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Calls

Call for Evidence for the evaluation of EFSA's operation (2017-2024) | deadline 08.04.

The aim is to collect evidence, meaningful information and expert opinions from stakeholders and the wider public to support an in-depth evaluation of EFSA in line with the Commission's standard evaluation criteria.

Deadline: 8 April 2024

Invitation to collaborate on preparation of an upcoming open grant call on Animal Welfare – Online meeting | 11.04.

EFSA is preparing to launch an open call for proposals (grant) on advancing the **collection and analysis of data concerning animal-based measures (ABMs) that can be used to assess on-farm welfare of sows and piglets**. EFSA aims at engaging with potential applicants to collect information required for the optimal design of the call and give them the opportunity to provide valuable inputs to the call preparation process. EFSA is seeking the input of experts with the animal health and welfare competence among its MS partner organisations. The expert insights of your organisation will be invaluable in refining the technical and scientific content of the call.

Therefore, EFSA is organising a dedicated meeting (two-ways communication) to discuss the project and share your insights. Please note the meeting attendance is free of charge.

Details of the meeting:

Objective: Refinement of the (grant) project before the call launch

Title: "Online meeting in preparation of an upcoming open grant call on Animal Welfare data collection"

Agenda:

1. Presentation of the (grant) project
2. Discussion & collection of inputs, feedback, suggestions from potential applicants

Date: Thursday 11 April 2024

Duration: 10:00 - 11:30 CEST (1.5 hour)

Deadline for registration: Wednesday 3 April 2024

Registration link: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/AHAWOnlineSHPIGS>

Call for expressions of interest to submit data for 10 non-approved active substances to review MRLs | deadline 07.05.

EFSA is launching a call for expressing interest to provide additional existing toxicological data and addressing the data gaps identified. Only studies finalised by the date of launch of this call of interest and complying with existing data requirements, will be considered eligible for the assessment.

Deadline: 7 May 2024

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

Public consultations

Public Consultation on the Draft Guidance on Risk-Benefit Assessment of Foods (RBA) | deadline 02.04.

The updated guidance document retains the step-wise RBA approach, while providing additional methods for complex assessments, such as multiple chemical hazards and all relevant health effects impacting different population subgroups.

Deadline: 2 April 2024

Public Consultation on the Draft Scientific Opinion on New Developments in Biotechnology Applied to Microorganisms | deadline 08.04.

Interested parties are invited to submit their comments by the indicated deadline. When submitting the comments, specific reference to the line and page numbers to which the comments relate must be made.

[Recording of the info session](#)

Deadline: 8 April 2024

Public Consultation on the Draft Scientific Opinion on the use and reporting of historical control data for regulatory studies | deadline 29.04.

EFSA's Pesticide Peer Review Unit has launched a public consultation on Draft Scientific Opinion on the use and reporting of historical control data for regulatory studies. Interested parties are invited to submit their comments by the indicated deadline.

Deadline: 29 April 2024

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

Events

International Scientific Conference HYGIENA ALIMENTORUM XLIV: Meat and Meat Products - Current Problems and Trends in Production and Marketing

The conference will take place **15-17 May 2024** in the Hotel Patria in Štrbské Pleso, High Tatras, **Slovak Republic**.

The main focus of the international scientific conference is the presentation of current knowledge on the health safety and quality of meat and meat products in terms of production as well as sales of these commodities. Current knowledge on the health safety and quality of other food commodities is also welcome and can be presented in the poster section.

