



CLARIFICATION N°2

Call reference: EUBA-EFSA-2022-ENREL-02

Call title: Selection of hosting sites and fellows for EU-FORA Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme

Question 1: We would like to know what happens in case the fellow loses the status of «staff member of the fellow sending institution» during the project.

Answer: Remaining in the service of their employer (fellow sending organisation) throughout the period of fellowship is one of the Selection Criteria under Section 2.4.B of the Call for Proposals. Moreover, continuing to pay the fellow's salary, maintaining his/her administrative status throughout the period of fellowship, and informing EFSA of any change in the fellow's status in this regard are obligations of the fellow sending organisation, as stated in Section 1.2.3 of the Call.

Failing to comply with these requirements may lead to the termination of the Grant Agreement. On a case-by-case basis, EFSA, in consultation with the consortium shall consider the individual circumstances and reserves the right to recover proportionally the grant for the period already undertaken and to terminate the agreement. Depending on the circumstances, Section 1.2.6 Overall fellow selection and placement process may apply.

Question 2: I am writing to ask if I am eligible to apply for the 'EU-FORA Fellowship Programme 2023-2024'. I am Chinese, and right now I am a doctoral researcher in a European University (salary based contract). I am very interested in the Fora fellowship. I am just wondering, if I am eligible to apply for the fellowship myself being a Chinese (nationality) and having a European University as the fellow sending organization.

Answer: The eligibility and selection criteria are listed under section 2.4 of the Call for Proposals, and along the Call text.

- Both applicants (hosting site and fellow sending organisation) need to be part of the List of national Competent Organisations according to Article 36 of EFSA's Founding Regulation. Both organisations must be from two different EU countries, Norway or Iceland.
- Fellows must be a staff member of a competent organisation under Art. 36 of EFSA's Founding Regulation; they must have worked for their employer under a permanent or contract basis for at least 12 months before their fellowship and shall remain in the service of that employer throughout the period of fellowship and must not have been a fellow in past editions of the EU-FORA Programme.
- The fellow must have a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least three (3) years attested by a diploma in a relevant field.
- The fellow must have a good knowledge of English language (at least B2 level according to CEFR), with strong ability to communicate clearly and effectively in both spoken and written English.



- The fellow must have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 15 years of experience in performing scientific work or tasks related to food safety (including risk assessment, risk communication and risk management aspects) at the closing time of applications.

The nationality of the fellow is not a requirement under the eligibility or selection criteria.