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Calls



Call for Proposals (grant) on Support to EFSA in the risk assessment of alternative methods for the use and disposal of animal by-products (ABPs) and derived products

Objective: This call aims to support the evaluations carried out by the EFSA Scientific BIOHAZ Panel and the ad hoc Working Group on applications for alternative methods of use or disposal of animal by-products or derived products, performing work related to the development of the draft scientific opinions.

Specifically, EFSA aims to identify one or several partners among Art. 36 organisations who will carry out preparatory work in relation to the assessment of applications for alternative methods for the use or disposal of ABPs or derived products as described in Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 and Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.

Budget and duration: The total budget available to EFSA for the award of specific agreements under the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) resulting from this call for proposals is € 300.000,00. The specific agreements will be based on financing not linked to the costs, with payments linked to the achievement of the tasks and deliverables (described in section 1.3 of the call for proposals).

The maximum duration of the Framework Partnership Agreement is 4 years.

Deadline for submission of proposals: 10 December 2026, 17:00 CEST.

More information

Call for Proposals (grant) on Support to the re-evaluation of approved food additives under Regulation (EU) No 257/2010

Objective: This call aims to provide scientific and technical assistance to the FIP Unit with respect to preparatory work necessary to the production of scientific outputs on the **re-evaluation of food additives** currently remaining to be re-evaluated under Regulation (EU) No 257/2010 and their follow up assessments.

The main tasks include providing scientific and technical assistance in the handling of calls for data, literature reviews (systematic literature search, screening for relevance), risk of bias evaluation or other steps of the systematic review, if needed.

Budget and duration: The total budget available to EFSA for the award of specific agreements under the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) resulting from this call for proposals is € 300.000,00. The specific agreements will be based on financing not linked to the costs, with payments linked to the achievement of the tasks and deliverables described in section 1.3 of the call for proposals.

Consortia are not permitted under this call. This call will result in the signature of three FPAs in cascade

Deadline for submission of proposals: 28 January 2027, 17:00 CEST.

More information

See all EFSA open calls for grant proposals, calls for data and calls for tender.

Public Consultations



Draft scientific report on genetic and genomic diversity, geographic distribution and host plant associations of Xylella fastidiosa to support the update of the pest risk assessment for the EU territory

EFSA's Environment, Plants & Ecotoxicology Unit is launching a public consultation on a draft scientific report on **genetic and genomic diversity, geographic distribution and host plant associations** of Xylella fastidiosa to support the update of the pest risk assessment for the EU territory.

More information

Deadline to comment: 5 November 2026

Draft scientific report on the ecology and biology of Xylella fastidiosa vectors and potential vectors within the EU

EFSA's Environment, Plants & Ecotoxicology Unit is launching a public consultation on a draft scientific report on the **ecology and biology of Xylella fastidiosa vectors** and potential vectors within the EU.

More information

Deadline to comment: 5 November 2026

Draft technical report on data collection and harmonization for EU-wide mapping of citrus, almond, olive and vineyard to support plant health risk assessment

EFSA's Environment, Plants & Ecotoxicology Unit is launching a public consultation on draft technical report on **data collection and harmonization for EU-wide mapping of citrus, almond, olive and vineyard** to support plant health risk assessment.

More information

Deadline to comment: 5 November 2026

Draft technical report on estimating the spatial distribution of vineyard areas in the European Union at 10 × 10 km grid resolution

EFSA's Environment, Plants & Ecotoxicology Unit is launching a public consultation on draft technical report on estimating the spatial distribution of **vineyard** areas in the European Union at 10 × 10 km grid resolution.

More information

Deadline to comment: 5 November 2026

Draft technical report on estimating the spatial distribution of almond areas in the European Union at 10 × 10 km grid resolution

EFSA's Environment, Plants & Ecotoxicology Unit is launching a public consultation on draft technical report on **bayesian species distribution modelling** for Xylella fastidiosa and its three major subspecies fastidiosa, multiplex and pauca.

More information

Deadline to comment: 19 November 2026

Draft technical report on estimating the spatial distribution of citrus areas in the European Union at 10 × 10 km grid resolution

EFSA's Environment, Plants & Ecotoxicology Unit has launched a public consultation on draft scientific opinion on **climate suitability** for Xylella fastidiosa for the EU.

