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LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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Calls

Call for Interest: Participation in a workshop on system-level barriers for the effective use of NAMs in regulatory decision-making | deadline 30.04.

The Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (VKM) is disseminating a Call for Interest to attend the **Collaboration to Harmonise the Assessment of Next Generation Evidence (CHANGE) workshop to be held in Oslo, Norway, on 18th - 20th June 2024**. The goal of the workshop is to learn from experiences about the structure and culture of regulatory science, with a view to bringing forward the date of effective use of new approach methods (NAMs) in regulatory decision-making. This is a complex and ambitious goal, with a unique focus on system-level factors that affect the use and utility of NAMs. We are seeking broad participation of actors from NGOs, national and international authorities and agencies, industry, and academia to ensure that all voices are heard, and all experiences accounted for.

CHANGE is led by the VKM, supported by the Evidence-Based Toxicology Collaboration (EBTC), and funded by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) (a Country-Specific Tailor-Made activity under the new Focal Point Framework). CHANGE will host three annual workshops (2024, 2025, 2026), to explore (2024) the systemic structures of regulatory toxicology to identify barriers for implementation of NAMs deemed important by groups creating NAM data and the groups using the data and opportunities for interventions; reflect (2025) on the importance for uptake and implementation of NAMs data in risk assessment and risk management to gain consensus on what is actually important; and decide (2026) what should be done to break down the barriers by prioritising practically achievable steps for action and developing recommendations.

[Read more about CHANGE and the workshop here on VKM website](#)

This Call for Interest will be open **until end of April 2024**.

[Please register your interest using this form.](#)

Feel free to share this Call for Interest to all relevant global stakeholders.

There is no registration fee for workshop participants, but participants must carry their own costs, travel costs, hotel costs and all meals not included during the workshop.

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

We would like to remind you that EFSA has launched a call for expressions of interest to submit data for 10 non-approved active substances to review MRLs. The overall objective of this call is to provide additional existing toxicological data not considered in the targeted reviews 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.

Interest in providing data should be expressed exclusively via completion of the survey below.

Deadline: 7 May 2024

[Survey to express interest.](#)

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

Events

Stakeholder meeting on the protection of Equidae: horses, donkeys and their hybrids

EFSA is organising a Stakeholder meeting on the protection of Equidae. The event is intended to set the scene for an open and regular dialogue between EFSA and stakeholders from the early stages of the risk assessment. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to learn about EFSA's work on animal welfare and to engage in a technical discussion on the challenges and opportunities around this mandate, focusing on the available data and data sources that will inform EFSA's scientific advice.

Date: 19 June 2024, 09.00 - 13.00 (CEST)

Deadline for registration: 20 May 2024 - 12:00 (CEST)

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Participants: the event is addressed to stakeholders with expertise and an interest in the topic. To ensure effective dialogue, participation is limited to a maximum of 60 participants.

[Register here.](#)

Trainings

We are pleased to inform you that two EFSA's **on-line courses** are open for registration.

The courses are open to members of the, Scientific Committee and Panels, Working Group members, Network members, [EFSA Art.36 Competent Organisations](#) and members of other European agencies and institutions. Registrants from other affiliations are not eligible.

Evidence integration in the IATA framework, focusing on the AOP informed IATA approach on NAMs (virtual seminar course) | deadline 30.04.

The course will focus on:

- How to integrate different NAM data in the AOP informed IATA framework
- The concept of QIVIVE and the underlying assumptions
- Limitations and uncertainties

Dates: 21-24 May 2024

Registration deadline: 30 April 2024

[More information.](#)

AOP and approaches for using mechanistic understanding for risk assessment (virtual seminar course) | deadline 30.04.

The course will focus on:

- Use common sources of information like AOP Wiki
- Use NAMs to parameterize AOPs
- Develop and asses AOPs

Dates: 4-7 June 2024

Registration deadline: 30 April 2024

[More information.](#)

EFSA recruitment

Traineeship Call 2024 | deadline 29.04.

This program offers a unique opportunity for young professionals to gain hands-on experience in different fields and contribute to impactful projects within our organisation.

As with many EU Agencies, the EFSA is facing challenges in attracting **candidates from Luxembourg**. Recognising the importance of reaching a diverse and talented pool of candidates, they are reaching out for assistance. We kindly ask for your help to spread the word about our traineeship call through any relevant channels available to you.

Deadline for applications: The call is open until **29 April 2024** at 23:59 (local time) to EU **and non-EU candidates**. Trainees from other EU Agencies/Institutions are also eligible to apply!

WHAT WE LOOK FOR

- Team players
- Effective communication
- Critical thinking
- Adaptability and Proactivity

WHAT WE OFFER

- A full year of learning, growth and networking opportunities
- A traineeship grant of €1,463 per month
- Mentorship, career guidance and development
- Work-life balance with flexible working arrangements

#EFSAtraineeship

Scientific Officer Food/Feed Microbiology, Animal Health & Welfare | deadline 09.05.

We are looking for scientists with a background in either Food/Feed Microbiology, Animal Health or Animal Welfare and with excellent skills in data collection and data management, able to contribute to a positive environment for scientific cooperation.

Application deadline: 9 May 2024, 23:59 (CEST)

[Vacancy notice.](#)

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

Other

Luxembourgish EFSA Focal Point Survey | deadline 05.05.

To better understand the needs of the Luxembourgish community working in food and feed safety, nutrition, animal health and welfare, plant protection and plant health - the remit of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) - a survey was created.

We kindly request 3 minutes of your time to give us your valuable input to improve training and conference offerings. The survey is still open until 05.05.2024

[Link to the survey](#)

EFSA Podcast – Joining forces for humans, animals, environment: One Health

Our wellbeing depends on the health of animals, plants and our environment. What affects one affects all the others, and increasingly so. A One Health perspective is about joining forces to find integrated solutions to common challenges such as climate change and antibiotic resistance. Join us to hear from experts at five EU scientific agencies about how we can put One Health into practice.

Part I - [Episode 15](#)

Part II - [Episode 16](#)

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