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Calls

Welfare monitoring: data driven risk assessment in fast and slower growing broilers (BROWARD) | deadline 26.11.2025

Objective: To identify a consortium of EFSA Art. 36 list competent organisations for achieving the following project outcomes:

1. Mapping and selection of animal-based measures (ABMs) and contextual data related to management- and resource-based measures (MBMs and RBMs) for assessing on-farm welfare of broiler chickens using a developed protocol.
2. Conduct a field data collection of ABMs and contextual data on broiler chickens on farm, and at the slaughterhouses.
3. Development and establishment of a dataset with ABMs, RBMs and MBMs that can inform future risks assessments.
4. Conduct of experiments in fast- and slower-growing genotypes of broiler chickens as defined in EFSA AHAW Panel (2023)¹⁶ to investigate separately the impact of several interventions on stocking density, the provision of elevated structures, and dark brooders.

Budget: EFSA aims to sign a Direct Agreement for the performance of the tasks described in the call specifications with the maximum budget available per 2,500,000 €.

Deadline for submission of proposals: 26 November 2025 at 17.00 CET

[Apply here](#)

Support to detection of EU plant pests: trapping (LOT 1), eDNA (LOT 2) and remote sensing imagery (LOT 3)

Objectives: This call aims to strengthen the capacity of EU Member States to detect, monitor, and control Union Quarantine pests, Protected Zone pests, and pests for which emergency measures are in place.

- Lot 1: Development and application of trapping methods for detecting insect pests (estimated value 750K EUR)
- Lot 2: Use of eDNA analyses to support early detection and surveillance of pests (estimated value 500K EUR)
- Lot 3: Application of remote sensing technologies to identify host plants and support pest detection (estimated value 350K EUR).

Eligibility: The call is open to research organisations, public authorities, universities, and expert consortia with relevant expertise in pest monitoring, molecular diagnostics, remote sensing, and related scientific fields. Being the procurement procedure (tender) is not limited to the MS competent organisations (EFSA Art.36 list).

Budget: Maximum budget is in total 1,600,000.00 EUR for 48-month maximum project duration under framework agreement.

Deadline: 26 February 2026 at 14:30 CEST

[Apply here](#)

Additionally, please note that EFSA will hold a webinar on 27 November 2025 presenting the details of the call and answering any clarifications you may need. The link to register and participate to this event will be sent to you in the next weeks. Stay tuned!

Requests for clarification are to be submitted via the [EU Portal](#) and all clarifications will be published 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

Scoping paper for the update and possible merging of EFSA's guidance on the Weight of Evidence and Biological relevance | deadline 5.11.2025

a public consultation is currently open to invite feedback on the scoping paper for the update (and possible merge) of the two guidance documents:

- [Guidance on the use of the weight of evidence \(WoE\) approach in scientific assessments](#)
- [Guidance on the assessment of the biological relevance of data in scientific assessments](#)

Stakeholders are encouraged to share their views through EFSAConnect.

Deadline to comment: 5 November 2025

[Comment here](#)

Your input is essential to help EFSA and its Scientific Committee develop guidance that is both scientifically robust and practical to apply.

Call for Feedback - Update of EFSA Guidance on Weight of Evidence and Biological Relevance | deadline 7.11.2025

The **EFSA Scientific Committee** is inviting stakeholders to share their views on the upcoming update of two key guidance documents:

- [Guidance on the use of the weight of evidence \(WoE\) approach in scientific assessments](#)
- [Guidance on the assessment of the biological relevance of data in scientific assessments](#)

Both documents were published in 2017 and may now be merged into a single, updated guidance.

Before embarking on this work, we would like to learn from your experience applying these approaches in your assessments. Your insights will help ensure that the revised guidance - whether combined or separate - addresses practical challenges, reflects recent scientific and methodological developments, and provides effective support to assessors.

We are inviting your input through two mechanisms, through a short survey and through a public consultation of the proposed scope and approach to the update of these guidance documents.

Fill in a **short 12-question survey** on the use of these methods. You are also welcome to include additional comments or suggestions in the final section of the survey.

