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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Calls

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#### ***Call for Expression of Interest - Technical group on machine learning, natural language processing and data mining | Deadline: 29 March 2021***

EFSA is currently evaluating the possibility to set-up an interest group of data scientists aimed at sharing knowledge and views from a technical perspective on machine learning, natural language processing and data mining.

#### **Background of the initiative**

Natural language processing tools and machine learning as subdomains of AI, have a large potential in helping to automate various parts of the risk assessment process. IT tools and approaches in this area are rather independent of the concrete processes and organization, as they are on the lower level of human written text and data. This makes them applicable across organizations.

#### **Objective of the initiative**

An enhanced collaboration on this topic will ensure to avoid duplication of work and to benefit from a two-way learning process, identifying where and how the application of such kind of tools can be highly advantageous in food safety risk assessment.

#### **Skills needed:**

Experience in applying natural language processing, machine learning and other data science tools in the context of food safety risk assessment.

If interested, please contact the LU Focal Point: [focal.point@alim.etat.lu](mailto:focal.point@alim.etat.lu) until 29 March 2021

#### ***Open call for tender to support EFSA and ECHA to develop guidance on the impact of certain water treatment processes on pesticide and biocide residues that can be present in raw water abstracted for the production of drinking water | Deadline: 15/4/2021***

EFSA would like to inform you that they have recently launched an open call for tender (OC/EFSA/PREV/2021/01) to support EFSA and ECHA to develop guidance on the impact of water

treatment on pesticide and biocide residues that can be present in raw water abstracted for the production of drinking water.

The call is now open until 15/04/2021.

[Click to check out the tender OC/EFSA/PREV/2021/01](#)

[Click to consult EFSA ongoing tenders](#)

In case of questions, please contact : [EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu).

## Public Consultations

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### ***Draft scientific guidance for the submission of dossiers on food enzymes | Deadline to register: 9/5/2021***

EFSA is glad to inform you that EFSA published the **Public Consultation on the draft scientific guidance for the submission of dossiers on food enzymes**.

The deadline for interested parties to submit written comments is **9 May 2021 at 23:59 (CEST)**.

[Click for more information about the Public Consultation](#)

In case you need more information or face technical issues uploading the supporting files for the Public Consultation, you can contact the Unit at [fip@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:fip@efsa.europa.eu)

Please see the related events hereunder.

## Events

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### ***Webinar: Notification of studies and Pre-submission Advice/ Tue. 25 Feb. at 14.30 (CET) | Deadline to register: 24/3/2021***

EFSA would like to bring to your attention the webinar “**Notification of studies and Pre-submission Advice**” which is scheduled on Thursday **25 March 2021, 14:30-16:00 (CET)** and is a follow-up of the below-mentioned webinar on 16 February 2021.

Please note that the registration will close the 24 March at 12.00 (CET).

Please find more information about the topics and the registration on [this link](#).

Should you have any questions or doubts, please contact EFSA at [webinars@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:webinars@efsa.europa.eu)

### ***SAVE THE DATE & REGISTER! Celebratory event for the entry into application of the Transparency Regulation in the food chain | 30.03.2021 | Deadline to register: 24/3/2021***

To mark the upcoming entry into application of the **Transparency Regulation**, the European Commission and the Portuguese Presidency, in collaboration with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), will jointly organise a celebratory virtual event on **Tuesday 30 March 2021, from 10:00 till 12:30 CET**.

[Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1381 on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain](#) (the so-called 'Transparency Regulation') will enter into application on 27 March 2021. It aims at strengthening the transparency of the EU risk assessment system in the food chain and ensuring the long-term sustainability of EFSA. It is a targeted revision of the General Food Law (GFL) Regulation and eight other sectoral legislative acts, but it also affects the implementation of many more sectoral acts in the agri-food chain.

We look forward to your participation in this event and invite you to [register](#) by **24 March 2021**.

Programme including more detailed information will follow soon.

***Webinar on “Toxicological studies for the submission of a dossier on food enzymes” on 29 March 2021, 09.30-12.30 (CET) | Deadline: 22/3/2021***

[Click for more information about the webinar | Deadline to register 22 March 2021](#)

***Webinar on “Food enzyme intake model (FEIM)” on 31 March 2021, 09.30-12.30 (CET) | Deadline: 24/3/2021***

[Click for more information about the webinar | Deadline to register 24 March 2021](#)

***Save the date : Stakeholder online Workshop on the submission of dossiers food enzymes on 21 and 22 June, 14:00-18:00 (CET)***

More information will follow soon.

***Save the date | “Building trust: Poster presentations from each corner of the world!”***

Further to the webinar ***The fragility of trust in regulatory science: challenges, opportunities and future prospects*** which took place in October 2020, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) would like to continue the journey towards the creation of an interinstitutional community of practice, where we can share best practices and experiences on building and maintaining public and stakeholder trust.

What do we propose as the next step? We would like to organise a virtual poster exhibition, built on your voluntary contributions, and based on your experience with building and strengthening trust-based relationships with external stakeholders. You are invited to submit a description to present a process or project meeting the guidelines. All descriptions will be presented in the format of a poster in a virtual poster session. The virtual exhibition will remain open for one month; participants will be in the position to familiarise with the projects and engage with the poster authors. From the submitted posters, FDA and EFSA will select some particularly meaningful projects for an oral pitch during the closing event, where participants will listen to the poster author's first-hand experiences and then reflect collectively on them.

