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Calls

Call for Proposals on Research to reduce entomological knowledge gaps for plant health risk assessment | deadline 23/07/2025

This call is divided in three lots:

Lot 1: Ecology of insect vectors of *Xylella fastidiosa* in EU table grapes outbreaks. This grant focuses on understanding the role of insect vectors in the spread of *Xylella fastidiosa* in table grape vineyards in the EU outbreaks of this pathogen, to support risk assessment and control of *Xylella fastidiosa* in table grapes epidemics. The budget EFSA has available for Lot 1 is € 350 000.

Lot 2: Thermal ecology and biology of *Thaumotobia leucotreta* (false codling moth) in East Africa. This grant focuses on understanding the thermal ecology and biology of the false codling moth (*Thaumotobia leucotreta* in East Africa, to reduce key risk assessment uncertainties. The budget EFSA has available for Lot 2 is € 250 000.

Lot 3: Taxonomy and biology of *Leucinodes* species (grass moths) from Africa. This grant aims to enhance knowledge on the taxonomy and biology of *Leucinodes* species in Africa, to reduce key risk assessment uncertainties on this group of moths affecting solanaceous crops in Africa. The budget EFSA has available for Lot 3 is € 100 000.

Objective: To fill up knowledge gaps on invasive insects and insect vectors of invasive plant pathogens, which were identified during EFSA risk assessment work.

Applicants: Call proposals can be submitted by single applicant or by a consortium of eligible organisations. You may refer to your country EFSA national Focal Point for support in this effort at European level.

Deadline for submission: 23 July 2025, 17:00 CET.

[Apply here](#)

Call for Proposals on Survey preparation in the EU: Pest survey cards for 12 regulated pests | deadline 15/07/2025

The purpose of this call is to develop pest survey cards to support the EU MSs in the preparation of pest surveys for 12 regulated pests in the EU. The work consists in characterising (i) the pests, (ii) the population of host plants targeted by the surveys and (iii) the methods of detection and identification for these pests and when possible, grouping the pests.

Maximum budget: € 150,000

Financing of this EFSA grant is not linked to costs but to achievement of results / tasks / deliverables.

Deadline for submission: 15 July 2025, 17:00 CET

[Apply here](#)

Call for Data on Blood Collection from Horses | deadline 15/07/2025

EFSA is looking for data on restraining methods during blood collection and blood collection practices, as well as data on induced and repeated abortions in the context of commercial blood collection from pregnant mares.

Deadline for expression of interest: 15 July 2025 - 23:59 (CEST)

Deadline for submission of data: 23 July 2025 - 23:59 (CEST)

[More information](#)

Call for Data on Horse Breeding Practices | deadline 15/07/2025

EFSA is looking for data on horse breeding practices (minimum age of mares at first breeding, maximum number of gestations per mare and minimum inter-gestation period), foaling facilities and conditions, and the application of Caslick's procedure (vulvoplasty) in breeding mares.

Deadline for expression of interest: 15 July 2025 - 23:59 (CEST)

Deadline for submission of data: 23 July 2025 - 23:59 (CEST)

[More information](#)

Integration of New Approach Methodologies in Chemical Risk Assessment: case studies addressing nanoplastics in food (NAMs4Nanoplastics) | deadline 19/06/2025

Objectives: The call aims to address the specific cases of nanoplastics in food. The overall objective of NAMs4NANOPlastics is to test the integration of New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) data with a pilot case study addressing the hazard/risk assessment of nanoplastics in food, specifically to conduct a pilot study regarding the application of NAMs to assess possible risks arising from the presence of micro/nanoplastics in the food chain. Focus should be on adapting the generic guidance on nano-specific assessment to the risk assessment of

micro/nanoplastics in food/feed and on proposing suitable NAM-based Integrated Approaches to Testing and Assessment (IATA).

Budget: Maximum 500,000.00 EUR

Duration: Maximum 24 months

Deadline: 19 June 2025, 14:30 CET.

