1. Introduction

Within the Scientific cooperation programme, the choice on whether to address a scientific support need via the grant or procurement scheme is based on the provisions set in EFSA’s Founding Regulation and EFSA’s experience with these schemes.

Article 5 (2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2230/2004 foresees that financial support for tasks entrusted to organisations on the Article 36 list shall take the form of grants awarded in accordance with EFSA’s financial regulation and implementing rules. Based on these rules the grants shall be subject to a public annual work programme which, as a rule, will be implemented through the publication of calls for proposals.

2. Basic act and financing source

- **Budget lines**: 3001, 3011, 3021, 3031, 3041, 3051, 3101, 3111, 3121, 3131, 3141, 3151, 3161, 3201, 3231, 3241

3. Tasks to be entrusted, objectives to be achieved, priority areas, and results to be expected

Outsourcing work to organisations enables EFSA to use a wider spectrum of scientific excellence in Europe.

Tasks entrusted to organisations are foreseen in the following areas:
- Provision of scientific opinions and advice and risk assessment approaches;
- Evaluation of products, substances and claims subject to authorization;
- Data collection, scientific cooperation and networking.

The outputs will help EFSA respond more effectively and flexibly to its growing workload. The activities funded through the grants and procurement schemes will further support networking amongst the Member State competent organisations in line with Article 36 of EFSA’s Founding Regulation.
4. Eligibility of the applicants
   - For grants:
     - the applicants must be on the list adopted by the Management Board of EFSA on the 19th of December 2006 as updated ever since (implying fulfillment of the criteria set in the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2230/2004);
     - the applicants shall not be, at the time of a grant award procedure, in one of the situations referred to in Articles 93 and 94 of the Financial Regulation (Council Regulation (EC) No. 1605/2002) as amended.
   - For procurement:
     - the tenderers must be established in an EU Member State. This implies that tenderers established in third countries (non-EU countries) do not have the right to participate in EFSA tendering procedures, unless other bilateral or special international agreements in the field of public procurement grant them the right to do so. In case there is no such agreement, or the agreement does not apply to the kind of contracts put out to tender, tenderers of third countries are not entitled to participate, unless otherwise explicitly allowed in the given calls published by EFSA;
     - the tenderers shall not be, at the time of a contract award procedure, in one of the situations referred to in Articles 93 and 94 of the Financial Regulation (Council Regulation (EC) No. 1605/2002) as amended.

5. Selection and award criteria
   The eligible proposals / tenders and offers will be evaluated against the selection criteria indicated in each specific call. In general, there are two sets of selection criteria to be assessed:
   - Financial capacity
   - Technical capacity.
   The proposals / tenders which meet the selection criteria will be evaluated against the award criteria indicated in each specific call. In general, there are three sets of award criteria to be assessed:
   - Quality of the proposal / tender
   - Quality of the management
   - Cost effectiveness
   - Specific criteria of actual calls.

6. Maximum rate of co-financing for grants
   Up to 90% of the eligible costs.

7. Schedule of calls for proposals and tenders for 2013

\[\text{1 In case a call for proposals / tenders is launched before the official approval of the budget, a respective clause will be added to indicate that the project is subject to the approval of EFSA 2013 budget by the budgetary authority and no grants will be awarded before such approval.}\]
8. Indicative amounts available for calls for proposals / tenders for 2013

The amounts indicated in the table below are the amounts which are expected to be committed under scientific co-operation agreements and contracts to be signed in 2013.

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<th>Areas</th>
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<td>I. Provision of scientific opinions and advice &amp; Risk Assessment approaches</td>
<td>2,787,000</td>
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<td>II. Evaluation of products, substances and claims subject to Authorisation</td>
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<td>III. Data collection, scientific cooperation and networking</td>
<td>5,592,500</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>10,720,000</td>
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9. Pre-condition

This work programme is subject to the approval of EFSA’s budget for 2013.

Adopted in Parma, Italy
on 14 June 2012

For the EFSA Management Board:

(signed)
Sue Davies
Vice-Chair of the Management Board