



Calls

Scientific and technical assistance on a foresight activity in the field of plant health to enhance crisis preparedness for the EU territory

EFSA has been conducting horizon scanning on plant pests since 2017 to support EU crisis preparedness and inform plant health policy decisions. This activity is mainly carried out through the EIOS system, with technical support from WHO and the JRC. Relevant information is screened daily and synthesised into monthly newsletters for EU risk managers. Over the years, additional tools and tasks have been integrated, and a shift towards more advanced, foresight-oriented approaches has become essential.

Objective: This call aims to identify the most suitable partner to support the evolution of the horizon scanning mandate, including the development and implementation of methods and tools, and to strengthen the integration of plant health within the One Health framework.

Budget: The maximum budget EFSA has made available is € 800 000. Financing of this EFSA grant is not linked to costs but to achievement of results/tasks/deliverables.

Eligibility: Call proposals can be submitted by single applicant or by a consortium of eligible organisations. You may refer to your country EFSA national Focal Point for support in this effort at European level.

Deadline for submission: 7 October 2026, 17:00 CEST.

[More information](#)

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

Public Consultations



Draft update of the scientific opinion on the latency and incubation periods of *Xylella fastidiosa*.

EFSA's Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology Unit has launched a public consultation on a draft update of the scientific opinion on the latency and incubation periods of *Xylella fastidiosa*.

Deadline to comment: 8 September 2026

[More information](#)

Draft mandate on preparatory work to support the development of a guidance document on the derivation and use of Relative Potency Factors (RPFs) for risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals

The mandate covers the preparatory phase of the guidance development, including the definition of its objectives, scope, engagement plan and other key elements. The guidance is intended for risk assessors and will provide cross-cutting principles, criteria and methodologies, to support the derivation and use of RPFs in the risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals.

Deadline to comment: 8 October 2026

[More information](#)

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

Trainings



EFSA Genotoxicity Guidance Documents and Their Application

EFSA is organising a virtual course on "EFSA Genotoxicity Guidance Documents and Their Application" intended for Member States representatives (one candidate per Member State). Nominees should be actively involved in chemical risk assessment. Prior basic understanding of genotoxicity principles and testing methods is desirable, as the course builds on foundational concepts to address advanced regulatory and scientific topics.

Course description: The course is a three-half-day virtual training. This advanced training course provides a comprehensive overview of EFSA guidance documents supporting the assessment of genotoxicity in the food and feed safety context.

Training Program

Learning outcomes:

- Describe the key principles of genotoxicity assessment and the regulatory relevance of standard in vitro and in vivo genotoxicity tests.
- Apply EFSA's testing strategy and relevant guidance documents to the assessment of genotoxicity data.
- Evaluate the relevance and reliability of genotoxicity studies and their contribution to the overall assessment.
- Understand key concepts related to thresholds, aneugenicity assessment and the evaluation of chemical mixtures.
- Integrate multiple lines of evidence using a weight-of evidence approach to reach conclusions on genotoxic potential.

There is no participation fee.

Location: Virtual

Training period: 21st, 22nd and 23rd September 2026 (09:30 – 13:10 CEST)

Registration deadline: 11 September 2026 COB

Please contact focal.point@alva.etat.lu to be nominated. After the registration deadline, all registrants will be informed, and the selected participants will receive further information to attend the course.

Events



Emerging Food Contaminants conference Luxembourg

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 until 21 September 2026.

[More information, agenda & abstracts](#)

[Registration](#)



ILMERAC Expert Dialogue - Genotoxicity

The dialogue will take place online on **22 September 2026, 13-15 CEST**. Expert insights will be provided by Tewes Tralau (BfR) and Aswin Mangerich (University of Potsdam), followed by a guided discussion on emerging scientific approaches, regulatory developments, and the future of genotoxicity assessment in an international context.

This event is part of the ILMERAC Expert Dialogues Online Event Series aimed at bringing together leading experts from across the globe to enable exchange of best practices in regulatory risk assessment.

The International Liaison Group on Methods for Risk Assessment of Chemicals in Food and Feed (ILMERAC) is a network of more than 30 governmental and intergovernmental organisations, which are active in the field of food and feed safety at the global level. BfR currently chairs ILMERAC and is the seat of its Scientific Secretariat.

Registrations are open until **11 September**, cob via ILMERAC@bfr.bund.de. Feel free to disseminate this announcement among your peers working or interested in genotoxicity.

ILMERAC Expert Dialogue on Genotoxicity

Online 22 Sept 2026 13-15 CEST





Tewes Tralau
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment



Aswin Mangerich
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EFSA Webinar on pest list preparation

Objectives: The webinar aims to support the harmonised preparation and application of pest lists within the plant health domain. Topics of the event will include principles, methodologies, information sources, and practical considerations involved in preparing pest lists.

Participants: The webinar is intended for risk assessors, researchers, National Plant Protection Organisations, and anyone interested who is involved in plant health activities. Participants will learn how to conduct systematic pest searches, evaluate data quality and relevance, and other activities to ensure transparency and reproducibility.

Date: 29 September 2026, 14:00 - 15:00 (CEST)

Location: Online

Registration deadline: 21 September 2026, 12:00 (CEST)

[More information](#)

[Registration](#)

EFSA expert exchange on welfare of cats and dogs

Objective: The event will bring together leading expertise and perspectives on cat and dog welfare and will support discussion on welfare risks associated with extreme breeding practices.

Date: 16 October 2026, 09:00-13:00

Location: Online, via web streaming

Further information about the event will be published on EFSA's website in due course.

To receive updates about the event and be notified when registration opens, please complete the following interest form. EFSA may also use the contact details provided to reach out regarding potential future engagement activities on this topic.

[Interest form](#)

Workshop on implementing EC Roadmap on phasing out animal testing in pesticides and biocides

Objective: The workshop will focus on the implementation of the [European Commission's roadmap for phasing out animal testing in pesticides and biocides](#). Participants will discuss key actions supporting the roadmap and explore ways to accelerate the development and use of non-animal methods in risk assessment.

Participants: The meeting is open to stakeholders with expertise in pesticides, biocides and New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) for risk assessment. Participation is limited to 100 participants, with selection ensuring balanced representation.

Date: 21-22 October 2026, 09:30-17:30/09:00-13:00 (CEST)

Location: Parma, Italy

Registration deadline: 17 September 2026, 23:59 (CEST).

Please note that registration may close once the maximum number of participants is reached or, at the latest, by the deadline stated above.

[Registration](#)



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