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Calls

Call for tenders EFSA/2026/OP/0013: Methodological support for literature reviews for evidence-based scientific assessments | deadline 24.08.2026

This open call for tender aims to conclude a multiple Framework Contract, which will be implemented via reopening of competition on providing **methodological support for literature reviews for evidence-based scientific assessments**. Such support may be requested to perform and/or appraise full or part(s) of systematic reviews, as well as scoping and narrative literature reviews.

Budget and duration: Maximum budget is 2 000 000 EUR for 4-year maximum project duration, awarded based on best price-quality ratio

Deadline for submission of tenders: **24 August 2026, 14:30 CEST**

[More information](#)

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

Public consultations

Technical Guide on Paper and board used in food contact materials and articles (2nd edition) | deadline 02.08.2026

The EDQM is inviting stakeholders to comment on the draft 2nd edition of the Technical guide on **Paper and board used in food contact materials and articles**. Stakeholder feedback helps ensure that the revised guidance is practical and aligned with updated standards and best

practices. Input also supports member states' national authorities in applying the Council of Europe's recommendations set out in Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 for ensuring the safety and quality of food contact materials and articles.

Consultation deadline: 2 August 2026

[More information](#)

Draft scientific report on specific developmental toxicity effects relevant for performing a dietary cumulative risk assessment of pesticide residues | deadline 19.08.2026

Objective: As part of the 2021 long-term EFSA-SANTE action plan, EFSA's Pesticide Peer Review Unit has launched a public consultation on the draft scientific report on specific developmental toxicity effects relevant for performing a dietary cumulative risk assessment of pesticide residues.

Deadline to comment: 19 August 2026

[More information](#)

Draft statement on mixture methodologies for assessing toxicity from chronic exposure to plant protection products | deadline 23.08.2026

Objective: EFSA's Pesticide Peer Review Unit is launching a public consultation on a draft statement on mixture methodologies for assessing toxicity from chronic exposure to plant protection products. Annexes and visual representations are also subject to comments.

Deadline to comment: 23 August 2026

[More information](#)

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

Events

Registration open: Emerging Food Contaminants conference Luxembourg | 28.09.2026

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA) organises its annual food safety research conference.

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.

[More information, agenda & abstracts](#)

Registration



Trainings

eXcellent One Health education – Slides & recording of launch event

Are you interested in building a career in One Health risk assessment or recruiting the next generation of experts? Visit the [xORA web platform](#) – your gateway to education, career pathways, and opportunities in risk assessment. The platform is designed to support education, skills development, and collaboration in One Health Risk Assessment.

- [Presentation slides](#) xORA Launch Event for Learners and Employers (July 1, 2026)
- [Recording of the event](#)

Publications

Surveillance of West Nile virus infections in humans and animals in Europe, monthly report – data submitted up to 24 June 2026

As the **West Nile Virus** transmission (WNV) season begins, EFSA and ECDC are resuming joint monthly monitoring of infections in humans and outbreaks in equids and birds.

The first joint report for 2026 shows that, between January and 24 June:

- Italy and North Macedonia reported three human cases of WNV.
- France and Italy reported one outbreak in equids and four in birds.

This joint surveillance supports public health and veterinary authorities across Europe in implementing timely and effective control measures.

[Read the report](#)

ALVA Recruitment

Veterinary Inspector | deadline: 10.07.2026

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA) is looking for a veterinary inspector (group A1, EU national, part-time 90%, CDD until 31.10.2027).

As a Veterinary Inspector in the Veterinary and Food Laboratory, you will actively contribute to the activities of the veterinary diagnostic and epidemiological surveillance service. You will participate in the validation of analytical results, autopsies and routine diagnostic activities. You will also be required to assist the head of division and technical managers in their administrative tasks, contribute to projects and take part in the management of quality procedures.

Application deadline: 10.07.2026

[More information](#)

Expert in pesticides and veterinary drugs | deadline: 23.07.2026

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA) is looking for an expert in pesticides and veterinary drugs (group A1, EU national, part-time 50%, CDI).

Missions

- You plan the activities of the estate as well as the annual sampling campaigns on the basis of a risk analysis;
- You are technically responsible for official controls in the field of pesticides and VMPPRs, in accordance with national and European regulations;
- You analyse the results of inspections, write reports, conduct the necessary investigations and follow up on corrective measures;
- You will participate in the transfer of data to EFSA.

and more

Application deadline: 23.07.2026

[More information](#)

See open EFSA professional opportunities [here](#).

Other

Expert Knowledge Elicitation on Underreporting of Zoonotic Diseases in Humans | deadline: as soon as possible

The EFSABOD project aims to quantify the burden of foodborne and zoonotic diseases across EEA/EFTA countries and provide evidence to support policy and practical interventions. A short project note ("EFSABOD_Burden of Zoonoses_Note") is attached for your reference.

We are looking for experts with experience in infectious disease surveillance and/or underreporting in humans, with expertise in at least one step of the surveillance pyramid for one or more of the following zoonoses:

- Brucellosis
- Campylobacteriosis
- Echinococcosis
- Listeriosis
- Salmonellosis
- Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)
- Trichinellosis
- Yersiniosis
- Zoonotic tuberculosis (Mycobacterium bovis, M. caprae)

Experts may be affiliated with public health institutes, health services, reference laboratories, academia, or other relevant organisations. Participation is in a personal capacity, based on individual expertise.

Participation involves completing an online questionnaire on steps of the surveillance pyramid and pathogens relevant to your expertise. We will share relevant background material, guidance and the schedule in advance. The process includes three questionnaire rounds, spaced a few weeks apart, with different questions in each round. Round 1 can take up to 20 minutes, depending on how many topics you are an expert in. In total, completing all three rounds will take approximately one hour. The elicitation will start in June with the first round and will end on 11 September with the third round. However, there is flexibility in the timeline, and the final date may be extended beyond 11 September if needed.

Please contact the Luxembourgish EFSA Focal Point via focal.point@alva.etat.lu if you wish to participate.

Call for Expressions of Interest — EFSA Microbiome Experts Knowledge Community | deadline 17.07.2026

EFSA is seeking microbiome experts from academic and research bodies and competent authorities to facilitate knowledge exchange, identify regulatory science gaps, coordinate activities across institutions, and bridge scientific knowledge with regulatory needs in three areas: microbiome effects in host health risk assessment, microbiome-related assessment of biological and microbiome-based products, and microbiome-related environmental risk assessment.

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Candidates must demonstrate:

1. A background in microbiome science in fields such as microbiology, toxicology, omics technologies, environmental science, or risk assessment.
2. A demonstrated ability to bridge microbiome science and regulatory risk assessment; specifically, a track record of activity at the science-regulation interface. Experience translating scientific findings into risk assessment or guidance contexts, and the ability to contribute perspectives actionable within a regulatory framework, are essential. Pure academic expertise without engagement in regulatory science or policy-relevant research will not be sufficient.
3. Active engagement in microbiome-related work with demonstrable outputs, such as peer-reviewed publications, technical reports, involvement in regulatory assessments or method development, or participation in projects or working groups addressing microbiome-related regulatory challenges.

To apply, candidates should submit a short expression of interest (maximum one page) and a current CV to Konstantinos.PARASKEVOPOULOS@efsa.europa.eu **by 17.07.2026**

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