

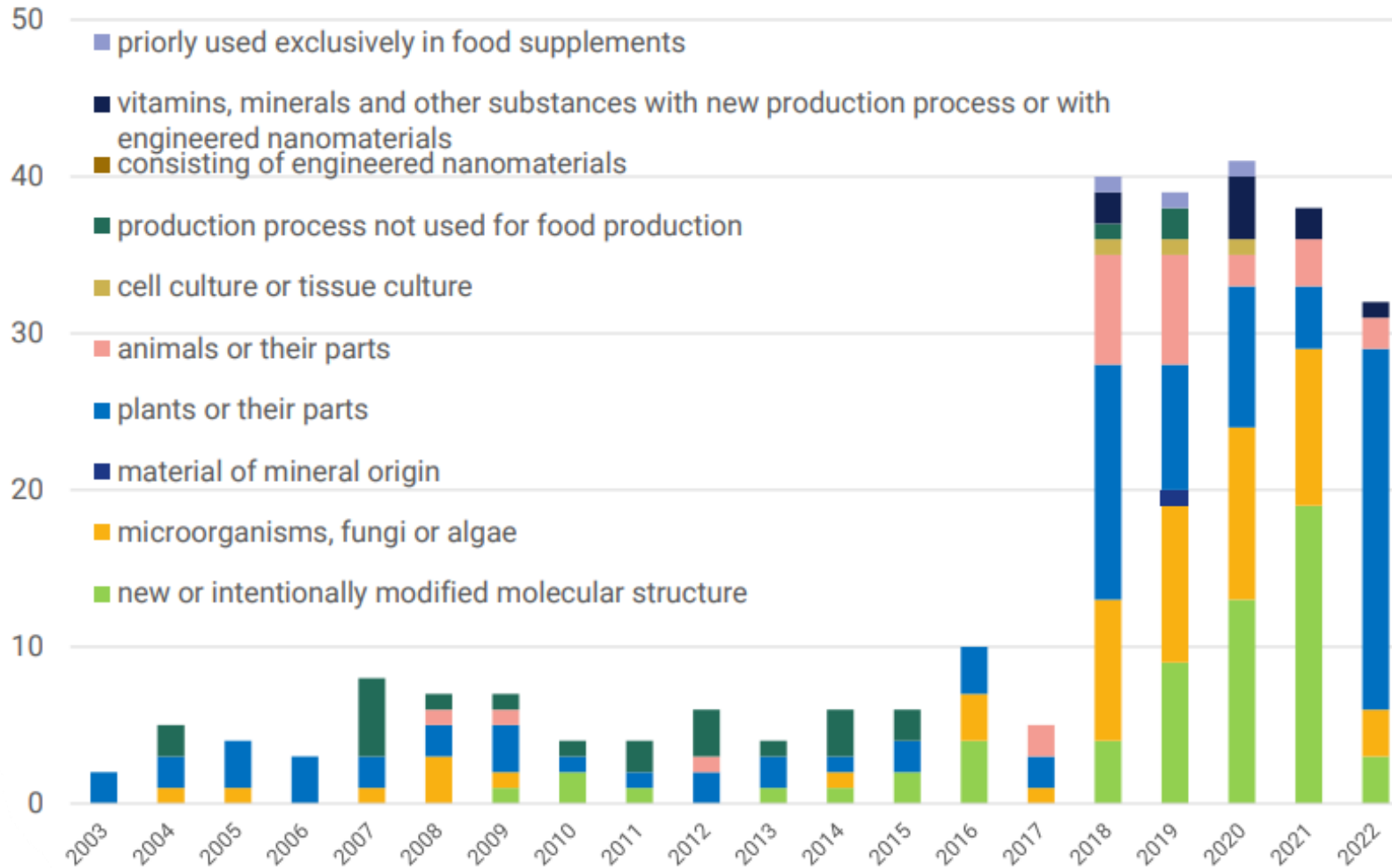
# PARTNERING GRANTS TO SUPPORT EFSA'S WORK ON NOVEL FOODS:

## NEW CALL, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

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# STATE OF PLAY



- Plants of their parts
- New or intentionally modified molecular structure
- Microorganisms, fungi or algae
- Animals or their parts
- Vitamins, minerals and other substances with new production process or with engineered nanomaterials
- On the horizon: cell culture-derived meat, precision fermentation products etc...

Number of Novel Food dossiers validated for EFSA's Risk Assessment

Adapted from: Ververis et al. (2020), Novel foods in the European Union: Scientific requirements and challenges of the risk assessment process by the European Food Safety Authority. *Food Research International*, 137, 109515.



