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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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## 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.



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\* 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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