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Calls

EFSA grant - Call for proposals GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2023/06: Experimental and observational evidence to reduce knowledge gaps for risk assessment of new and emerging plant pests | deadline: 30/6/2023

The following Call for Proposals (grant) has been launched on the EFSA website:

Call reference: GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2023/06 - **GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2023/06: Experimental and observational evidence to reduce knowledge gaps for risk assessment of new and emerging plant pests**

Link to the **call documents**:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsaplants202306-experimental-and-observational-evidence-reduce-knowledge>

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Friday 30th June 2023**.

The objective of this call is to reduce key knowledge gaps for risk assessment of new and emerging plant pests, by collection, through focused research, of experimental and observational evidence.

The call is divided into three lots:

Lot 1: Improving the knowledge on the European and global **distribution of** plant pathogenic species of the *genus Colletotrichum*, recently subject to taxonomical changes – with the maximum duration of the project 3 years and the maximum possible amount of EFSA grant € 300,000.

Lot 2: Investigating the **epidemiology and control of citrus black spot**, caused by the plant pathogenic fungus *Phyllosticta citricarpa*, in Mediterranean citrus growing areas in Tunisia – with the maximum duration of the project 4 year and the maximum possible amount of EFSA grant € 500,000.

Lot 3: Investigating the **biology and capacity to transmit Xylella fastidiosa of the sharpshooter Draeculacephala robinsoni**, recently introduced into the EU – with the maximum duration of the project 4 years and the maximum possible amount of EFSA grant € 400,000.

You may submit a proposal for one or more lots. More details (i.e. on objectives, tasks, deliverables, timelines, meetings and possible subcontracting) you find in the set of the call documents referring to the link above.

EFSA grant - Call for proposals GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2023/01- Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant Health Risk Assessment - Risk Assessment related to High Risk Plants and other Agricultural plants | deadline: 29/6/2023

We are pleased to inform you that the following Call for Proposals (grant) has recently been launched on the EFSA website:

Call reference: GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2023/01 - **Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant Health Risk Assessment - Risk Assessment related to High Risk Plants and other Agricultural plants**

Link to the **call documents**:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsaplants202301-entrusting-support-tasks-area-plant-health-risk-assessment>

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Thursday 29th June 2023**.

The main objective of this call is to provide a support for a commodity risk assessment and/or assessment of treatments of commodities of agricultural plants, plant products and other objects including high risk plants (Art. 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031).

This call for proposals aims to conclude two Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA) of duration of four years (with maximum available budget of € 1,000,000) for the performance of the tasks via specific agreements. You can find more details (i.e. objectives, tasks, deliverables, timelines and examples of the work) in the set of the call documents referring to the link above.

EFSA open call for tenders OC/EFSA/PREV/2023/02 & Webinar - ERA of non-target organisms | deadline: 30/6/2023 (online webinar – registration: 8/5/2023)

We would like to inform you and your organisation about the EFSA open call for tenders on ‘**EU Environmental scenarios for ERA of non-target organisms**’.

The main objective of the call is to develop scenarios for the pesticide environmental risk assessment of terrestrial non-target organisms using landscape information via collection and generation of data.

Maximum budget is **€ 6,000,000** for duration of 4 years.

The call is open for submissions of offers until Friday **30 June 2023** (14:30 CET).

The detailed information available at **TED eTendering website ref. [OC/EFSA/PREV/2023/02](#)** and also available via EFSA website [here](#).

Offers can be possibly developed by **consortia** of partners and involving subcontractors.

Please note that EFSA is organising an **online webinar** for all interested parties and potential tenderers on **Thursday 11 May, from 15:00 – 15:45** (CET) to provide the call overview on background, objectives, tasks and deliverables, and to give possibility to ask questions. **Register please [here](#)** by Monday 8 May at 12:00.

