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Calls

Call for Expressions of Interest for Working Group Experts - Environmental Risk Assessment for terrestrial non-target organisms | deadline 30.05.

EFSA is looking for experts in different scientific domains to contribute to the revision of the existing terrestrial guidance documents. As part of the activity, the Working Group may contribute also to the definition of specific protection goals for the different groups of organisms in the scope of the mandate and to the development of methodologies for risk assessment.

Deadline: **30 May 2024**, 23:59 CET.

[More information](#)

Call for Proposals EUBA-EFSA-PLANTS-2024-01 on "Statistical and experimental protocols for estimating pest survey parameters"

Objectives: this call aims to provide validated protocols to support the MSs in the estimation of the survey parameters required for designing robust pest surveys that are statistically sound and risk based.

These protocols should be developed for estimating:

1. the sensitivity of the methods of detection,
2. the relative risk linked to risk factors that increase the probability of infection of a plant
3. the maximum prevalence that could be successfully eradicated in defined scenarios.

It is a type of grant not linked to costs but based on achievements of results/set milestones. You can find more details under the description of the "Tasks, deliverables and timelines" section in the call documents.

Deadline for submission of proposals: **4 July 2024, 17:00 CEST.**

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

Public consultations

Public Consultation on Draft Scientific Opinion on the Tolerable Upper Intake Level for Vitamin E | deadline 09.06.

EFSA's Nutrition and Food Innovation Unit has launched a public consultation on its draft scientific opinion on the Tolerable Upper Intake Level for vitamin E. This document re-evaluates the safety of vitamin E (α -tocopherol) and provides revised Upper Intake Levels (ULs).

Deadline : **9 June 2024**

[Comment here](#).

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

Events

Conference "La sécurité dans mon assiette" | 11.06.2024

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (**ALVA**), as Focal Point of **EFSA** (European Food Safety Authority), is pleased to invite you to the conference "La sécurité dans mon assiette" to celebrate the World Food Safety Day.

The conference will take place on **11 June 2024** in **Luxembourgish with French translation**. The participation is **free and open to everyone**: Whether you're a health-conscious consumer or a food industry professional, this conference is the perfect opportunity to broaden your knowledge and exchange views with experts in the field of food safety.

Five presenters will be sharing their expertise and experience on the following subjects: Salmonella in poultry, veterinary drug residues, antibiotic resistance, quarantine pests in plants and food supplements.

17.00 - Welcome drink and registration

17.30 - Conference with welcome by Martine Hansen, Minister for Agriculture, Food and Viticulture, and moderated by Michèle Weber, a well-known science mediator from science.lu.

19.30pm - Meet & Eat

[Register here](#) until **6 June 2024**.



Biopartitioning and Purification Conference Luxembourg - BPP 2024

Mark your calendars! The BPP conference is hosted by the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) and takes place **from 15 to 18 September 2024**. BPP is a conference of broader interest to participants in both academia and industry working on the separation of high-value bioproducts, with a focus on technical aspects, the development of new bioproducts, technoeconomic analysis, life cycle assessment, and regulatory aspects, addressing scientists and industrialists in the fields of life sciences, food and feed, (bio)pharmaceuticals, biomanufacturing, (bio)chemistry.

The Programme will be published soon on the [BPP 2024 website](#), the early bird rate is available until 14/08/2024.

Trainings

EFSA's on-line course on Critical Appraisal of Evidence | deadline 27.05.

The courses are open to members of the Scientific Committee and Panels, Working Group members, Network members, EFSA Art.36 Competent Organisations and members of other European agencies and institutions. Registrants from other affiliations are not eligible.

There is **no fee for participation**.

The course covers the following topics:

- explanation of concepts that are key when appraising scientific literature (e.g. internal validity, external validity, precision)
- The process for appraising studies in a systematic manner
- How to tailor a critical appraisal tool
- How to use the results of the appraisal
- application of different critical appraisal tools, highlighting differences, similarities, advantages, limitations and scenarios in which to use them

Dates: **24-25 June & 1-2 July, online**

Registration deadline: **27 May 2024**

[Register here.](#) For further information, please contact: Raquel.GARCIAMATAS@efsa.europa.eu

12th BfR-Summer Academy on Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in Food Safety | deadline 09.06.

The '12th BfR-Summer Academy 2024' will be held **online** and the participation is **free of charge**.

The course is intended for members of staff of public organisations engaged in food and feed safety, who already have experience in risk assessment analysis. The participants will gain

deeper understanding in risk assessment analysis and in risk communication measures. The course will be conducted by highly qualified and experienced scientists from the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) or partners with profound and long-standing experience in risk assessment of chemical or microbial risks as well as risk communication. Consequently, this BfR-Summer Academy is from professionals for professionals.

This year's 12th BfR-Summer Academy will be a digital event. It will take place from **24–28 June 2024, 12:30 – 15:30 UTC+2** (Berlin time).

Please **apply until June 9, 2024**. More details and the link to the application form can be found here: <https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/events/bsa-2024.html>.

Please contact summeracademy@bfr.bund.de in case of questions or for further details.

Training course on dietary exposure assessment model (BIKE) for chemical and microbiological hazards| deadline 15.06.

The Finnish Food Authority is organising the **2nd Training course on probabilistic (Bayesian) dietary exposure assessment model (BIKE) for microbiological and chemical hazards** ([BIKE: Dietary Exposure Model for Foodborne Microbiological and Chemical Hazards](#)) during September - November 2024.

We offer combination of 7 webinars (+ Moodle e-learning platform for course materials) & onsite workshop in Helsinki (Finland). The training is free of charge. Travel & accommodation costs up to € 500 reimbursed.

Participation is limited to 1 per Country (possibly more if some places are left empty). Please contact focal.point@alva.etat.lu **before 15 June** if you wish to participate.

Other

New episode of EFSA's Podcast Science on the menu: Episode 18 - Celiac disease: living without gluten

Over 5 million people in the EU live with celiac disease, a condition for which the only treatment is a gluten-free diet. Why do some people have it? We still don't fully know. A tool for screening for proteins in foods is a new milestone. As we celebrate celiac disease awareness day, join us on this exploration of the gut and how research is shedding new insight into our diets, which could give hope for celiac disease and allergy patients.

[Listen to the Podcast here](#)

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