



# NOVEL FOODS PARTNERSHIP – CALL FOR PROPOSALS (EUBA-EFSA-2024-NIF-01)

# AGENDA

## Part 1 "Presentation of the call" – 10:00 - 10:55

10:00 - 10:05 – Welcome & housekeeping rules

10:05 - 10:20 – Objectives of the call and tasks to be performed

10:20 - 10:35 – Financial procedures and requirements

10:35 - 10:50 – Q&A (based on questions written in the chat)

10:50 - 10:55 – Close and instructions to join Part 2

## 10:55-11:05 – BREAK

## Part 2 "Partner discovery" – 11:05 - 12:00

**Reserved for Article 36 delegates | SEPARATE LINK TO CONNECT!**

11:05 - 11:10 – Welcome & housekeeping rules

11:10 - 11:55 – Tour de table and follow-up interactions

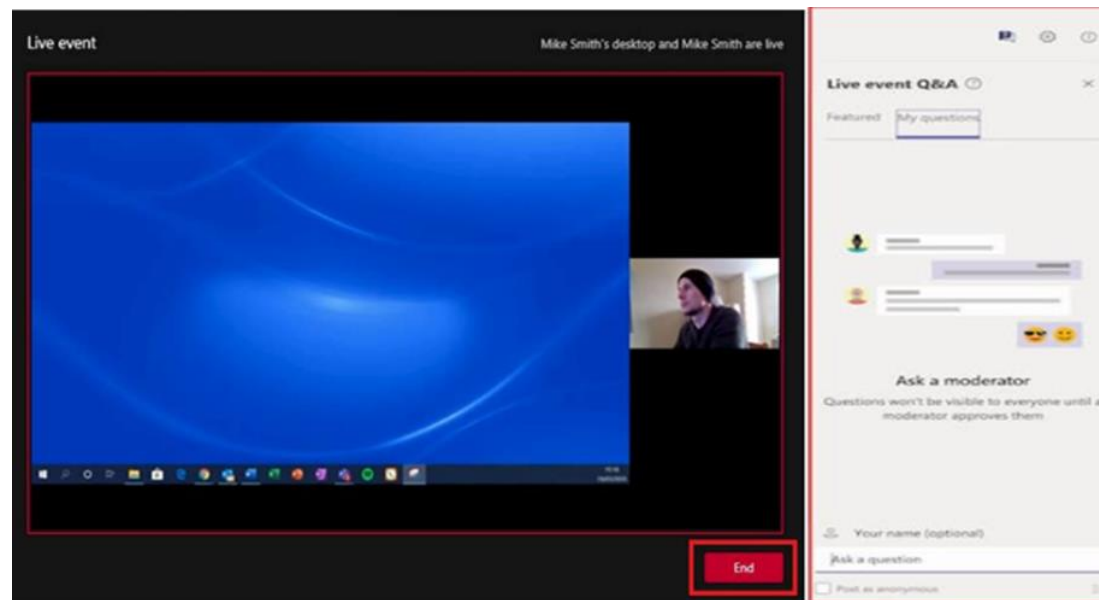
11:55 - 12:00 – Close



# HOUSE-KEEPING RULES

- You are **automatically connected** to the audio broadcast. One-way audio (**listen only** mode);
- The **event is in English**. Questions should be submitted in **English** via the **Q&A chat**;
- This event is **being recorded** and recordings will be published on EFSA's website;
- After the event, attendees will receive a **link to a survey** to evaluate the EFSA's event & services.