All participants have until the 14<sup>th</sup> of April to decide if they will send a poster or not and to submit the description. Posters will then be published on a virtual platform, where participants will be able to see, comment and contact the authors. The virtual exhibition will remain open from 14<sup>th</sup> of May to 16<sup>th</sup> of June. More information on how to upload a poster in the platform and how to visit the virtual exhibition will be disclosed in due course.

Following the poster exhibition, we are planning to organise a digital meeting on ***Building trust: Poster presentations from each corner of the world!*** to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June to present and debate some posters at the online meeting.

You may also choose to participate at the exhibition and the final meeting without submitting a poster. The number of posters will not be limited.

**WHAT:** “Building trust: Poster presentations from each corner of the world!”

**WHEN:** 14<sup>th</sup> of May – 16<sup>th</sup> of June (Virtual Exhibition) and 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2021, 14:30 – 16:15 CEST (Virtual Meeting)

**WHO:** Regulatory bodies from all around the world!

**WHY:** Exchanging lessons and best practices on the stakeholder engagement by sharing successes and failures and lessons learned within our international community

Exchanging views and experiences within the practitioners will only strengthen our collaboration and enhance better approaches with our stakeholders and the public.

### ***Webinar: MetaPath – how to complete MSS composers for pesticides metabolism studies, 29 and 31 Mar. at 9:30 (CET) |Deadline: 26/3/2021***

We would like to inform you on the **MetaPath webinars** that will guide participants on **how to complete MSS composers for pesticides metabolism studies**. In the context of the Transparency Regulation, which amends the General Food Law (GFL), EFSA has new requirements for capturing, managing, handling and distributing data on plant protection products (PPP). These changes require the **specification of data formats** for regulated product dossiers and allow documents to be submitted, searched, copied and printed, while ensuring compliance with legal requirements. It has been decided to use **IUCLID formats** and the **IUCLID tool** (managed by the European Chemicals Agency, ECHA Cloud platform) for data preparation, electronic submission and management of pesticide dossiers.

The webinar is open to potential applicants, business operators and any interested stakeholders.

There are scheduled **two connected sessions**:

1<sup>st</sup> session: **How to complete MSS composers for pesticides plant metabolism studies**, on Monday **29<sup>th</sup> March 2021**, 09:30-12:30/14:00-17:00 (CET)

2<sup>nd</sup> session: **How to complete MSS composers for pesticides livestock and rotational crop metabolism studies**, on Wednesday **31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**, 09:30-12:00 (CET)

Note: **2<sup>nd</sup> session builds on the training provided in 1<sup>st</sup> session**. Registrations are therefore for both sessions and participants will be encouraged to practice using the MSS composer software between the two sessions.

Further background information on MetaPath and the link to the MetaPath software will be made available on the [EFSA website](#) prior to the webinar.

More information including the draft [agenda](#) and [online registration](#) are available at this EFSA webpage: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/metapath-how-complete-mss-composers-pesticides-metabolism-studies>

**Deadline for registration: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 12:00.**

### ***Technical meeting on FEEDAP guidance on the renewal of the authorisation of feed additives -13 April 2021 | Deadline to register 22 March 2021***

We would like to inform you that the registration for the **Technical meeting on FEEDAP guidance on the renewal of the authorisation of feed additives** that will be held online on **13th April 2021** is now

open on the EFSA website. The overall aim of the meeting is to explain the current scientific criteria for the assessment of the applications for the renewal of authorisation of feed additives and to discuss questions from stakeholders.

Please note also that the registration will close on **26 March at 12.00 (CET)**.

[Click to find more information about the technical meeting](#)

[Click to register to the online event](#)

Should you have any questions or doubts, do not hesitate to contact [FEEDAP@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:FEEDAP@efsa.europa.eu) for content related information or [events@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:events@efsa.europa.eu) for organisational information.

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## Publications

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### *Publication of the European Union One Health 2019 Zoonoses Report*

Please be informed of the publication in the EFSA Journal of the **European Union One Health 2019 Zoonoses Report**.

This report of the EFSA and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) presents the results of zoonoses monitoring activities carried out in 2019 in 36 European countries (28 Member States (MS) and eight non-MS).

Thank you for disseminating this information to the relevant national organisations / networks / stakeholders.

For further information on the scientific report, please contact [zoonoses@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:zoonoses@efsa.europa.eu)

[Click to access the report](#)

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## EFSA Recruitment

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### *Scientific Officer in the area of Veterinary Science | Deadline: 29/3/2021*

We would like to inform you that **EFSA has recently published a call for a Scientific Officer** in the area of **Veterinary Science**.

EFSA is in fact looking for scientists with a passion for animal production & nutrition or animal health & welfare, with professional experience in the design and analysis of animal studies.

If you are interested in contributing to the future of science and play a role in EFSA's readiness for the future, **make sure you consider the below opportunity and/or spread the word within your national organisation / networks / stakeholders**.

[Click to read the vacancy | Deadline to apply: 29 March](#)

For any further questions about the vacancy and the selection procedures, kindly contact us at: [recruitment@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:recruitment@efsa.europa.eu)