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Calls

Improving methods for collection, management and analysis of scientific data - EUBA-EFSA-2025-IDATA-01 | Deadline 02.10.2025

The EFSA is looking for Art. 36 organisations to be entrusted to improve methods for collection, management and analysis of scientific data.

Call reference: [EUBA-EFSA-2025-IDATA-01](#)

Objective: identify EFSA Art.36 list competent organisations to be entrusted to improve methods for collection, management and analysis of scientific data, specifically (via two iDATA topics/lots):

- [Improved methods for chemical and biological monitoring data collection and reporting in collaboration with AGoD and EFSA programs \(budget available 210,000 €\)](#)

and/or

- [Harmonized food consumption and food composition data collection - Support to terminology management \(budget available 540,000 €\).](#)

EFSA aims to sign Framework Partnership Agreement for each lot, to be implemented over 3 years via specific agreements, for the performance of the tasks and deliverables described in the call/lots specifications.

Any interested applicant/single Art.36 list competent organisation may submit a proposal for one or both lots, indicating clearly for which lot applying. Please note that a separate proposal needs to be submitted for each lot, as they are individually evaluated by EFSA according to the award criteria indicated in the call (section 2.5).

Deadline for submission of proposals: 02 October 2025 at 17.00 CEST.

[Apply here](#)

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

Public consultations

Public hearing and public consultation on plant lectins in food | Deadline 06.09.2025 and 18.09.2025

EFSA is organising a public hearing on the draft scientific opinion on risks for human health related to the presence of plant lectins in food, which is open for [public consultation](#) until **18 September 2025**.

Participants: In line with EFSA's commitment to transparency and engagement with its stakeholders, the event aims to provide a clear understanding of EFSA's approach to the risk assessment and main conclusions of the draft scientific opinion. It is also an opportunity for stakeholders to clarify any doubts regarding the public consultation phase.

Date: 09 September 2025, 11.30-13.00 CEST

Deadline to register: 6 September 2025 - 12:00 (CEST)

[Registration](#)

Draft scientific opinion on the derivation of a health-based guidance value for Δ 8-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 8-THC) and its occurrence in food | Deadline 15.09.2025

EFSA's Feed and Contaminants Unit has launched a public consultation on a draft scientific opinion on the derivation of a health-based guidance value for Δ 8-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 8-THC) and its occurrence in food. Interested parties are invited to submit their comments by the indicated deadline.

Deadline to comment: 15 September 2025

[Comment here](#)

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

Events

EFSA's latest advice in the area of animal welfare – 2 webinars | 29.09.2025

EFSA will hold two webinars to present the findings of each evaluation (see publication section of this newsletter) after the summer. Registrations are already open. To secure your attendance, we invite you to register using the links below. **Registration deadline** is 22 Sep 2025, 12.00 (CEST).

Welfare of beef cattle: 29 Sep 2025, 15.00 - 17.30 (CEST) [Registration](#)

Welfare of animals kept for fur production: 29 Sep 2025, 15.00 - 17.30 (CEST) [Registration](#)

Trainings

The risk-benefit assessment framework | Deadline 02.09.2025

This is a **live online training course lasting 4 days**. It features interactive sessions conducted in real time. Attendance at all four sessions is required to complete the course.

The online course will focus on:

- Understand and apply risk-benefit assessment in public health and food safety policy.
- Identify core elements and underlying disciplines in food risk-benefit assessments.
- Evaluate methods, uncertainties, and communication of risk-benefit results in food safety.

Location: online

Training period: 9 - 12 September (9:00-13:00)

Registration deadline: 2 September 2025

[Registration](#)

Publications

EFSA's latest advice in the area of animal welfare

We would like to draw your attention to two recently published EFSA scientific opinions in the area of animal welfare, which are now available online along with supporting materials:

Welfare of Beef Cattle

[Scientific opinion on the welfare of beef cattle](#) highlights key welfare risks for beef cattle and recommends improvements in housing, care practices, and monitoring. It also identifies areas where more data is needed. You can also check the related [technical report](#), [plain language summary](#) and [infographic](#) on our websites.

Welfare of animals kept for fur production

[Scientific opinion on animals kept for fur production](#) identifies welfare concerns for animals farmed for fur, mainly linked to current housing systems. The related [technical report](#), [plain language summary](#) and [infographic](#) are also available on our websites.

Please note that EFSA will hold two webinars to present the findings of each evaluation after the summer. Registrations are already open. More information in the event section.

Other

Request for update of the Risk Assessment Initiatives Hub with Member States Risk Assessment plans

The Risk Assessment Initiatives Hub is a platform where Member States can share information about their risk assessment plans and proposals for collaboration with others. The aim is to exchange information on upcoming risk assessment plans both from a MS and EFSA perspective for awareness raising, promoting synergies between overlapping activities, and avoiding duplication of work.

Are you planning any Risk Assessment activities relevant in EFSA's remit? Are you looking for consortium partners for a Risk Assessment activity? Would you like to join other Risk Assessment activities where consortium partners are needed? Please [contact the EFSA Focal Point!](#)

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