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Developing provisions for guidance on New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) data integration and implementing hypothesis-driven Next Generation Risk Assessment (NGRA), with specific focus on the area of food nanotechnology | deadline 26/06/2025

Objectives: The call aims at developing recommendations and first provisions for guidance on New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) data integration and implementing hypothesis-driven Next Generation Risk Assessment (NGRA) for regulated products in the food chain, with specific focus on the area of food and feed nanotechnology. The work will build on experience gained from selected case studies of EFSA's relevance with the aim to develop best practices on the integration of NAMs-based data together with animal/human data to fill data gaps in the risk assessment.

Budget: Maximum 500,000.00 EUR

Duration: Maximum 24 months

New deadline: 26 June 2025, 14:30 CET.

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

Public consultations

Public consultation on draft scientific output on data collection, hazard characterisation and establishment of cumulative assessment groups of pesticide residues for kidneys | deadline 30/06/2025

EFSA has launched a public consultation on Draft scientific output on data collection, hazard characterisation and establishment of cumulative assessment groups in view of the cumulative risk assessment of pesticide residues for kidneys.

Deadline to comment: **30 June 2025**

[Comment here](#)

Public consultation on interpretation of FAIR principles for mechanistic effect models in regulatory environmental risk assessment of pesticides | deadline 02/07/2025

EFSA has launched a public consultation on the Interpretation of FAIR principles for mechanistic effect models in regulatory environmental risk assessment of pesticides.

Deadline to comment: **2 July 2025**

[Comment here](#)

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

Events

Save the date & send your abstract! - One Health research conference Luxembourg | 09.12.2025

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA) is excited to announce the upcoming annual conference on research in food safety with the focus on One Health. The event is supported by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and will be held in-person on Tuesday, **9 December 2025 at 2 pm** followed by a reception. Registration is mandatory and will open soon.

Share your research findings and contribute to the field's collective knowledge!

The majority of the speakers at the One Health Conference will be selected from submitted abstracts, providing an excellent opportunity for researchers to promote their research and activities. **Abstract submission deadline** to be considered for a presentation (oral or poster) is **31 July 2025 at 2pm**. Submit an abstract (max. 250 words) and the title of the talk [via email](#) indicating your affiliation.

Trainings

Adverse Outcome Pathways (AOPs)-principles and applications | 3.-7.11.2025

The course will be given at Karolinska Institutet, Campus Solna, Stockholm, Sweden as an in-person course only from 13h00 on 03.11. – 11h30 on 07.11.

The training course is addressed to PhD students and researchers, as well as participants from authorities who benefit from understanding the principles and applications of AOPs for their work in PARC or for other research or risk assessment activities.

This course is open for both PARC members and non-members, although priority will be given to PARC members. There are no registration fees; however, participants are expected to cover their own travel, accommodation, and any other incidental expenses.

Application deadline: August 1, 2025.

[Application and further information](#)

Publications

Advancing EFSA's regulatory science: Updated research and innovation needs

Part of our work at EFSA in preparedness is linked to mobilisation towards new research framework programmes, ensuring that regulatory scientific needs are met across Europe. In this spirit EFSA has conducted several roadmaps and foresight studies over the past two to three years. These initiatives span a range of areas related to Risk Assessment and Regulatory Science.

[Advancing EFSA's regulatory science: Updated research and innovation needs](#) provides an update and synthesis of the research and innovation (R&I) needs that could support EFSA's regulatory science efforts in the coming years.

Recruitment

Métrologue et analyste de données (m/f) | deadline 27/06/2025

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (**ALVA**) is hiring a Metrologist and Data Analyst (m/f) in the **A1 career** category for a permanent position (**CDI**).

The role is available under the status of civil servant and state employee. It is also open to nationals of European Union member states.

The application deadline is **June 27, 2025**.

[More information and application](#)

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

Other

Survey on the perception of food Alerts | 5-10min

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (**ALVA**) is conducting a [survey to analyse how food alerts are perceived by Luxembourg consumers](#). The aim of the survey is to find out to what extent citizens are aware of food alerts and what information they would like to receive. The results will be used to make the alert system more responsive to public demand and more transparent.

Thank you for taking the time to share your experience and opinion with us! There are no right or wrong answers, and we encourage you to share your opinion honestly. In most cases, several answers are possible.

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