Presentation  
window



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



# WHAT IS EFSA?

- The reference body for **risk assessment of food and feed** in the European Union
- Provides **scientific basis** for laws and regulations to protect European consumers from food-related risks **from farm to fork**
- Established in Parma, Italy





# WHAT IS A NOVEL FOOD?



Foods or ingredients that have not been used for human consumption to a significant degree in the EU **before 15 May 1997**

- Phenylcapsaicin
- Ice-structuring protein

New synthesised  
or isolated  
compounds



- Yellow mealworms (*Tenebrio molitor*)
- Lycopene from *Blakeslea trispora*

New sources



- UV-treated yeast or mushrooms
- Milk products fermented with *B. xylanisolvens*

New processes  
& technologies



- Haskap berries
- Cacao pulp
- Coffee leaves

Traditional foods  
(non-EU  
countries)



# NOVEL FOOD CATEGORIES | REGULATION (EU) 2015/2283

New production  
process



New or modified  
molecular  
structure



From  
microorganisms,  
fungi or algae



From plants or  
their parts



Vitamins and  
minerals from new  
process /  
nanomaterials



Of mineral origin



From animals or  
their parts



Cell or tissue  
cultures derived  
from the living



Engineered  
nanomaterials



Exclusive use in  
food supplements  
prior to May 1997



# NOVEL FOOD AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE



Submit a dossier  
according to the  
**Novel Food (NF)**  
Guidance



Validate the dossier  
Mandate EFSA to  
carry out the risk  
assessment



NF: 9 months

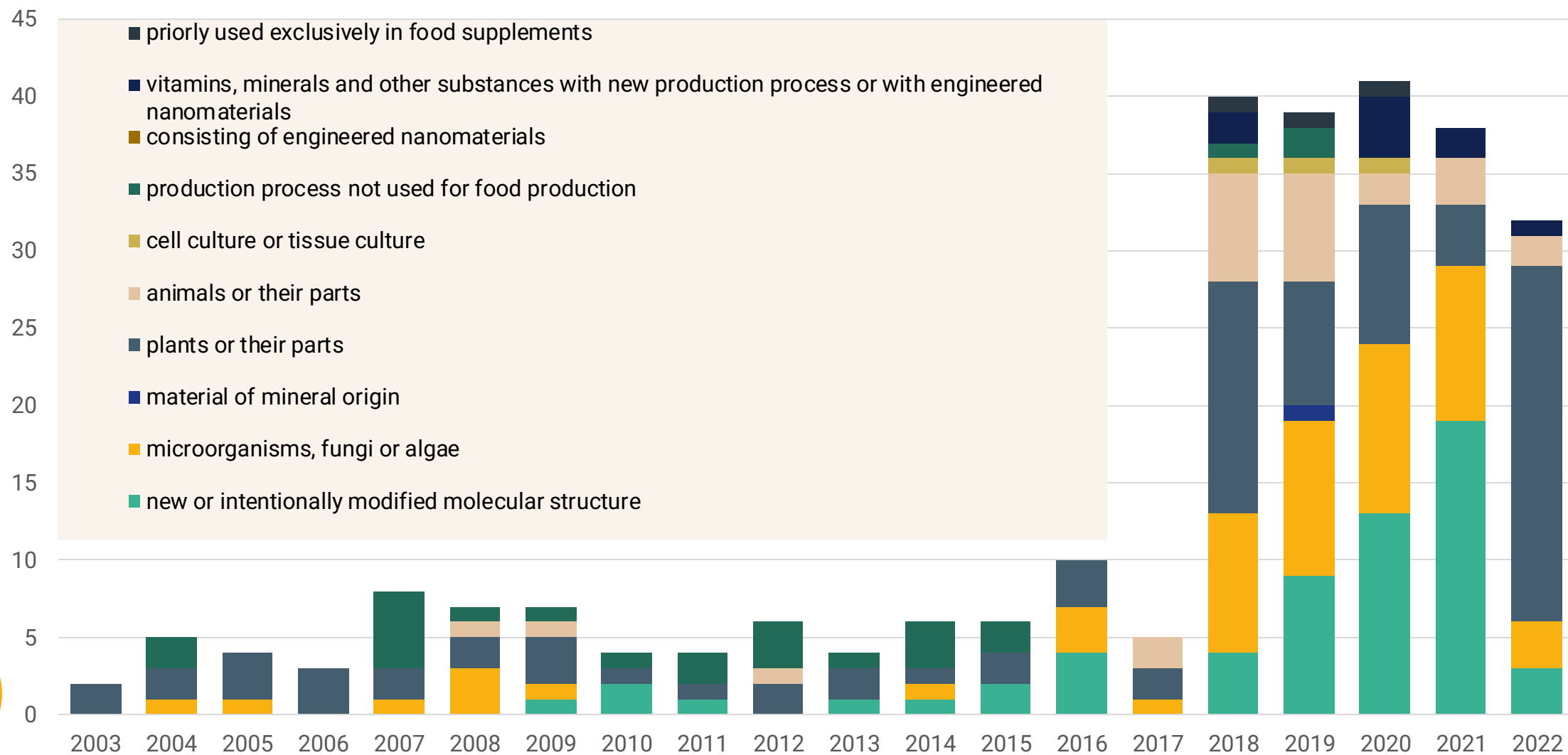


Carry out the risk  
assessment  
May request  
additional information  
to the applicant

Decide on market  
authorisation  
Integration to the  
Union List



# NOVEL FOOD APPLICATIONS





# THE CALL

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS

**Call reference:** EUBA-EFSA-2024-NIF-01

**Call title:** Contribution to the Risk Assessment of Novel Foods and Nutrient Sources in the EU.

Restricted to **the list of competent organisations** established by the Authority's Management Board in application of Article 2 the Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 with regard to the network of organisations operating in the fields within the Authority's remit.

**Brief description of the call objectives and key messages:** EFSA is responsible for EU risk assessments of materials from farm to fork. With this Call for Proposals, EFSA is launching a new opportunity to involve [competent organisations](#) in the assessment of Novel Food (NF) dossiers submitted to EFSA under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 and the preparation of scientific opinions (specific sections or in full) for the NF regulatory domain. The objective of this call is to identify and award a four-year Framework partnership agreement (FPA) to one or more competent organisations or consortia thereof that can provide capacity and expertise (chemistry, microbiology, biotechnology, food technology, nutrition, ADME, exposure and toxicology) that are relevant for the assessment of NF technical dossiers.



## KEY POINTS OF THE CALL

- **Entire dossiers** are outsourced – no splitting into individual lots/sections
- **Full range of competencies/ expertise** plus **capacity** needed
- Deliverables are **complete draft Scientific Opinions** – not just preparatory work
- Based on data in dossier – **no laboratory work** (analyses etc.) foreseen
- **Limited number of partners/consortia** (not obligatory but encouraged)
- **Additional budget for coordination activities** – scientific and administrative
- **Time-constraints**, 4 months, owing to legal framework



