sandín-España sandin@inia.csic.es

Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaria CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTÍFICAS	Spain	Risk assessment of pesticides based on microorganisms	Jose Luis Alonso-Prados (prados@inia.csic.es)
Technical University of Denmark, The National Food Institute	Denmark	Risk assessments on wild plants used as food	Kirsten Pilegaard , kpil@food.dtu.dk
Technical University of Denmark, The National Food Institute	Denmark	Development of a biomarker model for risk-benefit assessment	Hans Verhagen, hansver@food.dtu.dk Morten Poulsen, morp@food.dtu.dk
Sciensano, Foodborne pathogens service	Belgium	Use of next-generation phenotyping approaches in microbial food safety and risk assessment.	Koenraad.VanHoorde@Sciensano.be
University of Alicante (Analytical chemistry, nutrition and food science department)	Spain	Heavy metal levels in aquaculture algae. Assesment of risk.	Maria Soledad Prats Moya (maria.prats@ua.es)
National Kapodistrian University of Athens (Dept of Chemistry, laboratory of Food Chemistry)	Greece	Quantitative tools in microbial risk assessment	Vasilis ValDRAMIDIS (valdram@uoa.gr) Charalampos Proestos < harpro@chem.uoa.gr >
ONIRIS, INRAE, UMR SECALIM	France	Public Health Risk-Benefit Assessment in Foods	geraldine.boue@oniris-nantes.fr
Polytechnic University of Cartagena	Spain	Training in tools to develop Risk ranking and Quantitative microbial risk assessment along the food chain of products relevant to both countries (Spain and the country of origin of the fellow)	Prof. Pablo S Fernández (pablo.fernandez@upct.es)
Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Lazio e della Toscana "M. Aleandri"	Italy	Exploring frameworks for quantitative risk assessment of antimicrobial resistance along the food chain	Roberto Condoleo (roberto.condoleo@izslt.it) Maria Francesca Iulietto (mariafrancesca.iulietto@izslt.it)
Unversity of Seville (Dept. of Nutrition, Food Science, Toxicology and Legal Medicine. Area of Toxicology. AGR258 Group)	Spain	Risk Assessment of flours, for food and feed, derived from fungi and insects grown in agroindustrial byproducts. Circular economy.	Daniel Gutiérrez Praena (dgpraena@us.es)

University of Almeria	Spain	Improvement of production/harvesting/processing technologies for large scale production of microalgae for different applications	Francisco Gabriel Acien Fernández (facien@ual.es)
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Germany	Development of a qualitative risk assessment for meat from wild boar from a one-health perspective	eufora-fellowship@bfr.bund.de
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Germany	Sustainability - Alternative Protein Sources	eufora-fellowship@bfr.bund.de
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	Germany	Metabolism-disrupting substances - preparation of a detailed review paper and use of NAMs for their detection	eufora-fellowship@bfr.bund.de
University of Zaragoza (Analytical Chemistry Department, GUIA group)	Spain	Identification and quantification of additives and NIAS released from food contact materials. Risk assessment derived from their migration to food.	elenac@unizar.es
Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha	Spain	Mercury and other potentially toxic elements of mining origin in wild board: monitoring in a wide area affected by decommissioned mining activity	ope@uclm.es
Kaunas University of Technology	Lithuania	Evaluation of microbiome through gene expression using real-time PCR and bioinformatic analysis in the row material to control and manage fermentation processes.	aelita.zabulione@ktu.lt
Kaunas University of Technology	Lithuania	Food safety chemical risk factors determination using HPLC and comparative analysis after non-chemical treatment.	aelita.zabulione@ktu.lt
Hellenic Agricultural Organization DIMITRA (ELGO-DIMITRA)	Greece	Next Generation Microbiological Risk Assessment: Use of Whole Genome Sequencing to associate Listeria monocytogenes phenotypes with genome	Marios Mataragas (mmatster@elgo.gr ; mmatster@gmail.com); efsa@efet.gr
Sciensano (www.sciensano.be)	Belgium	Offer training in exposure and risk assessment to multiple food contaminants.	Subhalakshmi.sharma@sciensano.be

Agricultural Science Institute, CSIC	Spain	Biotechnological production of low-risk biopesticides from endophytic fungi	azu@ica.csic.es
Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha	Spain	Characterization and evaluation of Apocarotenoid pigments producing plants	ope@uclm.es
Interdisciplinary Centre of Marine and Environmental Research (CIIMAR), University of Porto	Portugal	Food Safety Microbiological Risk assessment evaluation of the zoonotic parasites hosted by the fishes sold in Portuguese markets	mjsantos@fc.up.pt

Do not hesitate to contact EFSA at EU-FORA@efsa.europa.eu should you have any questions. More information available at [EU-FORA Programme webpage](#).

OC/EFSA/IDATA/2023/01 - Monitoring and Surveillance Data for Future Chemical Risk Assessment Needs in EFSA: Exploring New opportunities | deadline: 9/5/2023

We would like to inform you that EFSA has just republished a call for tender **[“Monitoring and Surveillance Data for Future Chemical Risk Assessment Needs in EFSA: Exploring New opportunities”](#)**.

