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Calls

Call for expression of interest for a new community of stakeholders with expertise in the field of Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) of feed additives for aquaculture | deadline 15.01.2025

Objectives: The aim of this community is to facilitate ongoing discussions on the matter allowing for exchanges on the scientific evidence, scientific studies, projects outcomes and peer discussions on the subject. Members of the community will have the opportunity to broaden their scientific network and collaborate with high level experts from the public and private sectors throughout Europe.

Membership:

EFSA is looking for:

- Professionals working for public institutions and/or for academia, with demonstrable expertise in field;
- Representatives from the European sister agencies;
- Industry representatives with relevant expertise in the field;
- NGOs representatives knowledgeable and interested in the field.

Deadline: 15 January 2025 - 23:59 (CET)

[More information](#)

Call for data to submit data covering residue and toxicological data gaps for glufosinate - Art 43 assessment | deadline 10.04.2025

In 2024, EFSA has been requested by European Commission to carry out a **call for data and an updated MRL risk assessment for glufosinate** in accordance with Article 43 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.

The call for data aims to collect:

- additional **toxicological data** previously not assessed in the EU fulfilling the data gaps identified by Germany during the completeness check step;
- **information on Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs)** authorised in non-EU countries and the supporting residue data.

Only studies finalised by the date of launch of this call for data and complying with existing (most recent) data requirements, will be considered eligible for the assessment.

Additional data should be submitted to EFSA through the "Portalino" tool at the link below.

Deadline for submission of data: 10 April 2025

[More information](#)

Call for tenders : Preparatory activities for EU Menu 2 | deadline 28.01.2025

Objectives: The specific objectives are as follows and can be addressed independently from one another. Nevertheless, the methodological coherence should be ensured between the four objectives:

1. Proposal for FoodEx2 simplification and compendium of facets,
2. Proposal for a Central Food Propensity Questionnaire,
3. Software specifications and protocol proposal for self-administered dietary assessment,
4. Proposal (final report) for EU Menu Guidance amendments (for the areas of the 3 objectives)

The set of call's documents is available at [EU Funding & Tenders Portal ref. EFSA/2024/OP/0014](#) and notified via [EFSA website](#).

Budget: The maximum budget EFSA has available is 300,000 EUR for a 12-month maximum project duration.

Deadline for submission of proposals: 28 January 2025, 16:00 CET.

The tender offer can be submitted by one organisation, anyhow creation of consortia is encouraged as it may better cover the targeted expertise under each of the objectives. Please share this notification within your organisation and among your professional partners, also outside the Art.36 List of competent organisations, who might be potential partners interested in submitting offers.

To find consortia partners, you may consider:

1. the [EU Portal Partners search](#) (add or filter relevant information), and
2. own networks to cover jointly the call's tasks.

You may refer to EFSA post about this call on [LinkedIn](#).

Requests for clarification to be sent via the EU Tendering Portal and all clarifications already replied are visible on the same platform.

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

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

Public consultations

Public consultation on Specific effects on the reproductive function including fertility relevant for assessment of pesticide residues | deadline 20.01.2025

As part of the 2021 long-term EFSA-SANTE action plan, EFSA's Pesticide Peer Review Unit has launched a public consultation on the draft Scientific Report defining the specific effects on the reproductive function including fertility relevant for assessment of pesticide residues.

Deadline: 20 January 2025

[Comment here](#)

Public Consultation on Draft scientific opinion on the re-assessment of the risks to public health related to the presence of Styrene in plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food | deadline 28.01.2025

At the request of the European Commission, EFSA has conducted a re-assessment of the risks to public health related to the presence of styrene in plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.

EFSA's scientific experts have finalised a draft of the scientific opinion. This preliminary version is available for public consultation, with the aim to gather input and feedback from stakeholders interested in the refinement and finalisation of the opinion.

Interested parties are invited to submit their comments by the indicated deadline.

Deadline for submission of comments: 28 January 2025

[Comment here](#)

Alongside the public consultation on the draft scientific opinion, EFSA is organising a **webinar** on 14.01.2025. More information in the "Events" section.

Public Consultation on Scoping Paper on the Revision of the Guidance on Genotoxicity Testing Strategy | deadline 31.01.2025

EFSA has launched a public consultation on Scoping Paper on the Revision of the Guidance on Genotoxicity Testing Strategy. EFSA is interested to implement a transparent process by reaching out to our stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposed revision of the Scientific

opinion on genotoxicity testing strategies applicable to food and feed safety assessment (EFSA, 2011) and the additional follow-up guidance documents.