For questions please contact EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu

EFSA open call for tenders OC/EFSA/PREV/2023/01 & Webinar - Environmental Neurotoxicants deadline: 22/6/2023

We would like to inform you and your organisation about the EFSA open call for tenders on ‘**Environmental Neurotoxicants – Advancing Understanding on the Impact of Chemical Exposure on Brain Health and Disease**’.

The call aims to advance in the understanding of how chemical exposures impact brain health and disease and implement this knowledge for protecting human health. The overall objective is therefore **to identify test systems** to be used in a screening programme, **prioritize chemicals to be tested**, **develop high throughput methods** using molecular or cellular approaches and **produce proof of concept case studies** to conclude on risk assessment.

Maximum budget is **€ 3,500,000** in total and the call is divided into **four lots** to cover its objectives, and it will be implemented under the direct contracts with duration of tasks 36 months, respectively:

Lot 1 – Generate Pesticides Data Using the DNT-IVB (€1M budget)

Lot 2 – Produce Transferability for the DNT IVB (€0.5M budget)

Lot 3 – Generate Pesticides/Chemicals Data for Neurotoxicity Using NAMs (€1.5M budget)

Lot 4 – Produce Collaborative AOP Informed IATA for DNT Risk Assessment of Pesticides Active Substances (€0.5M budget).

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

More information available at **TED eTendering website ref. [OC/EFSA/PREV/2023/01](https://ted.efta.gov.uk/OC/EFSA/PREV/2023/01)** and also notified via EFSA website [here](#).

Offers can be possibly developed by **consortia** of partners and involving subcontractors.

Interested tender may submit an offer for **one or more lots**, but each offer should indicate clearly for which lot is applying. In case of applying for several lots, there need to be provided a technical and financial offer for each lot.

Requests for clarifications can be sent via the eTendering platform and all clarifications already replied are visible on the same platform.

In case of doubts, please contact EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu.

Still open - 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:11/5/2023

Please note that there is **still open** the call for proposals on the **Support to EFSA in the risk assessment of alternative methods for the use and disposal of animal by-products and derived products**, there is the **newly published [Clarification 1](#)** including answers to questions received from the interested potential applicants.

The **full set** of call documents is available at this link:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsabiohaw202301-support-efsa-risk-assessment-alternative-methods-use-and>, and the clarification and the **respective [Corrigendum 1](#)** became a part of it.

Call for Abstract/ 2023 Conference of the European Scientific Conference for Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology | deadline: 15/5 | date of conference: 22-24/11/2023

We would like to inform you that **ESCAIDE**, the European Scientific Conference for Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology, organised by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ([ECDC](#)) is promoting a **Call for abstract** for this year's conference. The call will be opened **from 5 April 5 to 15 May 2023**. The conference welcomes abstracts in all areas applied to infectious disease and public health. Please click on the link to learn more on [how to submit an abstract](#).

Early-career public health professionals and researchers can also apply for funding to cover the costs of travel and accommodation when submitting an abstract for ESCAIDE 2023. You can find out more about the criteria and application process for the [Funding Initiative](#).

The conference, which will take place physically in Barcelona and be live-streamed online on **22–24 November**, will be centred around the presentation of the latest insights in the field, through abstract presentations, seminars and plenary discussions, alongside opportunities for networking and career development.

The **review period** for the first round of call for abstracts will take place between 17 May–31 May and the **communication of results** to authors will be announced by 16 June.

A second call, for submissions of late breakers, will be organised **between 7 September and 18 September**. More information will be published later on the [ESCAIDE website](#).

Finally, all updates regarding the conference will be announced on the [ESCAIDE website](#) and on social media channels [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) (@ESCAIDE). In case you wish to receive regular updates on the conference by email, please send a request to escaide.conference@ecdc.europa.eu. You will find attached promotional images for the ESCAIDE Call for abstract.

Public Consultations

Public consultation on the Draft scientific opinion on the Tolerable Upper Intake Level for vitamin D | deadline: 5/6/2023

We would like to inform you that on 24/04/2023 EFSA's Nutrition and Food Innovation Unit has launched a public consultation on “Draft scientific opinion on the Tolerable Upper Intake Level 1 for vitamin D, including the derivation of a conversion 2 factor for calcidiol monohydrate⁴”.

