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Calls

Call for expressions of interest to submit toxicological data to review the MRLs for non-approved active substances (2nd batch) - Art.43 assessment | deadline 31.5.2026

EFSA is launching a call for expressing interest to provide additional existing data, covering toxicological data gaps identified by EFSA for the following active substances: carbaryl, methoprene, phorate, pyrasulfotole, quinclo rac, saflufenacil and terbufos. It is noted that only studies finalised by the date of launch of this call of interest and complying with existing (most recent) data requirements, will be considered eligible for the assessment.

Subsequently, the data owner/data provider who expressed interest in submitting data, will be invited by EFSA to submit the concerned data in a follow-up step after closure of this consultation.

Deadline for submission of interest: 31 May 2026

[Submit your interest](#)

Call to renew membership of the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) for the term 2027-2031 | deadline 31.5.2026

The Scientific Committee established under Commission Decision (EU) 2024/1514 provides the Commission with scientific advice and safety assessment in the areas of consumer safety, and cosmetic ingredients in particular. Members are appointed to the Scientific Committee for a term of five years, starting on 1st January 2027.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must hold a university degree in a relevant scientific area at postgraduate level;
- at least 10 years of professional experience;
- ability to work in English.

Applications deadline: 31 May 2026

More information on the work of the SCCS, current composition as well as their past opinions can be found [here](#).

[More information & application](#) [Detailed description](#) [Leaflet](#)

Call for data for the evaluation of chlorate in tap water | deadline 30.06.2026

EFSA has received a request from the European Commission (EC) to evaluate the risks for human health associated with the presence of chlorate in food from all sources, taking also into account its presence in drinking water. In order to ensure a comprehensive assessment, and due to the specificity and the limited availability to EFSA of analytical data on chlorate in

tap water, EFSA launches a public call for all relevant available analytical data on chlorate in tap water from interested parties.

Deadline for submission of data: 30 June 2026

[More information](#)

See all EFSA open calls for [grant proposals](#), [calls for data](#) and [calls for tender](#) and check out the [Scientific Cooperation Plan 2026](#) for planned calls.

Public consultations

Scoping Paper - Strengthening the use of ADME/TK data and PBK modelling in EFSA's risk assessment | deadline 17.4.2026

EFSA's Methodology and Scientific Support Unit has launched a public consultation on a scoping paper for the strengthening the use of ADME/TK data and PBK modelling in EFSA risk assessment.

Deadline to comment: 17 April 2026

[More information](#)

Draft statement on data requirements for the safety assessment of hazardous bisphenols other than Bisphenol A (BPA) and their derivatives | deadline 7.5.2026

EFSA's Food Ingredients & Packaging (FIP) Unit has launched a public consultation on the Draft statement on data requirements for the safety assessment of hazardous bisphenols other than Bisphenol A (BPA) and their derivatives.

Deadline to comment: 7 May 2026

[Comment here](#)

Draft guidance on default values and uncertainty factors to be used by the EFSA Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and Units in the absence of actual measured data | deadline 14.5.2026

EFSA's Methodology and Scientific Support Unit has launched a public consultation on a draft guidance on default values and uncertainty factors to be used by the EFSA Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and Units in the absence of actual measured data.

Deadline to comment: 14 May 2026

[Comment here](#)

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

Events

Food safety research conference Luxembourg - Save the date and send your abstract! | deadline 4.5.2026

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA) is excited to announce the call for abstract submissions for the upcoming annual food safety research conference. This year, the conference focuses on **Emerging food contaminants: from PFAS and other POPs to Microplastics - Risks, Impacts and Regulation**.

The event is supported by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and will be held in the Cercle Cité (Luxembourg City, entrance via Rue Genistre) on **Monday, 28 September 2026 at 2 pm** followed by a reception. Participation is free of charges, however, the registration is mandatory and will open soon.

Share your research findings and contribute to the field's collective knowledge! This is an excellent opportunity for you to promote your research activities. **Abstract submission deadline** to be considered for an oral or poster presentation is **4 May 2026 at 2pm**. Submit an abstract (max. 250 words) [via email](#) indicating your affiliation.

