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Calls

EFSA Scientific Panels/Committee Renewal Call 2023 - Let's make this call a success for Europe! | Deadline: 3/4/2023

We are approaching the deadline to join EFSA's new **Scientific Panels and the Scientific Committee**. The [application](#) will close on **3 April 2023**.

To ensure a good representation of excellent scientists with different backgrounds and nationalities, we kindly ask for your support in further disseminate the call within your countries. We are still looking for experts in the areas of: **pharmacology, ecology, genetics, bioinformatics, human medicine, epidemiology, and social science**. Targeted dissemination towards your networks would help EFSA in reaching a comprehensive representation in each domain.

To aid in dissemination, you can refer to the Communication toolkit:

- [Panel renewal poster](#)
- [Become an expert.ppt](#)
- [Social media card \(generic\).png](#)
- [Panel renewal testimonial video](#)
- [Panel renewal animation](#)

EFSA open call for tenders OC/EFSA/IDATA/2023/02: Omics | Deadline: 22/5/2023

We would like to inform you about the EFSA open call for tenders on 'Implementation of a Multi-OMICs Workflow to Derive Human Reference Points and Health-based Guidance Values from Quantitative in Vitro Data'.

The contract resulting from this procurement procedure aims to define, validate and apply a standardised workflow (experimental and computational) for deriving reliable human reference points and health-based guidance values (HBGVs) using cutting edge in-vitro approaches, namely organ-on-

chip (OoC) platforms and multiple OMICs endpoints (transcriptomics, metabolomics, and epigenomics).

The newly generated data will be used to develop and train a bioinformatics pipeline suitable to predict mechanistic information such as mode of action (MoA), adverse outcome pathways (AOP), key biomarkers, in-vivo reference points (using IVIVE-PBK modelling) and health-based guidance values (HBGV).

In phase two, the experimental and bioinformatics workflow, defined and tested in phase one, will be used to predict the aforementioned reference points and mechanistic information for a new set of emerging hazardous substances or substances with positive health claims related to food and feed.

Maximum budget is **€3,000,000** for an initial duration of three years.

The call is open for submissions of offers until Monday **22 May 2023** (14:30 CET).

More information available at **TED eTendering website ref. [OC/EFSA/IDATA/2023/02](#)** and also notified via EFSA website [here](#).

Offers can be possibly developed by **consortia** and deliverables can be subcontracted.

The technical insights are presented in these two dedicated YouTube videos:

- [EFSA omics tender specifications](#)
- [EFSA Omics and New Approach Methodologies vision](#).

Requests for clarification can be sent via the eTendering platform and all clarifications already replied are visible on the same platform. In case of doubts, please contact us at EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu.

EFSA open call for tenders NP/EFSA/KNOW/2023/03 Support to coordinate training courses on Dietary Exposure Assessment | Deadline: 7/4/2023

We would like to inform you that EFSA has recently published the call for tender **NP/EFSA/KNOW/2023/03 - Support to coordinate training courses on Dietary Exposure Assessment**.

- **Budget:** 100,000 €
- **Approximate launch date:** Mid-April 2023
- **Deadline to register interest:** 07/04/2023

Objectives

The specific objectives of the framework contract resulting from the present procurement procedure are:

- To assist EFSA's experts on dietary exposure assessment to develop and execute a multi-annual training programme in collaboration with EFSA's experts on dietary exposure assessment
- To assist EFSA's experts on dietary exposure assessment in the preparation of the training content as well as the training materials needed to deliver the training courses
- To facilitate the organisation and coordination of the training courses on dietary exposure assessment (e.g., management of training participants, deliver training reports).

Expected duration

The expected duration for the execution of the framework contract is estimated to be four years.

More information on the tender can be found at:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/call/npefsaknow202303-support-coordinate-training-courses-dietary-exposure-assessment>

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

Public Consultations

EFSA Public consultation - draft statement on Process-specific technical data used in exposure assessment of food enzymes | Deadline: 9/5/2023

We would like to inform you that EFSA's Food Ingredients and Packaging unit has launched a **public consultation on the draft statement on Process-specific technical data used in exposure assessment of food enzymes**.