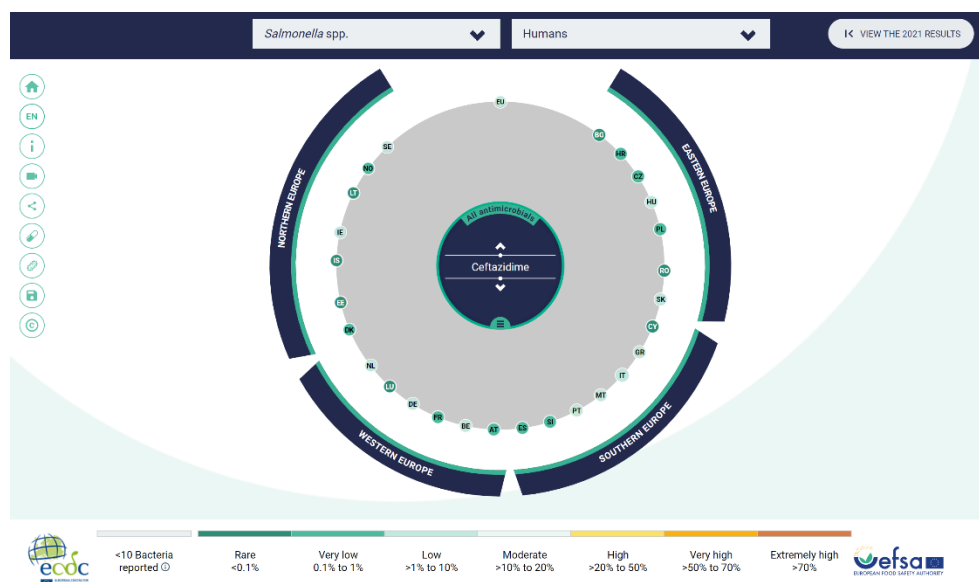
If you are interested in attending the Hygiene Alimentorum conference, please fill out the [AFFIRMATION FORM](#) by 16th April 2024.

For further information and registration, please visit <https://hygiene-alimentorum.uvlf.sk/en/> or contact hygiene.alimentorum@uvlf.sk.

Publications

2022 AMR report and accompanying data visualization tool

EFSA published the [2022 AMR report](#) and accompanying [data visualization](#) providing an overview of the data in a more user-friendly, accessible and interactive way.



See all EFSA publications [here](#).

EFSA recruitment

Careers opportunity: Senior Science Coordinator | deadline 04.04.2024

EFSA has opened a position for a Senior Science Coordinator who will work in the Chief Scientist Office, which provides strategic leadership and expertise to achieve EFSA's scientific strategic goals. The selected candidate will work closely with some of EFSA scientific units in the different regulatory tasks.

Deadline: 4 April 2024

[More information](#)

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

Other

Survey: Use of biomarkers of effect in regulatory risk assessment of chemicals | deadline 30.04.

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has initiated a project ([EFSA-Q-2023-00583](#)) towards developing a **guidance on the use of biomarkers of effect in regulatory risk assessment of chemicals**, implemented with the support of a working group of experts established under [EFSA's Scientific Committee](#). The intention is to develop a horizontal guidance to support the risk assessors and to achieve an internationally agreed guidance by establishing consultation and co-creation mechanisms with EU and international organisations, contributing to the [EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability](#) and its action on 'One Substance - One Assessment'.

To create awareness regarding the project and to collect input from stakeholders that could support EFSA's initiative, EFSA has developed a [survey](#) to map existing definitions and applications of biomarkers of effect in regulatory contexts in the EU and beyond.

The survey is addressed to different Organisations (e.g. EU Member States and non-EU national regulatory agencies, EU agencies, European Commission services, International Organisations) with a focus on regulatory-relevant activities linked to this topic. The information received from responders will be analysed and used by EFSA for discussion and further elaboration of the feasibility study.

EFSA would very much appreciate your Organisation's input to the survey **by 30 April 2024 EOB**. To facilitate the collection and consolidation of answers within your organisation, a Word version of this survey is included in the survey and available under "Background documents". However, only responses submitted via the online [EU Survey form](#) will be considered.

We remain available to provide further clarifications on the context, objective and scope of this survey and we look forward to receiving your Organisation's input by 30 April 2024.

[Link to the survey.](#)

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