Info session on the updated Food Additive Guidance | 15.4.2026

On 20 January 2026, EFSA published its updated Scientific Guidance on Food Additives. The revised guidance will apply to all applications submitted under Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 from 20 July 2026 onwards, covering both new food additives and proposed changes to the conditions of use of authorised additives.

Objectives:

- Present the main updates introduced in the 2026 Food Additive Guidance and explain their scientific rationale.
- Clarify the revised data requirements, including specifications, proposed use levels, exposure assessments and toxicological testing strategies.
- Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions and interact directly with EFSA staff.
- Inform stakeholders about the ongoing call of expression of interest in EFSA's advice for food additive SMEs and first-time applicants.

Date: 15 April 2026, 10:00 - 12:30 (CEST)

Location: Online

Registration deadline: 10 April 2026, 12:00 (CEST)

[More information & registration](#)

Joint Conference on Data and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) | 29.-30.10.2026

Get ready to explore how AI and advanced omic sciences (genomics, metagenomics, metabolomics, transcriptomics, etc.) can revolutionise detection, monitoring and surveillance across the food supply chain together with EFSA, ANSES, BfR and DTU-Food.

Date: 29 - 30 October 2026

Location: **ANSES Headquarters** – Maisons-Alfort, France and online

[Read more and register](#)

Trainings

14th BfR Summer Academy 2026 – from professionals to professionals | 15.-19.6.2026

Join the 14th BfR Summer Academy 2026, a professional online training course delivered by experienced BfR scientists and external experts, to gain insights into risk assessment analysis and risk communication in the area of food and feed safety.

Date: 15 - 19 June 2026

Deadline: 31 May 2026

Location: **Online**

[Read more and register](#)

EFSA recruitment

EFSA Traineeships Call 2026 | deadline 15.4.2026

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), based in Parma, Italy is opening positions for Trainees (All units and departments)

- Get first-hand experience of how a European Union Agency operates;
- Develop new competencies aligned with your interests and career goals;
- Contribute to the unit agenda by supporting in drafting documents and reports, analysing data, handling scientific and/or administrative tasks, and ensuring prompt communication of outcomes;
- Contribute to inspiring projects and specific activities with innovative ideas and solutions;

Please send us your **application by 15 April 2026 at 23.59 (Local time)**

[More information & Application](#)

Webinar on the Traineeship call: 9 April 2026, 15:00 - 16:30 (CEST)

Registration deadline: 6 April 2026, 12:00 (CEST) – [Registration](#)

Scientific Officer - Plant Protection Products Residues | deadline 27.4.2026

The successful candidate will assess and peer review the relevant parts of pesticides risk assessments of substances (primarily chemical) used in plant protection products (pesticides),

with a strong focus on residues, dietary exposure and consumer risk assessment, and on the development and application of innovative methodologies.

Deadline: 27 April 2026, 23:59 (CEST)

[Read more & apply!](#)

Scientific Officer – Toxicology (Genotoxicology) | deadline 4.5.2026

The successful candidate will apply advanced expertise to the integration, interpretation and critical appraisal of genotoxicity data, with particular emphasis on studies conducted in accordance with OECD Test Guidelines (TGs) and relevant regulatory frameworks. This work will support hazard identification, hazard characterisation and risk characterisation within the context of human health risk assessment.

Deadline: 4 May 2026, 23:59 (CEST)

[Read more & apply!](#)

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

Other

Join EFSA's stakeholder community on applications for food and feed products! | deadline 30.4.2026

Following the community launch in 2025, this call aims to expand the community with stakeholders who will bring further perspectives to discussions and contribute to ongoing and upcoming initiatives related to applications for “regulated products”.

This call is open to all categories of stakeholders who have an interest in regulated product application topics, including not only business operators and consultants, but also representatives from other organisations such as NGOs, laboratories, contract research organisations and universities.

Comprehensive details, including the expression of interest form, are available on the [EFSA website](#).

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to carefully read the call and submit their interest at their earliest convenience, no later than **30 April 2026** at 23:59 CEST.

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