

EU-FORA UPDATE

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BRIEF UPDATE ON CALL 2023

- 23 applications received
 - 2 non eligible – did not pass the selection criteria
 - 1 scored below the threshold
 - 20 were ranked!



Hosting site	Country	Topic	Organisation of origin	Country
Norwegian Institute for Water Research	Norway	Pollutants in aquatic environments	ISPRA	Italy
Institute of Marine Research		Contaminants in aquaculture	IZSLER	Italy
INRAE	France	R-B of replacement of meat with insects and plant-based alternatives	HAPIH	Croatia
Universidade de Vigo	Spain	Algal-derived functional additives	Requimte	Portugal
		Replacement of synthetic preservatives with natural ingredients	Polytechnic Institute of Bragança	
QMRA on RTE foods		Institute of Agricultural and Food Biotechnology State Research Institute	Poland	
WGS strategies effects on QMRA outcomes				
Polytechnic University of Cartagena		Metagenomic analysis of food and surfaces (MRA)	University of Lubljana	Slovenia
NKUA	Greece	QCRA of products for disinfection of fresh produce	Polytechnic University of Cartagena	Spain
BfR	Germany	Allergenic potential, exposure and risk of Anisakis	BCAS	Czech Republic
		Qualitative RA for meat from wild board (OH)	BIOR	Latvia
AUTH	Greece	Probabilistic MIC modelling for MRA RA	University of Leon	Spain
ISS	Italy	In vitro metabolomics	University of Porto	Portugal
University of Perugia	Italy	RA of animal welfare	Institute of Agricultural and Food Biotechnology State Research Institute	⁴ Poland
AGH University	Poland	Xenobiotics from agrifood (OH)	INYTA-UGR	Spain

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SELECTION OF CONSORTIA OF HOSTING SITES AND FELLOW SENDING ORGANISATIONS 2025-2026



Call to be launched on 26/11/2024 **EUBA-EFSA-2024-ENREL-01**



Funding and Tender Opportunities portal



Further support on partner search by Focal Points



Boosting EU-FORA potential on CB and Partnerships



BOOSTING EU-FORA POTENTIAL IN CAPACITY BUILDING

HOW?

- New deliverable: BRIEF SLIDE SHOW
 - Narrated
 - With notes

LEARNING PILLS



WHY?

- The EU-FORA programme contributes to EFSA's effort in the capacity building area, mostly on the learning journey and contribution to pool of experts.
- This initiative can support the creation of materials for and by the Community and enhance the learning communities.



BOOSTING EU-FORA'S POTENTIAL FOR PARTNERSHIPS - **HOW?**

- Proponents will have access to a table of **18 EFSA-relevant "mini-projects"**, which they can choose to up-take as part of the fellow's placement.
- The topics of those mini-projects **stem from ongoing work** in various preparedness topics, including work on **emerging risks** and RA-relevant developments **NAMs, biotechnology** and **exposure science**.
- All mini-projects feature a short description and an indication of some desired deliverables, which could help EFSA's work.
- Important:
 - Proponents are **NOT limited** to the mini-projects proposed
 - Proponents that do opt for one or more of the proposed mini-projects will NOT get any benefits during the evaluation.



BOOSTING EU-FORA'S POTENTIAL FOR PARTNERSHIPS - WHAT?

- 18 Topics (title, description, desirable key deliverables)
- Broad areas include emerging issues and preparedness work in the exposure, biotechnology and NAMs domains.

APPENDIX A. LIST OF SCIENTIFIC TOPICS FOR POTENTIAL USE BY THE APPLICANTS UNDER CALL EUBA-EFSA-2024-ENREL-01

No	Title	Description	Desirable Key Deliverables	Further info	Category	Free keywords
1	Improving the evidence base on the impact of plastics, including micro- and nano- plastics, on the food chain	Plastic pollution is becoming increasingly prevalent in all environments worldwide, meaning that organisms will inevitably be more exposed to plastic. Recent studies demonstrate the hazard of plastic and its impact to living organisms and their ecosystems. Microplastics may also act as a vehicle of other contaminants and concerns are raised.	More information is needed about the harmful effects of plastic pollution on human health and the environment. Of particular interest is information/research on the degradation of plastics within living organisms, as well as their biological absorption, distribution, elimination, and toxicity.	https://image.outreach.efsa.europa.eu/lib/fe3811717564047c711779/m/1/7a358789-b1fd-4fa2-abf3-d37fcbce1cb5.pdf	Contaminants	Plastic, plastic pollution, plastic degradation, toxicology
2	Improving the understanding of the risk of	Providencia spp. are ubiquitous, gram-negative, anaerobic, rod-shaped bacteria that belong to the Enterobacteriaceae family. There are currently	Data on the prevalence, pathogenicity of Providencia spp.	https://image.outreach.efsa.europa.eu/lib/fe3	Biological hazards	Providencia spp., prevalence

BOOSTING EU-FORA'S POTENTIAL FOR PARTNERSHIPS - **WHY?**

- **For the fellow, the host and the sending organisations:**
 - Impactful training on topics in the active interest of EFSA;
 - The placement outputs are (more) likely to be relevant to EFSA's ongoing preparedness work.
- **For all the RA actors looking at the EU FORA call:**
 - Insights to EFSA's ongoing preparedness work;
 - Some of that preparedness work may lead to Partnership opportunities in the future;
 - Opportunities for cooperation beyond (contractual) Partnership, e.g., on ongoing work.
- **For the FPs:**
 - Insights to EFSA's ongoing preparedness work, which can pave the way to new initiatives;
 - May help approaching academic/research actors and bringing together Public Administration risk assessors and academic researchers.



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?

1. By anticipating the upcoming Call to your art. 36 organisations, including information on the pilots.
2. By supporting the creation of consortia.
3. By collecting doubts, questions or issues that could be addressed for all***....
4.and, by reflecting on the changes that EFSA has introduced



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