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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Calls

***Open call for tenders OC/EFSA/BIOHAW/2023/03 on “Developing a Methodology to Assess Positive Animal Welfare Using Behaviour-analytic and Ethological Approaches” | deadline: 27.09.***

The objective of the call is to combine expertise in the field of animal welfare science (ethology, animal sciences) and behaviour analysis (experimental and applied behaviour analysis, behavioural pharmacology) to develop a scientifically robust methodology to assess animals' preferences and choices (“asking the animal”), assess the reinforcing properties of these preferences, and use the animal's viewpoint expressed by those choices to develop indicators for positive animal welfare on farm. A second objective of this call is to recommend a methodology to assess the effect of feed additives on animal welfare, for example, applying experimental protocols applied in behavioural pharmacology to the effect of substances (drugs or dietary) on behaviour.

The activity is divided into two work packages:

#### **Work package 1: Identification and testing of indicators for positive animal welfare by creating an optimised environment from the animal's viewpoint**

- Objective 1: Identification of an optimised environment under laboratory conditions for at least two farm animal species using choice tests
- Objective 3: Development of reliable indicators for positive welfare under field conditions
- Objective 2: Development of reliable indicators for positive welfare under laboratory conditions

#### **Work package 2: Recommending experimental protocols to measure the effect of feed additives on animal welfare**

- Objective 1: Description of the potential effects of feed additives on animal welfare
- Objective 2: Identification of welfare measures for feed additives
- Objective 3: Recommendations for experimental protocols to measure the effect of feed additives on animal welfare

The set of the call's documents is available at **TED eTendering website ref. [OC/EFSA/BIOHAW/2023/03](#)** and notified via EFSA website [here](#).

The maximum budget is 500,000.00 EUR under a three-year contract for the execution of the indicated tasks.

The call is open for offers submissions until Wednesday, **27 September 2023** (14:30 CET).

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

In case of doubts, please get in touch with [EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu)

We would like to inform you that EFSA has launched the following call for proposals which will lead to a Framework Partnership Agreement:

### ***EUBA-EFSA-PREV-2023-01 PERA - Advancing the ERA of Plant Protection Products towards a system-based approach | deadline: 08.11.***

The aim of this call is to advance Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) by establishing a framework for:

- the collection and generation of data to progress on the integration of species ecology and landscape features in the risk assessment,
- to gain knowledge on the environmental exposure to pesticides for different application scenarios, and
- to identify novel strategies and tools for assessing potential pesticides effects at higher levels of biological organisation, i.e., at population and community levels, with a focus on terrestrial ecotoxicology.

Please note that this call requires proposals to be submitted by **consortia** of at least **three eligible organisations by the 8 November 2023**.

[Call Documents](#)

[Register](#) for the [webinar](#) on 14 September.

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## Events

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### ***One Health EJP Final Meeting: 11-12 September in Paris and online | deadline: 04.09.***

The One Health EJP Final Meeting aims to highlight the outcomes produced over these past five years in the zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance, and emerging threat research fields. It will also present the progress made for the sustainability of the OHEJP that will ensure OHEJP legacy.

**11-12 September 2023**, French Ministry of Health and Prevention (Paris) and online

Deadline: **4 September 2023**, Participation is upon invitation only: please contact [OHEJPCOORD@anses.fr](mailto:OHEJPCOORD@anses.fr)

[Read more](#) and [register](#).

## ***Webinars on increasing preparedness for highly pathogenic avian influenza in Europe on 12<sup>th</sup> September | deadline: 07.09.***

EFSA is organising 2 webinars on increasing preparedness for highly pathogenic avian influenza in Europe, to be held **online** on **12 September 2023**.

In line with EFSA's strategic objective to increase preparedness, several outsourcing activities have targeted the development and implementation of early warning systems for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to allow Member States sufficient time for their outbreak response and management.

- The first webinar on **“Upcoming call for active surveillance in wild birds”**, the first webinar of this series, will offer first-hand information on EFSA's upcoming call for the establishment of an active surveillance network for HPAI across Europe. The webinar will be held on **12 September 2023, 14.30-15.40 CEST**. **\*\* Please note that only Article 36 organisations are eligible to apply for the upcoming call, but the webinar will be open for any interested parties.**
- The second webinar **“Updates on EFSA's Bird Flu Radar”** will provide an **update on EFSA's Bird Flu Radar** (currently accessible through the [Migration Mapping Tool](#)), an early warning system based on spatio-temporal risk assessment. It will take place on **12 September 2023, 16.00-17.00 CEST**.

Registrations for both webinars are open at this [link](#) until **September 7th at 12.00 CEST**.

