



European Risk Assessment Fellowship Exchange Programme

=> *Building the EU Risk Assessment Community*

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EU RISK ASSESSMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME OUTLINE

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OBJECTIVES

- Attract 'early/mid career' scientists to become risk assessors through learning by doing
- Build the EU RA capacity and knowledge community
- Contribute to harmonising risk assessment practices across Europe
- Further develop EU risk assessment methodologies
- Intensify exchange and cooperation among national food agencies and EFSA



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TARGET AUDIENCE

- Focus of the pilot programme will be on the areas of micro biological and chemical food safety so to attract Scientists (early / mid-career professionals) with the following background:

Molecular Biology, Biology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Veterinary/Human Medicine or Agronomy/Agricultural Science, Environmental Science, Food Science and Technology, or Toxicology



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Fellowship Programme Design (15 fellows)

1. Learning-by-doing and practising through 1 year fellowship placement in a RA competent Authority of a Member State, with high capacity in performing Food Risk Assessment

2. Following a specific and uniform RA training program:
 - one (1) three-week introductory training course at EFSA in *September 2017 and 2018* with availability for 15 additional participants from MS's and EFSA.
 - three (3) specific training modules (only for 15 fellows) one week each distributed during the 1 year programme



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FELLOWSHIP CERTIFICATION

- EFSA will provide the fellows with a ***Certificate of Completion***
- ***Network***: The fellows that will complete the programme including the supervisors and the scientific members of the Programme Committee, will become part of the RA Alumni Network set up by EFSA



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The Fellowship Programme Committee (1/2)

➤ It's composition:

EFSA:

- Programme Coordinator & Chair
- Scientific Coordinator
- 2 Scientific Programme Committee Members and alternates EFSA

Member States:

- 4 MS Programme Committee Members and alternates from:
Germany – Latvia – UK - Norway



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The Fellowship Programme Committee (2/2)

- **It's role:**
- Contribute to defining learning objectives, structure and content of the various training modules
- Agree on the proposed tutor's (by future contractor)
- Define Fellow selection criteria
- Agree on 'distribution' of Fellows to the hosting sites
- Liaise with the fellows and supervise the supervisors in each hosting site throughout the entire Fellowship cycle
- Steer the overall program roll out and take action when required



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EFSA's offers to:

- Cover, through Procurement, the costs of developing, organising and delivering the fellowship RA training programme
- Cover, through Grant Agreements with MS's, the costs for attracting and 1 year placement of 2x15 scientists



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Tentative Calendar of Major Milestones

- **Jan '16** => composition programme committee
- **Jan '16** => identification training hosting sites
- **Jan – March '16** => drafting procurement specifications training
- **April – Sept '16** => running procurement procedure and contract award
- **Sept onwards** => closely monitor contract execution
- **Oct '16 – March '17** => running fellow call for expression of interest
- **March '17** => selecting 15 fellows
- **March – April '17** => assignment of fellows to hosting sites
- **May '17** => signature of grant agreements with hosting sites
- **June '17** => workshop with all involved (committee, contractor, tutors,...)
- **Sept '17** => roll out of first fellowship exchange cycle 12 months
- **Sept '18** => roll out of second fellowship exchange cycle
- **Nov '18** => issuing an evaluation report on lessons learned 1st cycle
- **Nov '19** => issuing a final evaluation report on entire 2 yrs. pilot



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YOUR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IS NEEDED !

The exchange programme's success depends on all of us, therefore we need you to:

- **Communicate** and **Promote** the Programme
(at publication of procurement call and call for fellow's applications)
- **Express interest** for hosting fellow(s) via AF
- **Appoint** one contact point (one for each MS) via AF
- **Apply**, if interest, to the upcoming call for procurement



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**Your questions are welcome,
the floor is yours !**