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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Calls

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#### ***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](#)

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# Public consultations

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## ***Call for views on the update of the 2021 EFSA Nano guidance documents | deadline 31.01.2025***

We are seeking views on the objectives and scope of a new self-task of the EFSA Scientific Committee to update its 2021 Nano Guidance document. The work entails development of a single [\*\*\*Guidance document for risk assessment of nanomaterials and materials containing nanoparticles in the food chain\*\*\*](#), and a new [\*\*\*Guidance document for the risk assessment of feed additives containing nanoparticles\*\*\*](#) produced by EFSA's FEEDAP Panel.

The current consultation (on the two mandates available at the above links) is intended to gather views on the objectives and scope and provide feedback on the main technical and scientific issues, which require harmonisation with regards to nanomaterials and materials containing nanoparticles.

We are **seeking the views of stakeholders and partner organisations** involved in food/feed sector and related areas and/or with the responsibility for food/feed safety and public health. This includes food and feed manufacturers, material and ingredient suppliers, contract laboratories, industry associations, either involved in the production/marketing of particulate materials as micronized materials or engineered nanomaterials, the scientific community, and relevant EU and international regulatory agencies and other relevant bodies.

**Comments** are welcome **by the end of January 2025**: [MESE@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:MESE@efsa.europa.eu).

The input received will be considered by EFSA in the development of the guidance documents and made publicly available as supporting information once finalised.

## ***Public Consultation on Draft scientific opinion on current practice, challenges, and future opportunities in the safety assessment of newly expressed proteins in genetically modified plants | deadline 12.03.2025***

EFSA's Nutrition and Food Innovation Unit has launched a public consultation on the draft scientific opinion on current practice, challenges, and future opportunities in the safety assessment of newly expressed proteins in genetically modified plants.

**Deadline for submission of comments:** 12 March 2025

[\*\*Comment here\*\*](#)

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

## Events

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## ***Webinar: Unveiling xORA Platform for education in One Health Risk Assessment | 29.01.2025***

We are pleased to invite you to the **presentation of the eXcellent One Health Risk Assessment Education (xORA) initiative** (ex European Excellence Label (EEL)) **and our new platform** <https://www.xoraeducation.eu/>.

As you are probably familiar with, during the last year, the work of our team in the scope of EEL TMA was focused on forming criteria for course reviews, developing and establishing a web platform that promotes courses in food safety risk assessment coming from universities and institutions within Europe and beyond, and implementation of communication activities to all stakeholders involved. The crucial step was made by creating and developing a web platform where all activities are about to be implemented.

The xORA platform was designed to **enhance the access to high-quality risk assessment courses in the field of One Health** and to **increase the number of qualified risk assessors in Europe**.

The webinar will be held on **29 January 2025, from 10.00 to 11.30 CET**

Zoom link:

<https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/67891955192?pwd=NIJhMHBZWVRldjFwMitwT0c0dWk0dz09>

Meeting-ID: 678 9195 5192

Code: EEL123

During the webinar, the presenters will provide an overview of the xORA activities and objectives, show the platform's features, and present how educational institutions and course providers could benefit by joining the xORA community.

Furthermore, you will have the opportunity to ask questions, interact with our team and see a live demonstration of the web platform (more details available in the **agenda attached**).

**The webinar will be recorded and posted on the xORA web platform.**

### ***Webinar EFSA Knowledge Junction | 30.01.2025***

The EFSA [Knowledge Junction](#) - a curated, **open repository for the exchange of evidence and supporting materials used in food and feed safety risk assessments** will be presented. The webinar will be a reminder on the aim of the repository, information sharing process and we could together explore how it can support visibility.

The webinar is open for up to **two national experts** interested in the item and it will be recorded.

#### **Draft agenda:**

10:00-10:05 – opening of the meeting

10:05-11:00 – Thematic Session - Knowledge Junction

Please contact [focal.point@alva.etat.lu](mailto:focal.point@alva.etat.lu) if you would like to participate.

## ***Webinar on draft opinion: Protein safety assessment in genetically modified plants, under public consultation | 04.02.2025***

**Objectives:** Alongside the public consultation, EFSA is organising a webinar with the following objectives:

- Presenting the draft scientific opinion, introducing the driving elements and the key chapters of the draft document;
- Providing a clear understanding of the key components of, and rationale behind, the scientific opinion;
- Providing stakeholders the occasion to clarify any doubts regarding the public consultation phase.

**Participants:** The meeting is intended for all interested stakeholders with expertise in the area of protein safety assessment who have already participated in previous engagement opportunities around this mandate and/or have an interest in the draft output on protein safety assessment in GMOs.

**Date:** 4 February 2025, 13:30 - 14:30 (CET)

**Deadline for registration:** 30 January 2025, 12:00 (CET)

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

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## **Recruitment**

### ***Veterinary Inspector (m/f) | deadline 12.02.2025***

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA) is recruiting a Veterinary Inspector (m/f), full time CDI. More information about the position and the recruitment procedure is available on Govjobs for the position as a [civil servant](#) or [state employee](#).

If you are interested in this position, please apply by **12 February 2025** and send the requested documents by email to [andre.loureiro@alva.etat.lu](mailto:andre.loureiro@alva.etat.lu)

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