Please note that further information are available [here](#). For information related to the attendance of the webinars and issues on registration, you can contact [events@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:events@efsa.europa.eu), for content related questions, please write to Lisa Kohnle at [lisa.kohnle@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:lisa.kohnle@efsa.europa.eu).

## ***Webinar on PERA – Advancing the ERA of Plant Protection Products towards a system-based approach (EUBA-EFSA-PREV-2023-01) on 14<sup>th</sup> September | deadline: 11.09.***

On 7 July 2023 EFSA launched a [call for proposals](#) to address different needs related to the Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) of Plant Protection Products (PPP). The aim is to establish a framework for the collection and generation of data to progress on the integration of species ecology and landscape features in the risk assessment, to gain knowledge on the environmental exposure to pesticides for different application scenarios, and to identify novel strategies and tools for assessing potential pesticides effects at higher levels of biological organisation, i.e., at population and community levels, with a focus on terrestrial ecotoxicology.

The overall objective of the call is to identify partners among Member State competent bodies (i.e., organisations on the list of Article 36 of Regulation (EC) 178/2002) that can support EFSA on activities addressing the needs outlined above. For this, please note that the event is also opened to Article 36 organisations.

**The deadline for registration is on 11 September 2023 at 12h00 CEST.** The online event will be in English, with no translation and the link to connect to the event will be made available once the registration is closed. The event will be recorded, and the recording will be published.

For more details, please check [Webinar on PERA – Advancing the ERA of Plant Protection Products towards a system-based approach \(EUBA-EFSA-PREV-2023-01\) | EFSA \(europa.eu\)](#). For technical issues on attendance, feel free to contact the organising committee at [events@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:events@efsa.europa.eu).

## ***International Conference on “Using Epidemiological Studies in Health Risk Assessments: relevance, reliability and causality” | deadline: 25.10.***

EFSA will jointly hold together with the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) an International Conference on “Using Epidemiological Studies in Health Risk Assessments: relevance, reliability and causality”, in **Berlin on 9-10 November 2023**.

The conference is being organised as part of a specific action of the EFSA Framework Partnership Agreement; it is a two-day event with pre-conference workshops and will be composed of invited and submitted talks, poster sessions and interactive sessions. **Epidemiologists, health statisticians, risk assessors, other users of epidemiological evidence (e.g., toxicologists and nutritionists) as well as risk managers** and stakeholders are invited to share and discuss their experiences to promote the use of epidemiological data for health risk assessments.

Registration is open until 25 October 2023. You will find more information at the dedicated BfR link: <https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/events/epistud2023.html>

The conference's flyer for your convenience. Should you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Ciccolallo at [laura.ciccolallo@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:laura.ciccolallo@efsa.europa.eu) or Marios Georgiadis at [marios.georgiadis@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:marios.georgiadis@efsa.europa.eu)

## **Training**

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### ***“Better Training for Safer Food” (BTSF) trainings on risk assessment in the food chain | deadline: 08.09.***

We are happy to inform you that the Phase II of the BTSF programme on Risk assessment has officially started. All trainings to be held in face-to-face mode:

#### **Course 2 (Microbiological RA)**

- TS 1 \_ 09-13 October 2023 – Warsaw (Poland), **deadline Friday 08 September 2023**

#### **Course 1 (Chemical RA)**

- TS 1 \_ 16-20 October 2023 - Valencia (Spain), **deadline Friday 08 September 2023**

#### **Course 7 (Environmental RA)**

- TS 1 \_ 13-17 November 2023 - Valencia (Spain), **deadline Friday 13 October 2023**

#### **Course 4 (Nutrition RA)**

- TS 1 \_ 4-8 December 2023 – Rome (Italy), **deadline Friday 03 November 2023**

#### **Course 5 (RA in biotechnologies)**

- TS 1 \_ 22-26 January 2024 – Rome (Italy), **deadline Wednesday 20 December 2023**

- Course 3 Pest and plant protection risk assessment
- Course 6 Risk assessment applied to animal health and welfare
- Course 8 Evidence collection, integration and management

Please contact the [Luxembourgish EFSA Focal Point](#) for more information.

# EFSA Recruitment

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## *New job opportunities at EFSA | deadline: 04.09.*

We are happy to inform you that EFSA has published **5 new staff positions**.

- [Data Officer – EFSA/F/4/2023/02](#)

Application Deadline: **04/09/2023**

- [Scientific Data Steward - EFSA/F/4/2023/03](#)

Application Deadline: **04/09/2023**

- [Legal Officer – EFSA/X/AD/2023/04](#)

Application Deadline: **14/09/2023**

- [Scientific Officer Chemistry or Toxicology - EFSA/F/4/2023/04](#)

Application Deadline: **18/09/2023**

- [Senior Scientific Officer – Chemical Informatics – EFSA/X/AD/2023/05](#)

Application Deadline: **21/09/2023**