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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Calls

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#### ***EUBA-EFSA-FEEDCO-2024-01: Role of nitrate/nitrite and of processing and storage in the N-nitrosamine formation in certain foods***

A research group at the University of Sevilla is looking for **consortium partners**. The group is expert in the development and validation of Liquid Chromatography analytical methods couple to Mass Spectrometry for identification and quantification of compounds present in vegetables and fermented foods. They are looking for **partnerships in order to form a consortium**. It offers to **develop and validate an LC/MS-MS method** to determine the presence of nitrates, nitrites and the main genotoxic and carcinogenic N-nitrosamines in leafy vegetables.

This call is open until **November 28, 2024**

Please contact [focal.point@alva.etat.lu](mailto:focal.point@alva.etat.lu) further information and contact details.

See all EFSA open calls for [grant proposals](#), [calls for data](#) and [calls for tender](#).

### Events

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#### ***167th GMO plenary meeting - Open for Observers | 13.-14.11.2024***

The registrations to observe the 167<sup>th</sup> GMO plenary meeting - Open for Observers to be held online and onsite on **13 November 2024 from 10:00 to 18:00 and on 14 November from 09:00 to 13:00**, are now open on the EFSA website:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/167th-plenary-meeting-gmo-panel-open-observers>

## ***Webinar: tolerable upper intake levels for vitamins & essential minerals | 14.11.2024***

Objectives: The objective of this webinar is to share the results and conclusions of the scientific review conducted by EFSA. The event will provide participants with insights on the principles and methods applied for the evaluations and will summarise the conclusions reached on each of the micronutrients that were recently evaluated. The setting of Maximum Limits Permitted (MLP) for vitamins and minerals that may be added to foods or food supplements are outside EFSA's remit and will not be addressed in this webinar.

Date: **14 November 2024, 14:30 - 17:00 (CET)**

Location: **Online**

**Deadline for registration: 11 November 2024, 12.00 (CET).**

\*Participants who wish to submit questions to be addressed during the webinar can do so by using a dedicated field in the registration form by 4 November at 12.00 CET.

Participation: Free-of-charge, registration is compulsory.

[More information](#)

[Registration](#)

## ***International Conference on Alternative Proteins for Food and Feed | 3.-5.12.2024***

Objectives: The conference will discuss sustainable alternative protein sources and explore how they can transform the way we feed the world. Focusing on safety and nutritional aspects, as well as consumer perception and socio-economic considerations.

Organisers: German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung, BfR), European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Singapore Food Agency (SFA), Icelandic Food and Biotech R&D (Matis Ltd.)

Call for posters: Abstracts for a poster presentation can be submitted by 10 November via this form. The content of the poster must fit one of the sessions described in the conference programme.

Dates: **03–05 December 2024**

Location: **Berlin and online**

Participation: Subject to a fee

[More information](#)

[Registration](#)

## ***Belgian One Health (BeOH) event: Ecosystems in the Balance – Supporting future policy and research | 22-23.01.2025***

This [One Health event](#) will address ecosystem, animal, and human health issues in an interdisciplinary way, focusing on the role of environmental factors influencing possible pathways of infectious disease emergence, and on prevention, early warning mechanisms and effective preparedness solutions.

The overarching topics will be Biodiversity loss and Climate Change, the impact of Wildlife trade and risks associated with Invasive Alien Species, and Data and Monitoring approaches.

The event is aimed at experts and stakeholders interested in intersectoral cooperation, and also reaches out to administrators and policy makers.

**January 22nd and 23rd AM** will consist of **plenary sessions with invited speakers**, whereas **January 23rd PM** will be dedicated to parallel **workshops**.

There will also be an opportunity for poster presentations. **Deadline for poster submission: December 2nd.**

Registration fee: €125 (€50 for PhD students)

Information regarding registration and poster presentations **coming soon!**

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## **EFSA recruitment**

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### ***Engagement & External Relations Officer | 21.10.2024***

Are you a highly motivated professional with experience in stakeholder engagement, external relations, and networking with scientific organisations? EFSA is seeking an Engagement & External Relations Officer who can deliver high-quality work with a result-driven mindset.

Application deadline: 21 October 2024, 23:59 (CEST)

[Vacancy notice](#)

### ***EFSA Seconded National Expert (SNE)***

Are you a qualified civil servant searching for a professional challenge in a stimulating and dynamic EU Agency? EFSA is looking for an experienced engagement/external relations officer or scientist with proven experience in engagement and/or external relations to join the Engagement and External Relations Unit (ENREL) as a Seconded National Expert. Share your expertise with EFSA and bring back invaluable knowledge to your home administration.

Application deadline: The call is on-going with no deadline for submitting applications.

[Vacancy notice](#)

See all open EFSA Professional opportunities [here](#).

## Other

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We would like to bring to your attention the newest developments in the EFSA NAMs4NANO project. We look forward to receiving comments from experts and partners involved in nanotechnology, food safety, and public health.

### ***Proposal for a qualification system for New Approach Methodologies in the food and feed sector: example of implementation for nanomaterial risk assessment | 31.12.2024***

This report details a proposal for a generic framework to speed up the regulatory use of NAMs for chemical risk assessment in food and feed. The report is published as an interim version with the intention to stimulate a broader discussion among experts and stakeholders involved in nanotechnology, food safety, and public health.

**Comments are welcome by the end of December 2024 via the following email address: [MESE@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:MESE@efsa.europa.eu).**

[More information](#)

### ***Review of New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) for application in risk assessment of nanoparticles in the food and feed sector: status and challenges***

This report is a review article on the currently available NAMs potentially useful for risk assessment of nanoparticles in the food and feed sector. It follows the structure of the EFSA Guidance on Nanomaterials Risk Assessment and expands it, where needed, to support decision-making in selection of NAMs for nano-specific risk assessment.

[More information](#)

### ***NAMs4NANO project report***

A new report by EFSA's partners in the **NAMs4NANO project** proposes a system for promoting New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) to assess the potential food safety risks of nanoparticles.

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