The project aims to:

- identify and prioritise EFSA’s data needs for advancing human health risk assessment, animal health risk assessment and environmental risk assessment of chemicals
- identify, and map relevant data sources
- provide recommendations for data access and generation

Maximum budget for the direct contract during the **24 months** is **300,000 €**.
Deadline for receipt of offers: **09/05/2023** at 14:30 UTC+02:00.

The tender specifications and relevant documents are available at:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=13563>

You can also find the EFSA post on LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7039163698220797953>

Please contact EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu if you need additional information.

Events

EFSA’s Scientific Colloquium 27 “Cell culture-derived foods and food ingredients” | deadline for registration: 30/3/2023 | date: 11-12/5/2023

We would like to inform you that EFSA is organising Scientific Colloquium 27 “Cell culture-derived foods and food ingredients” to be held on **11-12 May in Brussels and online**.

Registrations are open until **30 March**. Please find here all the relevant information: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/efsas-scientific-colloquium-27-cell-culture-derived-foods-and-food-ingredients>.

Info session on “Input data for the development of the Food Enzyme Intake Model | deadline for registration: 17/3/2023 (on-site) / 14/04/2023 (on-line) | date 18/04/2023

We would like to inform you that EFSA is organising an Info session on “Input data for the development of the Food Enzyme Intake Model” to be held on **18 April 2023, 09.00 - 18.00 (CEST) in Brussels and online**.

On-site registrations are open until **17 March** and **On-line registrations** until **14 April**.

Please find here all the relevant information: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/info-session-input-data-development-food-enzyme-intake-model-feim>.

Save the date! Information sessions on the Guidance document on Birds and Mammals

We would like to inform you that EFSA is organising two Info sessions on the Guidance document on Birds and Mammals which will focus on the following topics:

The revised guidance document, on **19 April (14.00-17.00)**

The calculator, on **20 April (10.00-11.30)**

Registrations will open on **17 March 2023**.

Please find here all the relevant information: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/save-date-information-sessions-guidance-document-birds-and-mammals>.

Public event on Scientific Opinions | Broilers and laying hens – deadline for registration: 24/03/2023 | date: 28/03/2023

EFSA is organising an online Public event on Scientific Opinion on Broilers and laying hens to be held on 28 March 2023.

This event wants to explain the work carried out by EFSA in the context of the Farm to Fork mandates on animal welfare, in particular for the following species: broilers and laying hens. Participants will be given the possibility to ask questions.

This meeting is public and open to anyone with expertise or interest in the area of animal welfare.

Registrations are open until **24 March**. More information can be found at <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/public-event-scientific-opinion-calves-dairy-cows-ducks-geese-and-quails>.

Info session on EFSA’s draft guidance on protocol development | deadline for registration: 24/03/2023 | date: 28/03/2023

We would like to inform you that EFSA is organising an online Info session on “EFSA’s draft guidance on protocol development” to be held on **28 March 2023, 14.30 - 17.30 (CEST)**.

Registrations are open until **24 March 2023 - 12:00 (CET)**.

Please find here all the relevant information: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/info-session-efsas-draft-guidance-protocol-development>.

4th European Xylella conference - 20 August, Lyon (FR) | deadline for registration: 12/04/2023 | date: 20/08/2023

We would like to inform you that EFSA is organising the 4th European Conference Xylella *fastidiosa* to be held on **20 August in Lyon, France**.

Registrations are open until **12 April 2023, 10:00 CET**.

Please find here all the relevant information: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/4th-european-conference-xylella-fastidiosa>.

133rd Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel - Open for observers – Online | deadline for registration: 26/03/2023 | date: 29+30/03/2023

We would like to inform you that EFSA is organising **133rd plenary meeting of the Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens (NDA) - Open for Observers** and the registrations are now open.

The Open Sessions will take place as tele conference meeting **on 29 March 2023 from 09.00 to 18.00 and on 30 March 2023 from 09.00 to 12.00**.

Please find the draft agenda and the link to register [at the dedicated page](#) (deadline for registration: **26 March 2023 at 24.00pm**)

Training

Application for your participation until 19 March 2023 - 11th BfR-Summer Academy on Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in Food Safety in Berlin

we would like to remind you of the deadline of application for our international Summer Academy that will be held from

26 June to 7 July 2023 in Berlin /Germany.

After two years of online lecture series, the 11th BfR-Summer Academy 2023 will be held at the Pestana Hotel in Berlin.

Fees for the two-week BfR-Summer Academy are 2,800 Euro including hotel costs, breakfast and lunch as well as a welcome-dinner on the first evening and a social event. The number of participants is limited to 40!

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.

Please apply until March 19, 2023. More details and the link to the application form can be found here:

<https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/events/bsa-2023.html>.

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

Other

Recording available EFSA EU-FORA Call 2023-2024: Webinars on Applications via EU Funding & Tender opportunities portal

EFSA is pleased to notify you that the recording, Q&A and supporting documents from the **info session** on the [EU-FORA Fellowship Call](#) organised on 7 February 2023 are now available on the Call's webpage [here](#), alongside the Call documents and the recording from the info session held on 20 December 2022.

The Call deadline is **15 March 2023**, all applications need to be submitted via the [Funding & Tender opportunities portal](#).

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