This document describes the food manufacturing processes and the technical factors used for the evaluation of the dietary exposure to food enzymes. It applies to applications for the authorisation of food enzymes, submitted under Regulation (EC) No 1332/2008.

Interested parties can submit comments **by 9 May 2023** through this [link](#).

Public consultation on “Draft Guidance on protocol development for EFSA generic scientific assessments” | Deadline: 15/5/2023

We would like to inform you that EFSA has recently launched a public consultation on “**Draft Guidance on protocol development for EFSA generic scientific assessments**”.

Interested parties can submit comments [HERE](#) by **15/05/2023**.

Events

Information sessions on the Guidance document on Birds and Mammals - Registrations open! | Date: 19+20/4/2023 | deadline for registration: 17/4/2023

We would like to inform you that EFSA is organising Information sessions on the Guidance document on Birds and Mammals to be held on **19 April 2023**, 14.00 - 17.00 (CEST) and **20 April 2023**, 10.00 - 11.30 (CEST).

Registrations are open until **17.04.2023 at 12.00 CET**.

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

6th Luxembourg Microbiology Day | Date: 11/5/2023 | Deadline for registration: 3/5/2023

The Luxembourg Society for Microbiology invites you to its annual Luxembourg Microbiology Day.

The event will take place on 11th May 2023 in the Laboratoire National de Santé (Dudelange, Luxembourg). Online registration is possible until 3/5/2023.

1. Keynote presentation by Dr. Carole Meersschaert, Laboratoires Réunis Luxembourg SA, Médecine vétérinaire, “Together towards One Health: facts and figures of the veterinary piece of pie”
2. Keynote presentation by Prof. Ana Maria de Roda, Centre for Infectious Disease Control, Laboratory for Zoonoses and Environmental Microbiology, Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment “One Health goes environmental
3. Keynote presentation by Mr. Patrick Hau, Ministry for Agriculture, Viticulture and rural Development, Luxembourg “The newly founded ALVA (Luxembourgish Veterinary and Food Administration) and its activities in the microbiology field”

More information is available in the attached document.

NDA Panel Open Plenary Meeting - Registrations open on EFSA website | Date: 29-30/3/2023 | Deadline: 26/3/2023

We would like to inform you that registrations to observe the 133rd plenary meeting of the Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods, and Food Allergens (NDA) are now open for observers. The online meeting will be held on 29 March from 09.00 to 18.00 and on 30 March from 09.00 to 12.00.

[Registrations](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/133rd-plenary-meeting-nda-panel-open-observers) are open until 26 March. Draft agenda and detailed information can be found at <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/133rd-plenary-meeting-nda-panel-open-observers>.

Publications

Eurocigua II website

To better understand the risks of ciguatera fish poisoning in Europe, EFSA and the Spanish Food Safety Authority (AESAN) jointly funded the [EuroCigua project](#) between June 2016 and January 2021. The project defined the main health impacts of ciguatera in Europe; analysed the presence of ciguatoxin (CTX) in microalgae and in fish; and developed analytical methods to identify and quantify the presence of CTX. A series of [four external scientific reports](#) signalled the completion of the first phase of the project.

Last summer, EFSA and the Spanish Ministry of Health agreed to jointly fund a follow-up three-year project: EuroCigua II. EFSA is happy to announce that the EuroCigua II project website (in English and Spanish) has now been launched at the institutional [website](#) of the Spanish Ministry of Health. This website is linked with the new EFSA [topic page](#) on “Ciguatoxins and other marine biotoxins”.

Other

EFSA Survey on new biotechnologies in microorganisms | Deadline: 30/4/2023

We would like to inform that EFSA has published the ‘**Survey on new biotechnologies in microorganisms**’.

More background information is available at this [EFSA webpage](#), including the [link to the survey](#).

Please note that it is requested to submit a different form for each of the microorganisms developed by the organisation under the scope of this survey.

The survey is open until **30 April 2023**.

Thank you for disseminating this information to any relevant national organisations/networks/stakeholders who might be interested in providing their feedback. You may refer to EFSA's post published within the LinkedIn group "[EFSA support to applicants](#)".

For questions and doubts please contact EFSA at NIF@efsa.europa.eu.