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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Calls

#### *Call for data and ad-hoc meeting with stakeholders on natural background concentrations of trace elements used as feed additives | 04.11.2024*

EFSA's "[Call for data for determination of natural background concentrations of trace elements \(Co, Cu, I, Mn, Mo, Se or Zn\) in the environment](#)" is now published on the EFSA website. In addition, EFSA is organising an ad hoc meeting with stakeholders to explain the reason of the call, its sections, and what type of information EFSA is looking for. The meeting will be an occasion for interested parties to obtain clarifications on the call, on how to submit data, and ask questions.

Deadline for submission of data: **23 January 2025**, 23:59 (CET)

Deadline for expressing interest in participating to the ad-hoc meeting: **4 November 2024**, 23:59 (CET)

[Register here](#)

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

## Public consultations

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### ***Public Consultation on the review of the methodology used for the assessment of the short-term (acute) dietary exposure to pesticide residues in food (IESTI methodology) | 04.11.2024***

EFSA has launched a public consultation on the review of the methodology used for the assessment of the short-term (acute) dietary exposure to pesticide residues in food (IESTI methodology).

Deadline for submission of comments: **4 November 2024**

[Comment here](#)

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

## Events

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### ***Webinar on NoBa Land Cover Retriever – a web app for retrieving land cover data that is needed in planning pest surveys application | 12.12.2024***

The Finnish Food Authority (Finland) will organize a webinar related to the plant health. The webinar is targeted to plant health officials and pest risk assessors.

Webinar includes an introduction and demonstration of the app., and discussion session. More information of the workshop is attached.

Do not hesitate to contact us in case any clarifications is needed by contacting: [juha.tuomola@ruokavirasto.fi](mailto:juha.tuomola@ruokavirasto.fi)

## Publications

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### ***Relevance of gut microbiome research in food safety assessment***

The gut microbiome is indispensable for the host physiological functioning. Yet, the impact of non-nutritious dietary compounds on the human gut microbiota and the role of the gut microbes in their metabolism and potential adverse biological effects have been overlooked. Identifying potential hazards and benefits would contribute to protecting and harnessing the gut microbiome's role in supporting human health. We discuss the evidence on the potential detrimental impact of certain food additives and microplastics on the gut microbiome and human health, with a focus on underlying mechanisms and causality. We provide recommendations for the incorporation of gut microbiome science in food risk assessment and

identify the knowledge and tools needed to fill these gaps. The incorporation of gut microbiome endpoints to safety assessments, together with well-established toxicity and mutagenicity studies, might better inform the risk assessment of certain contaminants in food, and/or food additives.

[Read the full article here](#)

## EFSA recruitment

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### ***Vacancy notice: Scientific officer - Molecular biology | 18.11.2024***

We are happy to inform you that EFSA has opened a new position:

Scientific Officer - Molecular Biology, Temporary Agent, Grade AD6

Deadline: **18 November, 24:00 CET**

[Vacancy notice](#)

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