This document re-evaluates the safety in use of vitamin D and provides revised ULs and a conversion factor for calcidiol monohydrate. Interested parties are invited to submit their comments by the indicated deadline. When submitting the comments, specific reference to the line and page numbers to which the comments relate must be made. Additional data or files to support the comments may be submitted using the relevant function in the digital form. The name of any attached file shall include reference to the comment it refers to (e.g. comment identifier, topic, etc.). The file shall be in a searchable format and accessible to allow downloading. Scanned documents will not be considered.

Interested parties can submit comments **by 5 June 2023** through this [link](#). This Connect.EFSA link also includes all detailed information on the public consultation.

Training

Webinar on EFSA's 2023 Traineeship call (5/5/2023) | deadline for registration: 2/5/2023

EFSA would like to inform you that, with reference to the **EFSA Traineeships call 2023 published <https://careers.efsa.europa.eu/jobs/efsa-traineeships-call-2023-346>**, a **Webinar** will be organized on **the 5th of May 2023, 11.00-12.15 (CEST)**. The webinar aims to give a full picture of EFSA's one-year all-round Traineeship experience for 2023 with useful information on eligibility criteria, timeline, valuable advice to make the application stand out and the experiences from current and previous trainees.

The registration will be open until **May 2 at 12.00 CEST**. The meeting will be hosted online and the link to connect to the meeting will be made available once registration is closed. The event will be in

English, and any translation available. The webinar will be also recorded and published on [EFSA website](#). For further information, please consult: [Webinar on EFSA's 2023 Traineeship call | EFSA \(europa.eu\)](#).

Publications

EFSA opinion on Welfare of calves

We would like to inform you about the recent **EFSA Scientific opinion** '[Welfare of calves](#)' on the protection of calves in the context of the revision of the animal welfare legislation in line with the Farm2Fork strategy.

Regarding this topic you can:

- consult the available [news story](#) and [infographic](#) on 'Farm2Fork: Welfare of farmed animals – calves', and
- attend the **public event** online on 23 May, more [here](#). Please register by 18 May (noon).

Pesticides in food: latest data published

EFSA's latest report on pesticide residues in food in the European Union is now available. It gives a snapshot of the residue levels found in a selection of commonly consumed products.

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/news/pesticides-food-latest-data-published>

Bisphenol A in food is a health risk

EFSA's experts identified potentially harmful health effects on the immune system.

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/news/bisphenol-food-health-risk>

Nitrosamines in food raise a health concern

Consumer exposure to nitrosamines, compounds that can form in food during its preparation and processing, raises a health concern.

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/news/nitrosamines-food-raise-health-concern>

Other

EFSA survey before launching call: PERA-FPA: Establish a Framework Partnership Agreement for advancing the Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) of Plant Protection Products towards a system-based approach' | deadline: 15/5/2023

EFSA would like to inform you about the EFSA forthcoming Framework Partnership grant call on '**PERA-FPA: Establish a Framework Partnership Agreement for advancing the Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) of Plant Protection Products towards a system-based approach**'.

This call for proposals **GP/EFSA/PREV/2023/01** is planned to be launched by **May/June 2023** with the estimated total budget of **EUR 11.2 mln**.

Before the call launch, EFSA is now interested in collecting information and feedback from organisations working in the field of Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) of Plant Protection Products (PPP).

The main objective of the call will be to collect and generate data enabling the integration of landscape and ecology features in the risk assessment methodologies, to further improve the current knowledge on the exposure of non-target organisms in agro-ecosystems, and to identify innovative tools for assessing the PPPs effects at higher level of biological organisation.

Answer please the survey to inform the preparation of this call **by Monday 15 May 2023**, accessible **at this link**:

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/GP_EFSA_PREV_2023_01_PERA.

For questions please contact EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu.