
CALL 2026 FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TARGETING SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES – NOVEL FOOD APPLICANTS

Note on the processing of personal data in the context of this call:

Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, is applicable to the present call for expressions of interest. In accordance with Article 15 of the Regulation, the following information is provided:

- The purpose of this call is to collect information about your expression of interest to receive EFSA's advice for your future application on Novel Foods through the General Pre-submission Advice (GPSA) service, in an Early Advice Meeting or in a Pre-submission Meeting and to appraise whether you meet the eligibility criteria to receive such advice.
- The data collected and further processed are the answers to survey questions needed to appraise your eligibility, as well as the name and personal data of the call participants specifically asked for.
- In this regard, your contact data will be used to allow EFSA emailing you:
 - to ask for clarifications (if needed) on the content of the Expression of Interest.
 - to inform you of the result of the appraisal to receive EFSA's advice in the form of an Early advice meeting or a Pre-submission meeting.
- The on-line submission of the survey contribution also implies the processing of the sender's IP address exclusively for technical purposes.
- This form is organized by means of the Microsoft Forms survey platform, part of the Office 365 package. Appropriate security procedures are employed to protect the confidentiality and secure processing of survey responses. Access to form responses stored in the form organiser's database is restricted to a limited number of FDP staff and contractors in charge of the form management and analysis.
- The FDP Unit (Front Desk and Workforce Planning unit) is the data controller in charge of organizing the call. After closure, a staff member in charge downloads in a secure manner the data file with the replies and transfers it to a confidential folder of EFSA's Microsoft Teams with restricted access. The answers collected in this way are kept as long as needed for the purposes of contacting the interested parties with any further instructions on how to submit data to EFSA and how to fulfill the satisfaction survey.
- As a respondent, you have the right to access your data and to rectify them or delete them by sending a request to the controller via [Ask a Question service](#) (indicating "Novel Food – call SMEs 2026" in the subject of the request). and you have the right to lodge a complaint regarding the processing of your personal data in the context of this survey with the European Data Protection Supervisor ([EDPS complaints form](#)). You may also contact EFSA's data protection officer for any clarification or assistance with regard to the processing of your personal in the context of this survey - DataProtectionOfficer@efsa.europa.eu