# EXPERTISE NEEDED

- Should cover **all areas/sections** of the novel food technical dossier

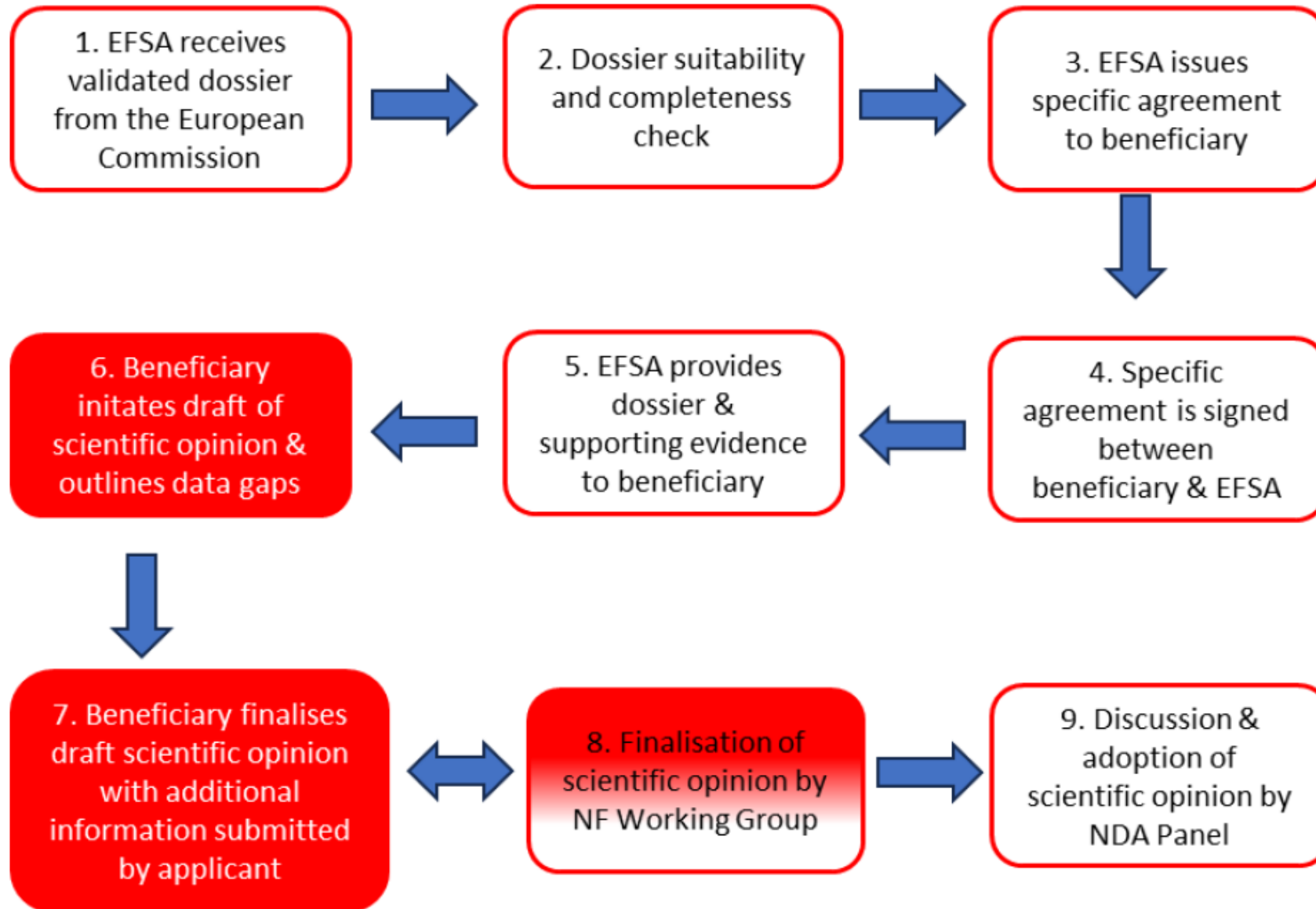
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Microbiology
- ✓ Biotechnology / food technology
- ✓ Nutrition
- ✓ ADME
- ✓ Exposure
- ✓ Toxicology / Pharmacology
- ✓ Human studies / Epidemiology



- Depending on type of NF, similarities to **chemical risk assessment**



# WORKFLOW OF THE SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS



Call launched in June 2024; It will lead to a cascade of FPAs - Framework Partnership Agreements - with a maximum of 3 FPAs



Overall estimated budget: EUR 3.5 million  
Financing Not Linked to Costs: no need to justify incurred costs



Framework partnership agreement duration: 48 months



Applications in **consortium** are not mandatory but are welcome

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





# USE OF EU FUNDING & TENDER OPPORTUNITIES PORTAL



Launched on the Funding and Tender Opportunities portal.

Deadline for submission of offers: 21/11/2024



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 allowing for the search of partners



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).



# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING PART 1!

- All submitted questions—whether addressed during the webinar or not—will be answered in writing in a **clarification document published alongside the call text and on the webinar page** within a few days.
- The **recording of Part 1** will be available on the EFSA website within a few days.
- Please take few minutes to fill out the **evaluation survey that you will receive after the event**. Your feedback is essential to improve our future events.

**Participants in Part 2 “Partner Discovery” are invited to join the session using the dedicated link to Part 2 they received by e-mail.**



**BREAK**

**PLEASE CONNECT TO PART 2  
“PARTNER DISCOVERY” SESSION  
AT 11:00**



# STAY CONNECTED

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