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Calls

Extended EFSA grant - Call for proposals GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2023/01-Framework Art.36 of Reg. (EC) 178/2002 | deadline: 07.07.

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>.

Note the recently published clarification and corrigenda.

The **new** deadline for submission of proposals is **Friday 7th July 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.

Please disseminate this information to any relevant national organisations/networks/stakeholders with competences in area of **plant health** that may be interested in this call for proposals, as proposals could be submitted also by **consortia of organisations**.

Feel free to share this [EFSA post](#) on LinkedIn.

Call for data on plant-based analogue products and gluten-free baked goods | deadline: 30.07.

In recent years several products perceived as healthy and/or sustainable, e.g. vegetarian and vegan analogues to food products of animal origin such as meat and milk, and various types of "free-from" products, including gluten-free products, have been placed on the market.

As the plant-based analogue products and gluten-free baked goods are based on other raw materials than the similar traditional and gluten-containing products, the content of nutrients, additives, natural and environmental toxins, and process-induced substances will differ between them. The Norwegian Food Safety Authority (NFSA) has therefore requested VKM to prepare an overview of the content of nutrients, food additives, natural toxins, environmental and process-induced contaminants in plant-based analogues to traditional and gluten-containing products. In addition, NFSA requested VKM to prepare an overview of the processing methods used in the food production.

The assignment letter from NFSA as well as a brief description of the project and the protocol can be found [here](#).

Please send all electronic correspondence, including enquiries, to:

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Call for collaboration on OC/EFSA/BIOHAW/2023/01 - "Role of water used in the growing, handling and processing of fruits, vegetables and herbs on the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR)" | asap for tender deadline: 21.08.

We were informed by one of the Romanian art. 36 organisations, *University "Dunarea de Jos Galati" from Romania*, that they have one expert, **Leontina Grigore Gurgu**, interested to participate to the call: [OC/EFSA/BIOHAW/2023/01](#) - title "*Role of water used in the growing, handling and processing of fruits, vegetables and herbs on the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR)*".

Therefore, if you are looking for partners and would like to consider our expert, please let us know so that we/she can provide information on her expertise.

EFSA open call OC/EFSA/BIOHAW/2023/02 - Burden of Zoonoses in European Union and EEA/EFTA Countries | deadline: 14.09.

The objectives of this procurement (tender) procedure are following:

Objective 1: estimate the dual burden (zDALYs) of the following nine foodborne zoonoses in the EU Member States and EEA/EFTA countries: campylobacteriosis, salmonellosis, listeriosis, infection with Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC), zoonotic tuberculosis, brucellosis, trichinellosis, echinococcosis, and yersiniosis.

Objective 2: estimate the possible tangible (direct and indirect costs) and intangible costs (referred to as COSTS hereafter) of human and animal disease, which are not considered in zDALYs, for the nine specified foodborne zoonoses.

Objective 3: develop a methodological framework to combine the zDALYs and COSTS estimators into an overall estimator (referred to as OVERALL hereafter), for the specified nine foodborne zoonoses.

It is important that **the developed methodology** is readily understandable and of clear benefit to both **public health** and **animal health sectors** (win-win). Results should be

clearly explained, and indicate the added value of the outcomes for both sectors and all stakeholders.

The set of call's documents is available at **TED eTendering website ref. [OC/EFSA/BIOHAW/2023/02](#)** and also notified via EFSA website [here](#).

Maximum budget is 2,200,000.00 EUR under four-year framework contract for execution of the indicated tasks, which will be requested under specific contracts as defined in the tender specifications. Offers could be possibly developed by consortia and involving subcontractors.

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

Please disseminate the information about this call to any relevant national organisations/networks/stakeholders with competences in the area, who might be interested in submitting offers. You may refer to EFSA post about this call on [LinkedIn](#).

Requests for clarification to 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.

GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2023/04 - Call for proposals - Framework Art.36 of Reg. (EC) 178/2002 | deadline: 15.09.

Call reference: GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2023/04 - **Develop a stepwise approach for a fit for purpose risk assessment, in particular for low concern active substances and uses**

Link to the **call documents**:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsaplants202304-develop-stepwise-approach-fit-purpose-risk-assessment>

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Friday 15th September 2023**.

This call aims at developing an harmonised tiered approach for appropriate risk assessment of pesticides of potential low concerns. This approach shall include problem formulation, science-based criteria for not submitting experimental data and fit-for-purpose risk assessment methods, including exposure and hazard assessment.

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

GP/EFSA/BIOHAW/2023/03 Call for proposals - Framework Art.36 of Reg. (EC) 178/2002 | deadline: 15.09.

Call reference: GP/EFSA/BIOHAW/2023/03- **Animal care & welfare: welfare-related research on heat stress during transport, and dairy herd welfare indicators**

Link to the **call documents**:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsabiohaw202303-animal-care-welfare-welfare-related-research-heat-stress>

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Friday 15th September 2023**.

This call aims to identify the Article 36 List competent organisations and to sign 2 grant agreements (one per lot) to carry out the activities in the area of animal welfare described in the two lots, namely:

- Lot 1 – **Risk-based model for dairy herd welfare: Field data collection** (EFSA max. grant amount - 500.000 EUR)
- Lot 2 – **Modelling effective temperatures inside a livestock truck and demonstrating the conditions that will allow the animals to drink** (EFSA max. grant amount - 500.000 EUR).

The two lots are independent from each other. 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.

This 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).

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Training

Annual Training Workshop on the ImproRisk Model | deadline: 21.07.

Within the New Focal Points' Operational Framework with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the State General Laboratory of Cyprus (SGL), is pleased to invite you to the annual Training Workshop on the Open Access Risk Assessment Model: "ImproRisk", developed in Cyprus.

The workshop will be held in Larnaca, Cyprus, on the **19-20 Oct 2023**, and will have a duration of 1.5 days. Attendance will be on an invite-only basis, with one participant per country.

Travelling, accommodation and catering costs for one (1) nominee per Member State and observer country will be covered by the Organizers. In the case of high interest from the experts and depending on availability, the Organizers can discuss the possibility of hosting more than one participant.

Objective: The main objective of the workshop is to provide practical training on the updated version of the ImproRisk Model, with regards to its applicability in **chemical risk assessment**.

Key topics: Presentation of the new version of the ImproRisk Model with new features and functionalities based on the feedback of the participants in last year's "Follow-up Training Workshop on the ImproRisk Model", the applied exposure assessment methodology and the model's final output.

A combination of lectures and practical interactive case studies, mainly consisting of computational tasks, will enable participants to apply the gained knowledge to simple examples. For more information on the model, kindly visit the relevant website: <http://www.improrisk.com/>

Eligible participants should be professionals with a basic knowledge in the area of exposure assessment coming from organisations/institutes involved in food safety risk assessment activities.

Please contact focal.point@alva.etat.lu until **21.07.2023** if you wish to participate or for further information.

Other

Food Risk Assess Europe (FRAE), the open access repository of selected scientific articles from the national food safety agencies of the EU Member States

The new open access repository [FRAE \(Food Risk Assessment Europe\)](#) has been launched and we are looking forward to receiving articles from your national food safety authority and we would like to thank you in advance for your contribution to European food safety. We believe that FRAE will enhance visibility to your work and leverage knowledge for the benefit of all.

From an operational point of view, the publication of the first outputs has enabled us to put some guidelines in place for publishing your agencies' outputs. **In particular, please note that all outputs intended for the FRAE should be sent to the following mailbox: efsa.author@efsa.europa.eu**

In addition, when you send us your articles, we would be grateful if you give us an indication of the following:

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