Interested parties are invited to submit their comments by the indicated deadline.

Deadline for submission of comments: 31 January 2025

[Comment here](#)

Public consultation on "Draft guidance on the characterisation and risk assessment of microorganisms used in the food chain" | deadline 07.02.2025

EFSA has launched a public consultation on the "Draft guidance on the characterisation and risk assessment of microorganisms used in the food chain".

Deadline: 7 February 2025

[Comment here](#)

Public Consultation on Draft scientific opinion on updated consumer risk assessment of fluoride in food and drinking water including the contribution from other sources of exposure | deadline 09.02.2025

EFSA's Methodology and Scientific Support Unit has launched a public consultation on the draft scientific opinion on updated consumer risk assessment of fluoride in food and drinking water, including the contribution from other sources of exposure.

Interested parties are invited to submit their comments by the indicated deadline.

Deadline for submission of comments: 9 February 2025

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See all open public consultations [here](#).

Events

Webinar: EFSA's re-assessment of styrene safety for use in plastic food contact materials | deadline 10.01.2025

Objectives: Alongside the public consultation on the draft scientific opinion, EFSA is organising a webinar with the following objectives:

- Explaining the mandate, the methodology followed for the re-assessment, and the conclusions reached in the draft opinion
- Illustrating the public consultation and providing guidance on how stakeholders can provide input

- Starting to address questions and requests for clarification received from stakeholders regarding the draft opinion.

For this purpose, until **3 January 2025**, the webinar registration form will allow participants to submit possible questions or clarification needs.

Participants: The meeting is intended for all interested stakeholders with expertise and/or interest in the area of food contact materials.

Date: 14 January 2025, 15.00 - 16.00 (CET)

Deadline for registration: 10 January 2025 at 12.00 (CET)

[More information](#) & [Registration](#)

EFSA's Scientific Colloquium 28: "Assessment of indirect effects of pesticides on biodiversity via trophic level interactions" | 08.06.2025

EFSA is pleased to announce its upcoming Scientific Colloquium on the assessment of indirect effects of pesticides on biodiversity via trophic level interactions. The event aims at addressing issues related to indirect effects on non-target organisms and at exploring how to integrate such effects in the environmental risk assessment of plant protection products. Registrations will open soon on the EFSA's website.

Date: 8 June 2025, 09.00 - 17.30 (CET)

Location: Brussels, Belgium

[More information](#)

Publications

Avian influenza overview September–December 2024

Between 21 September and 6 December 2024, 657 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) and A(H5N5) virus detections were reported in domestic (341) and wild (316) birds across 27 countries in Europe. Many HPAI outbreaks in domestic birds were clustered in areas with high poultry density and characterised by secondary farm-to-farm spread. Waterfowl, particularly the mute swan, were primarily affected during this reporting period, with HPAI virus detections focused on south-eastern Europe.

[Read the article](#)

Revised dietary exposure assessment of the food enzyme triacylglycerol lipase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus oryzae* strain NZYM-FL

The food enzyme triacylglycerol lipase (triacylglycerol acylhydrolase, EC 3.1.1.3) is produced with the genetically modified *Aspergillus oryzae* strain NZYM-FL by Novozymes A/S. A safety evaluation of this food enzyme was made previously, in which EFSA concluded that, under the

intended conditions of use, this food enzyme did not give rise to safety concerns. Due to the implementation of a new methodology to estimate the dietary exposure to food enzymes in 2016, the European Commission requested EFSA to revise the exposure assessment of this food enzyme by using this new methodology.

[Read the article](#)

Guidance for reporting 2024 laboratory data on avian influenza

This technical report aims at guiding the reporting of data on analytical test results, and related metadata, to EFSA in the context of the activities for the surveillance of avian influenza. The objective is to explain in detail the individual data elements that are included in the EFSA Standard Sample Description version 2 (SSD2) data model. The guidance is intended to support the reporting countries in data transmission using eXtensible Markup Language (XML) data file transfer through the Data Collection Framework (DCF) according to the protocol described in the EFSA Guidance on Data Exchange version 2 (GDE2).

[Read the article](#)

EFSA recruitment

Career opportunity: Procurement & Grant Officer | deadline 07.01.2025

Are you a highly motivated professional with experience in the procurement or grant field? Do you want to play an active role within a dynamic team in a multicultural organization?

EFSA is looking for a Procurement & Grant Officer with a result-driven mind and an ability to work proactively both individually and in a team (Contract Agent, Function Group IV).

Deadline: 7 January 2025 at 23:59 (CET)

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