# STATE-OF-PLAY: EXISTING GRANT

GP/EFSA/NUTRI/2021/01: SUPPORT  
TO EFSA WITH SAFETY ASSESSMENT  
OF NOVEL FOODS

FPA, Financial envelope: 400K, FNLC  
Awarded: 08/2022  
In force: from 21/11/2022 to  
20/11/2026  
10 FPAs in cascade  
**Impact: Small**

1. preparatory work done by the NF team with the support of experts in the first assessment of the dossier and in the identification of scientific data gaps in the opinion,
2. contribute to the different sections of the specific novel food opinion in collaboration with the EFSA WG NF,
3. finalisation of the draft scientific opinion by the EFSA WG NF
4. discussion, possible adoption of the scientific opinion by the Panel.



# NEW NEEDS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

## 1. Wider and more extensive support to EFSA

- ✓ **Preparatory work** done for the NF team for the first assessment of the dossier.
- ✓ **Identification** of scientific **data gaps** in the dossiers.
- ✓ **Drafting and assembling** of the different sections of the specific novel food opinion in support of the NF team.

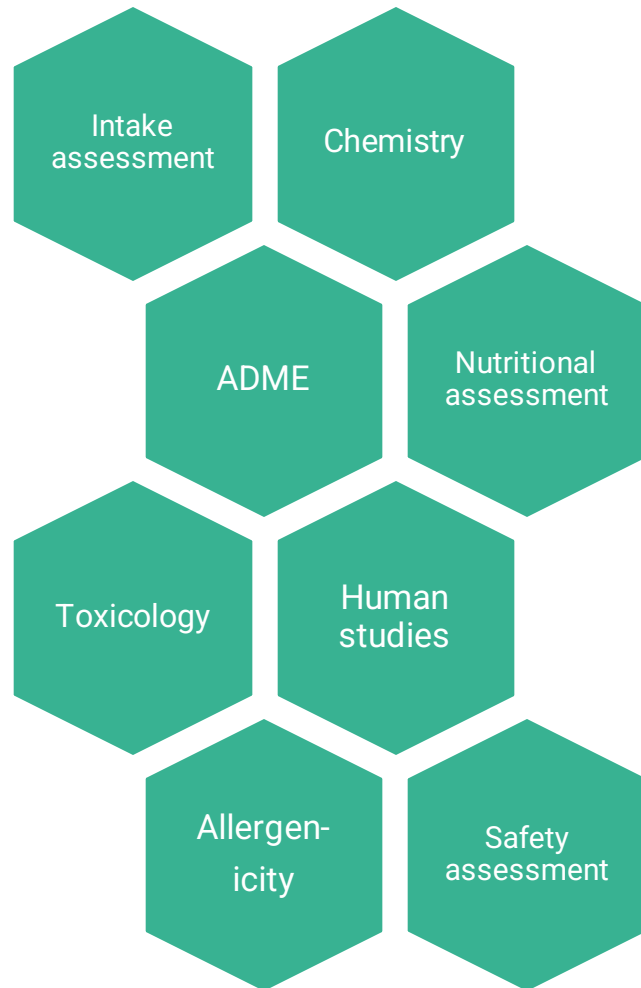
## 2. Partnership with Member State organisations and academic institutions

## 3. Partnership consortia to provide the full complement of expertise and services

- ✓ **Scientific expertise** in areas relevant to Novel Foods
- ✓ **Scientific coordination**
- ✓ **Administrative coordination**



# SPECIFIC AREAS OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE SOUGHT



1 Draft guidance on the scientific  
2 requirements for an application for  
3 authorisation of a novel food in the  
4 context of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

5 EFSA Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens (NDA)

Endorsement for public consultation	31 January 2024
Adoption date	Dd mm yyyy
Implementation date	Dd mm yyyy



# TYPES OF NOVEL FOODS TARGETED BY CALL

NF from cell/tissue cultures, microorganisms, fungi & algae (to include precision fermentation)

Insects (and other animal parts)

Plants and plant extracts

Other chemicals and mixtures, to include nutrient sources

NB approach to cover >90% of the NF sector.



# MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW SOON



Launch of the call expected  
**May 2024**



**Partnership grants**, i.e. only  
Art 36 organisations



Preference given to **consortia**  
providing the **full**  
**complement of expertise and**  
**services**



Partnership grants in the  
form of **Framework**  
**Partnership Agreement (FPA)**  
for support in the form of  
specific agreements (SA)



## New simplified form of grant

- No estimated budget needed
- No timesheets needed
- No verification of actually incurred costs
- No co-financing required
- Attractive, profit including daily rates
- **Just deliver the technical report(s):**  
EFSA verifies the quality → EFSA pays the agreed amount





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