Deadline for submitting your feedback: 7 November 2025

[Link to the survey](#)

Draft scientific opinion of the Scientific Panel on Plant Protection Product and their Residues (PPR) on waiving of the dog studies in the regulatory process of agrochemicals approval | deadline 30.11.2025

EFSA's Pesticide Peer Review Unit (PREV) has launched a public consultation on a Draft Scientific Opinion of the Scientific Panel on Plant Protection Product and their Residues (PPR Panel) on waiving of the dog studies in the regulatory process of agrochemicals approval.

Deadline to comment: 30 November 2025

[Comment here](#)

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

Events

Online workshop on protein safety predictions and speed in risk assessment

The aim of the event is to raise awareness and define recommendations and implementation needs related to protein safety assessments. The ultimate goal of this interactive workshop is to enhance the accuracy of protein safety predictions and increase the speed of risk assessments in this field.

Date: 12-13 November 2025, 13:30 - 17:00 (CEST)

Location: Online

Registration deadline: 7 November 2025 - 12:00 (CEST)

[More information](#) | [Register here](#)

One Health research conference Luxembourg - 9 December 2025 | Registration until 2.12.2025

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA) organises the annual conference on research in food safety, this year with the focus on One Health. One Health is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that underscores the importance of partnerships. This conference, supported by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), serves as a vital platform to foster such collaborations within Luxembourg.

Date: Tuesday 9 December 2025, 14h-19h, followed by reception (registration desks open at 13h30)

Place: Centre multifonctionnel CELO (476, route de Thionville; 5886 Hesperange; Luxembourg)

Participation is free of charges, however, the [registration until 2.12.2025](#) is mandatory.

Please find **abstracts** and the **agenda** on our [website](#).

Save the date: Luxembourg Microbiology Days 2026 | 12.-13.5.2026

This international conference will bring together leading minds in the field of microbiology to share groundbreaking research, foster collaboration, and spark new ideas.

Get ready for two exciting days exploring the frontiers of microbiology!

From ancient microbes to future solutions, this anniversary edition will feature world-renowned speakers and cutting-edge research across a wide spectrum of topics:

- Microbiome & Immunology
- Microbial Evolution
- Paleomicrobiology
- Virology
- Climate & Marine Microbiology
- Applied Microbiology & Fermentation
- Antimicrobial Resistance

- Sustainable Biotechnologies

Don't miss this unique opportunity to celebrate 10 years of the Luxembourg Society for Microbiology with a vibrant program at the intersection of science, innovation, and global challenges.

 What to Expect:

- World-class inspiring keynote speakers -> see attached speakers' line-up
- Opportunities to present your work and gain feedback
- Networking opportunities with global experts

Mark your calendar !!12-13 May 2026!! and stay tuned for the official call for abstracts and registration details. Together, let's continue to push the boundaries of science and make a difference!

 More info soon: <http://www.microbiology.lu>

Trainings

Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) - Library and training on food safety, plant, animal and One Health.

BTSF ACADEMY is **now opened to the general public** - How to apply for a course?

To apply for an **eLearning** course in BTSF ACADEMY, please use the [BTSE ACADEMY TMS](#), and use the "Apply here" button in the course of your interest. Please note some eLearning courses are restricted to officials. For restricted courses, if you have any questions about the selection criteria, please consult with your National Contact Point (formation@alva.etat.lu).

NOTE: all BTSF ACADEMY users will need to have an **EU Login account**. If you don't have one yet you can simply create it at this [link](#).

Recruitment

Responsable domaine déforestation (m/f)

L'Administration luxembourgeoise vétérinaire et alimentaire (**ALVA**) recrute un Responsable domaine déforestation (m/f) dans la **carrière A1** à durée indéterminée (**CDI**).

Le poste est disponible sous le statut de fonctionnaire et d'employé de l'État.

Il est aussi ouvert aux ressortissants des Etats membres européens.

La date limite de candidature est le **10 novembre 2025**.

Plus d'informations sur le poste et la procédure de recrutement sont disponibles sur [Govjobs](#).

Inspecteur de la chaîne alimentaire - déforestation (m/f)

L'Administration luxembourgeoise vétérinaire et alimentaire (**ALVA**) recrute un Inspecteur de la chaîne alimentaire (m/f) dans la **carrière B1** à durée indéterminée (**CDI**).

Le poste est disponible sous le statut de fonctionnaire et d'employé de l'État.

Il est aussi ouvert aux ressortissants des Etats membres européens.

La date limite de candidature est le **10 novembre 2025**.

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