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Calls

Call for Proposals EUBA-EFSA-2024-ENREL-01 on Selection of hosting sites and fellows for EFSA's European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship (EU-FORA) Programme | deadline 20.03.2025

Objectives: The call seeks to identify consortia of hosting sites and fellow sending organisations, both of which must be competent organisations under Article 36 of the Regulation (EC) 178/2002, EFSA's Founding Regulation. The sending organisation will propose a fellow to be trained under a work programme offered by the other consortium partner, who will act as hosting site and will be responsible for the training of the fellow. Hosting sites (consortia leaders) are expected to have a strong capacity and broad experience in one or more activities relevant to food safety risk assessment.

Find a list of hosting sites and fellow sending organisations [here](#).

Budget: The maximum budget EFSA has available is € 825,000 (aiming to conclude 15 Direct Grant Agreements of max. 12 months).

Deadline for submission of proposals: **20 March 2025, 17:00 CET**.

[Apply here](#)

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

Public consultations

Public Consultation on Update of the Scientific Opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of perchlorate in food | deadline 11.02.2025

EFSA's Feed, and Contaminants Unit (FEEDCO) has launched a public consultation on the Draft Updated Scientific Opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of perchlorate in food.

In addition, EFSA organises a [webinar](#) presenting the outcomes of the updated draft assessment of the risks for human health related to the presence of perchlorate in food.

Deadline for submission of comments: 11 February 2025

[Comment here](#)

Public Consultation on updated Draft guidance on the preparation of an application for authorisation of a food additive submitted under Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 | deadline 21.02.2025

EFSA's Food Ingredients & Packaging Unit (FIP) launched a public consultation on the Draft Guidance on the preparation of an application for authorisation of a food additive submitted under Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008.

Alongside the public consultation EFSA is organising a [webinar](#) providing guidance on how stakeholders can provide input and addressing questions and requests for clarification.

Deadline for submission of comments: 21 February 2025

[Comment here](#)

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

Events

Stakeholder webinar on the updated draft Food Additive Guidance | 21.01.2025

Objectives: Alongside the public consultation on the draft guidance document on the preparation of an application for authorisation of a food additive submitted under Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008, EFSA is organising a webinar with the following objectives:

- Explaining the main elements of novelty in the updated guidance document
- Illustrating the ongoing public consultation and providing guidance on how stakeholders can provide input

- Addressing questions and requests for clarification received from stakeholders regarding the draft guidance document

The registration form allows participants to submit questions or clarification needs until **10 January 2025**.

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

Date: 21 January 2025, 14.30 - 17.00 (CET)

Deadline for registration: 16 January 2025 - 12.00 (CET)

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

Webinar on perchlorate in food | 28.01.2025

Objectives: The meeting aims at presenting the outcomes of the updated draft assessment of the risks for human health related to the presence of perchlorate in food.

The registration form allows participants to submit questions or clarification needs until **17 January 2025**.

Participants: The meeting is intended for all stakeholders interested in EFSA's updated draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of perchlorate in food.

Date: 28 January 2025, 11.30 - 13.30 (CET)

Deadline for registration: 23 January 2025 - 12.00 (CET)

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

Other

EFSA's funding opportunities – recording of the webinar and presentation slides

Part 1 (slides 1-23, attached): **The partnership framework**

- Scientific cooperation in EFSA's 2027 Strategy
- EFSA's outsourcing tools: procurement and grant funding and administrative modalities
- An overview of the EFSA Focal Point Network and its role in fostering collaboration

Part 2 (from slide 24, from 0h59 of the [recording](#)): **Overview of partnership opportunities based on recently launched calls, and EFSA's draft 2025/26 workplan**

- Food consumption data
 - Improving methods for collecting and managing data from MSs
 - Support on national dietary surveys in compliance with the EU Menu methodology
- Capacity building
 - [EU-FORA Fellowship Programme^{\[1\]}](#)

- Scientific training facilitator subject matter expert as training tutor^[2]
- Advancing aggregate exposure to chemicals in the EU
- Risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals
- Omics and associated bioinformatics approaches in risk assessment
- Novel/innovative foods
- Animal welfare: A pathway to animal welfare quantitative risk assessment: piloting a standard data collection of animal-based measures in broiler chickens
- Pesticides: Contribution to the risk assessment of active substances used in plant protection products
- Plant health
 - Plant health research to reduce risk assessment uncertainties on African moths
 - Insect trapping methods for the detection of EU priority pests
 - Remote sensing for the identification of target host populations
 - Development of experimental and statistical protocols for estimating the survey parameters for designing delimiting surveys
 - Use of artificial intelligence for the identification of EU quarantine pests

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