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**THE EUROPEAN FOOD RISK
ASSESSMENT (EU-FORA)
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME.
AN UPDATE**

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EU-FORA SINCE 2021 (1)

In June 2021, a proposal for an evolved EU-FORA Programme (“EU-FORA 2.0”) was presented to the Management Board and Advisory Forum

HOW

Co-submission of proposals (hosting site and fellow sending org.)

Both org. must be Art. 36 from two different Member States, Norway or Iceland

On-site training + short placements

Fellow remains a staff member

OBJECTIVES / BENEFITS

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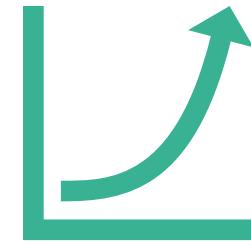
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EU-FORA SINCE 2021 (2)

YEAR (CYCLE)	No. ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS	No. APPLICATIONS ABOVE THRESHOLD
2021 (2022-2023)	15	15
2022 (2023-2024)	19	19
2023 (2024-2025)	23	20



Essential support of the Focal Points Network



EU-FORA | SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

Since 2017...

- Over 100 Alumni members
- 15 ongoing fellows
- Over 45 different hosting sites in 18 MS & UK
- ~ 100 supervisors



CALL 2024 | CYCLE 2025-2026



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

Deadline: 20/03/2025



Funding and Tender Opportunities portal



Further support on partner search by Focal Points



Boosting EU-FORA potential on Capacity Building 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 1/2

HOW?

- The call includes a table of **18 "mini-projects"***, which can become part of the fellow's placement project.
- The mini-projects correspond to ongoing work in various preparedness topics, e.g., emerging risks, NAMs, biotechnology, exposure science, etc.
- Important: Selecting one of the mini-projects is **optional**. Opting to do so or not does not carry any special weight in the evaluation of their proposal.



* Each mini-project comes with a brief description and some desirable key deliverables.



BOOSTING EU-FORA'S POTENTIAL FOR PARTNERSHIPS 2/2

WHY?

- For the fellow, the host and the sending organisations:
 - Impactful training on topics in the active interest of EFSA;
 - Any outputs will be relevant to current preparedness work.
- For all MS partners & interested parties:
 - Insights into EFSA's ongoing preparedness work, which may be reflected in future Partnership opportunities;
 - Some of the proposed topics are well-suited for cooperation between risk assessors and academia
 - Opportunity to explore cooperation on ongoing work, beyond the typical framework of grant and procurement calls.



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