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Calls

Call for proposals EUBA-EFSA-2023-PLANTS-07- Development of pest survey cards for Union quarantine pests | deadline: 26.09.2023

Link to the **call documents**: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/euba-efsa-2023-plants-07-development-pest-survey-cards-union-quarantine-pests>

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Tuesday 26th September 2023**.

To be noted that all applications must be submitted through the [EU Funding and Tenders portal](#), following the instructions provided in the call.

Hard copy paper applications will not be accepted.

The main objective of this call is to provide a support EFSA in preparing pest survey cards by concluding up to four grant agreements, as indicated under 4 lots:

- Lot 1: Non-EU Acleris spp.
- Lot 2: Non-EU Cicadomorpha, known to be vectors of Xylella fastidiosa
- Lot 3: Non-EU Viruses, viroids and phytoplasmas of Cydonia Mill., Fragaria L., Malus Mill., Prunus L., Pyrus L., Ribes L., Rubus L. and Vitis L.
- Lot 4: Begomoviruses and their vector Bemisia tabaci.

You can find more details (i.e. specific objectives, budget, timelines and examples of the work) in the call documents under the link above.

Eligible organisations applying for this call must indicate precisely in their proposal which lot(s) they are applying for. Organisations can apply for one or more lots. In case an organisation submits proposals for more than one lot, the proposals should be submitted as independent proposals in order to allow independent evaluation of proposals for each lot.

Public Consultations

Public consultation on the Draft scientific opinion on the re-evaluation of behenic acid from mustard seeds to be used in the manufacturing of certain emulsifiers pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 | deadline: 24.07.2023

EFSA has just launched the public consultation (PC) on the **Draft scientific opinion on the re-evaluation of behenic acid from mustard seeds to be used in the manufacturing of certain emulsifiers pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 - for permanent exemption from labelling**, which will remain open until **24/07/2023**.

This document re-evaluates the allergenicity of behenic acid from mustard seeds to be used in the manufacturing of certain emulsifiers.

You can access the public consultation on EFSA's website at the following [link](#).

Events

158th plenary meeting of the GMO Panel - Open for observers | Registration until 15.06.

Registration to observe the 158th plenary meeting of the Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) - Open for Observers is now open.

The Plenary Meeting will take place as tele conference meeting on 29 June 2023 from 09.00 to 16.00.

The draft agenda can be accessed below.

If you wish to attend as an observer please register by 15 June 2023 at 23.00 (CEST) [here](#).

Those interested in attending the open plenary meeting as observers should read the [Guidelines for Observers](#).

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact us at: publicmeetings@efsa.europa.eu.

Parma Summer School 2023 | Registration until 30.06.

We would like to inform you that the announcement for the Parma Summer School 2023 has been published at <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/parma-summer-school-2023>.

[Registrations](#) are open **until 30 June** 2023. You can check the very interesting draft programme [here](#).

This international event free of charge. The target audience is primarily PhD students and early-career researchers, as well as other scientists, academics, and representatives from public institutions, non-governmental organisations and European agencies. Participation is limited to a maximum of 300 participants.

Global Summit on Regulatory Science | Registration until 01.07.

The 13th Global Summit on Regulatory Science (GSR23) will be held on 27-28 September 2023 in Parma, Italy and online. It is being co-hosted by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the Global Coalition for Regulatory Science Research (GCRSR). The theme for this year's Global Summit is "Emerging Technologies for Food and Drug Safety". You will find all detailed information on the conference here: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/13th-global-summit-regulatory-science-gsrs23>.

[Registrations](#) are open until **1st July 2023**.

Please note that there will be two parallel satellite workshops on the afternoon of 26 September. Their theme will be new approach methodologies (NAMs) approaches for nanomaterials and the present and future of AI, for open science and transparency in regulatory science. The online registration tool will allow you to register for one of the workshops and the GSR23 conference.

Training

Training on tools and methods for risk assessment: BIKE model for exposure assessment | Registration until 14.07.

The Finnish Food Authority organizes a training on probabilistic exposure assessment of microbiological and chemical hazards (BIKE model). The training will be a combination of webinars and a workshop on-site in Helsinki (+ Moodle e-learning platform for course materials).

PROFILE OF TARGET PARTICIPANTS:

- Risk assessors actually conducting quantitative assessments of dietary exposures of chemicals and/or microbes.
- Scientific background in chemical/microbiological/food science/food hygiene/statistics or similar.
- Familiar to basic statistical concepts (variable, parameter, distribution).
- Interested in quantitative risk assessment and data analysis.
- Willing to study and do course work!

DATES 2023:

- Week 40: 3.10., Webinar
- Week 41: 10.10., 12.10. Webinars
- Week 42: 17.10., 19.10. Webinars
- Week 43: 24.10., 26.10. Webinars
- Week 44: 2-3.11. Workshop

Certificate of participation by attending ≥ 6 webinars & Workshop.

Please contact Miriam.Fougeras@alva.etat.lu before **July 14** (the sooner the better) if you wish to participate and for further information.

Info session on MetaPath: how to validate files generated with MSS composers for pesticide metabolism studies | Registration until 27.06.

EFSA is organising the Info Session on MetaPath: how to validate files generated with MSS composers for pesticides metabolism studies, to be held **online on June 30th (09.30-12.30 CEST)**.

Applicants submitting an application under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 or Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 are requested to provide data on pesticide metabolism in the areas of residues. These are to be submitted as attachments (xml files), generated with the [MetaPath MSS composer software](#). Member State Authorities receiving the dossier are responsible for the quality check and validation of the xml files submitted by applicants, as defined in the description of the steps to follow to report structured metabolism data in the context of EU applications, available [here](#).

This event aims to support Member State Authorities in validating the xml files generated with MSS composers by applicants and containing pesticide metabolism data from plants and livestock metabolism studies.

Other

New Focal Point Contact Point – Miriam Fougeras

Since 2 June 2023, Elisa Barillozzi, is on maternity leave. The new EFSA Focal Point Contact Point is Miriam Fougeras.

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