More information

Deadline to comment: 19 November 2026

Draft technical report on estimating the spatial distribution of olive areas in the European Union at 10 × 10 km grid resolution

EFSA's Environment, Plants & Ecotoxicology Unit has launched a public consultation on draft scientific opinion on the update of the **pest risk assessment** of Xylella fastidiosa for the EU.

More information

Deadline to comment: 19 November 2026

Draft technical report on ensemble species distribution modelling for Xylella fastidiosa and its three major subspecies fastidiosa, multiplex and pauca

EFSA's Environment, Plants & Ecotoxicology Unit has launched a public consultation on draft technical report on **ensemble species distribution modelling** for Xylella fastidiosa and its three major subspecies fastidiosa, multiplex and pauca.

More information

Deadline to comment: 19 November 2026

Draft scientific report on modelling the spread and control of Xylella fastidiosa in the European Union

EFSA's Environment, Plants & Ecotoxicology Unit is launching a public consultation on draft scientific report on **modelling the spread and control** of Xylella fastidiosa in the European Union.

More information

Deadline to comment: 19 November 2026

Draft scientific report on Xylella fastidiosa global pest distribution and climate metrics supporting pest risk assessment

EFSA's Environment, Plants & Ecotoxicology Unit is launching a public consultation on draft scientific report on **Xylella fastidiosa global pest distribution and climate metrics** supporting pest risk assessment.

More information

Deadline to comment: 19 November 2026

Draft scientific opinion on the risk assessment of thebaine and oripavine in poppy seeds and derived products

EFSA's Feed and Contaminants Unit has launched a public consultation on a draft scientific opinion on the **risk assessment of thebaine and oripavine in poppy seeds** and derived products.

More information

Deadline to comment: 23 November 2026

See all open public consultations here.

Trainings



International Training for Safer Food 2027 (ITS Food) - Managing and Preventing Food Safety Crises

Save the date: ITS Food 2027 will take place **online** from **12-15 April 2027**, focusing on „Managing and Preventing Food Safety Crises“.

The application period will start in December 2026.

More about ITS Food

Events



Soil Day 2026

On the occasion of World Soil Day, and for the 6th consecutive year, the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST), the Environment Agency (AEV) and the Agricultural Technical Services Administration (ASTA), in collaboration with the Soil Science Society of Luxembourg (SSSL), are organizing a conference day dedicated to soils and their essential role for the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Date: 10 December 2026

Location: Hôtel Parc Belle-Vue | 5 Av. Marie-Thérèse, 2132 Hollerich Luxembourg

More Information

Programme

Registration

Luxembourg Microbiology Days - Save the date!

The next LMD is already in preparation and will take place on May 11, 2027 in LNS. Mark your agendas! The preliminary programme will become available in the coming weeks.

Date: 11 May 2027

Location: LNS, Dudelange

EFSA conference Safe Food, One Future - Save the date!

During the three-day event, we will look back at EFSA's evolution and impact, share achievements and reflect on key collaborations with the EU institutions, Member States and the EFSA scientific community. We will also look ahead to new opportunities and challenges for food safety and risk assessment, and how to introduce innovation while protecting people, animals and the environment.

EFSA Strategy 2034 will be presented at the event and the outcome of discussions and contributions from participants and stakeholders will support its implementation over the 2028-2034 period.

Date: 29.09. - 01.10.2027

Location: Parma (Italy) & online

More information

Publications



Surveillance of West Nile virus infections in humans and animals in Europe, monthly report – data submitted up to 7 October 2026

EFSA and ECDC have just published their fourth monthly joint report on West Nile Virus (WNV) for 2026.

Read the full report

Other

EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

Call for expressions of interest in EFSA's advice for Novel Food SMEs

This initiative aims to **raise awareness of the General Pre-Submission Advice (GPSA) service** and facilitate access to it **for SMEs**, focusing on two key stages particularly relevant for SMEs:

• Early development stage, even before initiating the studies that will be part of the application.

• Final preparation stages, when most of the information that will be included in the application is available.

The advice will be provided through tele-meetings, ensuring confidentiality.

Comprehensive details, including the expression of interest form and contact information for any clarifications, are available at the dedicated page.

Interested SMEs are encouraged to carefully read the call and submit their interest at their earliest convenience, **no later than 18 November 2026, 13:00 CEST.**

More information

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