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Calls

Call for tenders EFSA/2026/OP/0001: Preparatory work on completeness, compliance and quality of the bioinformatics analyses provided by applicants in GMO dossiers | deadline 27.05.2026

This open call for tender aims to conclude a framework contract for four years. The framework contract will be implemented through order forms/specific contracts. The order form/specific contract will set out the specific conditions for performing the individual assignment.

Objectives:

1. Preparatory work on completeness, compliance and quality of the BI analyses performed on each GM event indicated in the request.
2. Provide mid-term feedback on any areas for improvement in the submission, reporting, or structuring of BI analyses.

For more information on the tasks, deliverables and timelines, please refer to the tender specifications.

Submission terms and participation: The tender offers can be submitted by a single tenderer or by a coordinator (in case of joint tender of more partners). Please note that this is a call for tender, i.e. participation is not limited to Competent Organisations on the Art. 36 list.

Budget and duration: Maximum budget is € 320,000 and the contract duration is 48-month maximum.

Deadline for submission of tenders: 27 May 2026, 14:30 CET

[More information](#)

Call for tenders EFSA/2026/OP/0011: Application of Human Biomonitoring (HBM) data in EFSA's Chemical Risk Assessment | deadline 03.06.2026

The resulting project aims to support the development of a comprehensive and fit-for-purpose strategy for integrating Human Biomonitoring (HBM) data into EFSA's chemical risk assessment processes by:

- establishing access to available HBM data;
- reviewing methodologies for HBM data use;
- elaborating relevant use cases for EFSA, and
- formulating key recommendations.

Submission terms and participation: Please refer to the Tender Specifications. Please note that this is a call for tenders, i.e., participation is not limited to Competent Organisations of the Art. 36 list.

Budget and duration: Maximum budget is € 600,000 and the contract duration is 24-month maximum.

Deadline for submission of tenders: 03 June 2026, 14:30 CEST.

[More information](#)

Call for tenders EFSA/2026/OP/0004: Strategies for grouping chemicals | deadline 04.06.2026

This open call for tender aims to streamline and harmonise the implementation of chemical grouping to support human risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals. Its main tasks are to map EFSA's current and future needs, identify relevant data types and sources (including traditional toxicological data and emerging technologies) as well as practices and approaches (such as AI-driven data extraction), and define key aspects for efficient data collection and appraisal.

Objective: The expected outcome is a compendium of existing data types, sources and approaches, accompanied by recommendations for an operational strategy, ideally utilizing automated solutions to enable consistent and effective chemical grouping across EFSA's domains.

Submission terms and participation: The tender offers can be submitted by a single tenderer or by a coordinator (in case of joint tender of more partners). Please note that this is a call for tender, i.e. participation is not limited to Competent Organisations on the Art. 36 list.

Requests for clarification to be sent via the EU Tendering Portal and all clarifications already replied are visible on the same platform.

Budget and duration: Maximum budget is € 400,000 and the contract duration is 24-month maximum.

Deadline for submission of tenders: 4 June 2026, 14:30 CET

[More information](#)

Call for tenders EFSA/2026/OP/0008: Evaluation of microbiome-relevant human biomarkers and in vitro models for xenobiotic risk assessment | deadline 11.06.2026

This open call for tender aims to support the future integration of gut microbiome data into food safety risk assessment of dietary xenobiotics. The project will systematically appraise existing evidence and identify microbiome-relevant biomarkers and respective in vitro models and assess the feasibility of future experimental validation.

Objective: The outcome will support future regulatory decisions and progress towards microbiome-informed risk assessments, via two main objectives:

1. Systematic identification, evaluation and prioritisation of biomarkers and in vitro models;
2. Feasibility assessment for potential future experimental testing.

Submission terms and participation: The tender offers can be submitted by a single tenderer or by a coordinator (in case of joint tender of more partners). Please note that this is a call for tenders, i.e. participation is not limited to the Competent Organisations on the Art. 36 list.

Budget and duration: Maximum budget is € 300,000 and the contract duration is 15-month maximum.

Deadline for submission of tenders: 11 June 2026, 14:30 CET

[More information](#)

Call for tenders EFSA/2026/OP/00101: Novel strategy for allergenicity risk assessment of proteins in regulated food and feed products | deadline 23.06.2026

The aim of this call is to seek support for the development of a novel strategy for allergenicity risk assessment of proteins in food and feed. For both clinically-relevant cross-reactivity and de novo sensitisation, the project foresees:

- the development of open source in silico prediction/appraisal tools to be validated with experimental data;
- assessment of future prospects for in silico tools;
- estimation of thresholds of allergological concern, and
- the development of a systematic tiered approach with a decision-making framework.

This novel strategy will enhance the reliability and speed of allergenicity RA and support process simplification and harmonisation, ultimately enabling better-informed risk management decision-making.

Submission terms and participation: Please refer to the Tender Specifications. Please note that this is a call for tenders, i.e., participation is not limited to Competent Organisations of the Art. 36 list.

Budget and duration: Maximum budget is € 1,300,000 and the contract duration is 48-month maximum.

Deadline for submission of tenders: 23 June 2026, 14:30 CEST

[More information](#)

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

Public consultations

Draft scientific opinion on the risk assessment of Semicarbazide (SEM) in food | deadline 18.05.2026

EFSA's Feed and Contaminants Unit has launched a public consultation on draft scientific opinion on the risk assessment of Semicarbazide (SEM) in food.

Deadline to comment: 18 May 2026

[Comment here](#)

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

Events

EFSA's Science Meets Policy conference: From Regulation to Practice – Turning WGS into Action for Foodborne Outbreak Investigation | deadline 13.05.2026

Objectives:

- Engage with competent authorities of EU countries on the practical implementation of mandatory requirements under Regulation (EU) 2025/179;
- Connect with food industries as crucial data holders and highlight the contribution of their WGS data to food safety;
- Share examples of collaboration between countries' competent authorities and food industries across the EU;
- Clarify regulatory and technical requirements for WGS data generation and sharing to enable a clear understanding from food industries;
- Discuss financial challenges, especially for food industries with limited resources.

Participants: The event is intended for representatives of the food industries, competent authorities, EU and national institutions, reference laboratories, food industry associations, and other stakeholders with expertise or interest in WGS data supporting food safety in the context of foodborne outbreak investigation.

Date: 2 September 2026, 12:00 to 18:00 (CEST)

3 September 2026, 09:00 to 14:00 (CEST)

Location: Rome, Italy

Registration deadline: 13 May 2026, 12:00 (CEST).

[Register here](#)

Save the date: Emerging food contaminants conference Luxembourg

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA) is organising its 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.



Other

EU Library of Food Safety Guidance Documents

The EU Library gathers guidance documents related to food safety and produced by EU national competent organisations and risk assessors. It will be updated at least annually to ensure the inclusion of any new guidance and updates of existing ones. You can filter the documents by food domain/area and country.

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