



PERA – Advancing the ERA of Plant Protection Products towards a system based approach

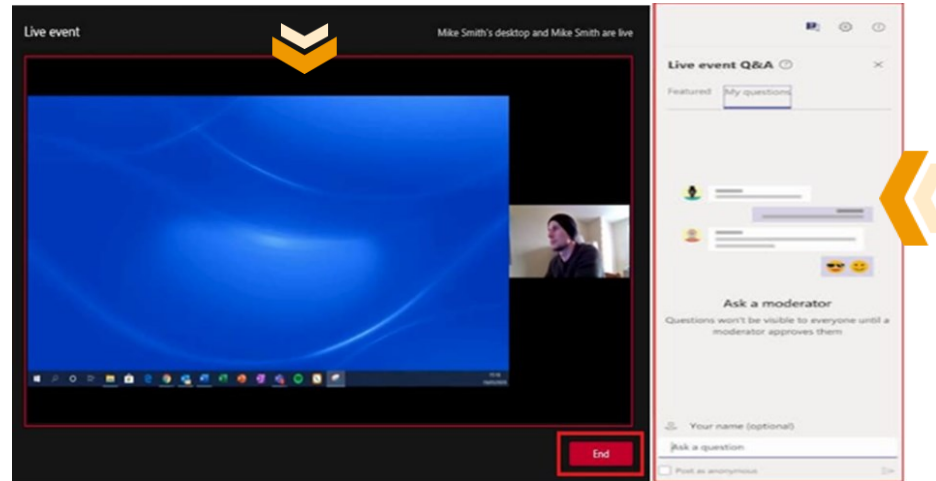
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Q&A box:
For any questions related to the topic or unexpected IT issues



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2. Finance and administrative aspects
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1.2 BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CALL

This **call aims** to establish a **framework partnership agreement** (FPA) to:

- collect and generate data for progressing on the integration of species ecology and landscape features
- gain knowledge on the environmental exposure to pesticides
- identify novel strategies and tools for assessing potential pesticide effects

The main focus is on terrestrial ecotoxicology

A pool of expertise (working in consortium) from different organisations to support EFSA with the execution of projects in main identified working areas.

1.3 TASKS, DELIVERABLES, TIMELINES, MEETINGS AND PAYMENTS

AREA#1

Characterisation of the exposure of PPPs in different environmental matrices

AREA#2

Characterisation of the hazards to terrestrial NTOs among different levels of biological organisation, and across species

AREA#3

Collection and evaluation of methodologies and tools (e.g. mechanistic effect models) for regulatory risk assessment

AREA#4

Exploring the integration and interconnection of data from different sources, methods, tools and objectives via the development of a common platform for risk assessments of PPPs.

AREA#1

- Gathering and collate data aiming at describing the **exposure** in the environment for the different type of application techniques, including innovative application techniques (e.g. unmanned aerial spraying or drones) and agricultural practices;
- Gathering and collate data aiming at investigating the bioavailability;
- Developing protocols for field/lab experimental studies to be performed to generate data;
- Coordinate/perform (field and lab) experimental work;
- Analysing raw data to define exposure factors.

EFSA has indicatively estimated a duration of each specific grant agreement under this Area that can vary from 12 to 36 months

AREA#2

- Gathering and collate data on the **hazard** of active substances for non-target organisms to perform an analysis of interspecies sensitivity and background variability (e.g. population sizes, or abundance) as well as extrapolation from lab to field;
- Perform literature search for exploring the application and implementation of NAMs in ERA e.g. (eco)genomics technologies;
- Develop recommendations for the design of new experimental test protocols (e.g. lower or higher tier tests) in the area of terrestrial ecotoxicology in view of international acceptance

EFSA has indicatively estimated a duration for specific grant agreement in this area of 24 months.

AREA#3

- To a set of criteria for the regulatory evaluation of **models** according to the EFSA GMP opinion in order to address the specific model typologies and by considering any further development on this subject;
- To set up a repository for the selected models and evaluate the retrieved models against the (refined) GMP criteria;
- To provide training on effect models in the context of the regulatory ERA of pesticides.

EFSA has indicatively estimated a duration for specific grant agreement in this area of 24 months.

AREA#4

- To collect, analyse and report feedback from MS and stakeholders on needs and benefits to **integrate** various sources of data and tools for RA;
- To identify different options for a platform development pending on feasibility in terms of timelines (e.g. short, medium long term), IT requirements and costs.

EFSA has indicatively estimated a duration for specific grant agreement in this area of 24 months.

General requirements of the call

Considering the complexity of this FPA, the applicant within his proposal shall develop a **detailed workplan**, reporting the following elements:

1. Indication of timelines, roles and tasks distribution within the consortium, resources etc.
2. Tentative planning of meetings with EFSA during the FPA.
3. Opportunities for collaboration with other organisations working on the same topics such as for example PARC project (<https://www.eu-parc.eu/>) in order to avoid work duplication and identify synergies. This shall also include consideration of cross-cutting issues e.g. with human risk assessment, where possible.
4. Check points to revise and agree on yearly basis with the EFSA the indicative workplan in order to reconsider priorities during the FPA

2.4 SELECTION CRITERIA

(professional capacity and operational capacity)

- Applicant shall provide evidence of the expertise covering all the 4 main areas.
- Given the complexity of the FPA, a multidisciplinary team is needed (at least 15 members)

2.5 AWARD CRITERIA

- Understanding of the assignment and tasks required
- Methodology proposed for implementation
- Project management and organisation of the tasks within consortium and respect of timelines
- Risk management



Finance and administrative aspects



Call for proposals



Call aimed to establish an FPA – Framework Partnership Agreement – lasting 4 years



Financial ceiling for grants under the FPA: EUR 10 million
Finance Not Linked to Costs: no need to justify incurred costs



Launched on 6/07. **Deadline: 08/11 at 17:00**



Applications in **consortium** from **at least three Art. 36 organisations**



Estimated grant agreement duration: from 12 to 36 months

Only art. 36 organisations can apply as partners – [full list here](#)

Use of EU Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal

[Link](#) to the webpage on the EU Funding and Tenders Portal



N.B.: any organisation can access the Portal and its “Partner search announcement” section, but remember that **only art. 36 organisations** ([link to the list of art. 36 organisations](#)) can apply to this call as partners (other organisations can be involved as subcontractors for non-core tasks).



Launched on the Funding and Tender Opportunities portal.



Hard copy paper applications will **not be accepted**. Only electronic applications using the [EU Funding and Tenders portal](#) will be accepted.



The Funding and Tender Opportunities portal includes a feature for the search of partners

Consider contact national focal points

How to submit a proposal?

- Consult section 3. of the Call for Proposals “Submitting Proposals”
- Step-by-step guide on how to use the EU Funding & Tenders portal for is available here (developed for another call, but useful to learn about the steps)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7WUbFrqJcs&t=945s>

- Guideline on how to submit a proposal

[Submit a proposal — Electronic Submission System - Online Manual - Funding Tenders Opportunities \(europa.eu\)](#)

Sum-up



Consider partners to involve in your proposal and familiarise with the Funding and Tenders Portal



Deadline: **8 November 2023 at 17:00**



For questions contact EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu indicating in the subject line the ref. number of the call "EUBA-EFSA-PREV-2023-01"

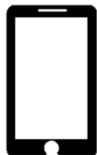


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