

Call for expressions of interest for
stakeholders involved in plastic food
contact materials applications to join
EFSA's stakeholder community on
applications for food and feed
products



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1 About the call

As part of wider European efforts to improve the interoperability and reuse of chemical data across regulatory domains and EU institutions, the European Union is promoting the use of the International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID) as the standard format for regulated product dossiers.

Within EFSA's remit, IUCLID is already used for plant protection product applications. In line with recent developments in the EU legislative framework, including the establishment of the EU Common Data Platform on Chemicals and the one substance, one assessment approach, the use of IUCLID is foreseen to be progressively extended to additional regulatory areas. The transition will begin with plastic food contact materials applications, for which submissions via the E-Submission Food Chain Platform (ESFC) will require the inclusion of a dossier in IUCLID format.

As this represents an important change, the transition will be introduced gradually and in close dialogue with applicants and stakeholders. The current planning foresees the use of the IUCLID format for plastic food contact materials applications in the second half of 2028, allowing sufficient time for preparation, testing, learning and adaptation.

EFSA will launch a range of activities to support applicants and stakeholders throughout the process. In particular, engagement activities will take place through the EFSA stakeholder community on applications for food and feed products, which will host dedicated consultation and feedback-gathering activities related to the adoption of IUCLID for plastic food contact materials applications. Community activities will be complemented by broader information, training and support initiatives, ensuring that all interested parties have access to the resources needed to prepare for the transition.

Within this framework, EFSA is launching a **call for expressions of interest for stakeholders involved in plastic food contact materials applications to join EFSA's stakeholder community on applications for food and feed products.**

The community is open to all stakeholders involved in or interested in various application-related topics, including not only business operators and consultants but also representatives from other organisations such as NGOs, universities, research centres, and laboratories/contract research organisations. This call remains exclusively dedicated to stakeholders, while participation from Member State competent authorities will be addressed separately.

Please note that **existing members will remain part of the community.** This call serves exclusively to **identify new members** as defined in Section 4 below. Existing members are requested not to apply again, as they will continue to be part of the community without the need for reapplication.

2 Objectives and functioning of the community

The community is a collaborative forum whose main objective is to empower its members to play an active role in shaping discussions and initiatives related to the application process.

Community members have the opportunity to share their views, experiences, and suggestions with EFSA and their peers, working together towards the common goal of streamlining the process and improving application quality, thereby facilitating the delivery of fit-for-purpose and



timely risk assessments. Community's discussions involve subgroups of members interested in the specific topics. In line with this approach, the community will serve as a forum to engage stakeholders and host dedicated consultation and feedback-gathering activities related to the adoption of IUCLID for plastic food contact materials applications.

More information on the nature of the community and what members can expect is available in the [Terms of Reference](#) and in the [dedicated section](#) of the EFSA website.

3 Who we are looking for

This call is open to stakeholders involved in plastic food contact materials applications. The call will remain open for as long as necessary to support the development of the engagement activities needed for the adoption of the IUCLID format for plastic food contact materials applications, currently foreseen for the second half of 2028.

Members will be involved in consultation and feedback-gathering activities related to this transition, with further details to be communicated by EFSA as they become available. In addition, they will be able to contribute to other community exchanges and activities based on their interests.

4 Selection of members and prioritisation criteria

4.1 Eligibility requirements

For this specific call for expression of interest, applying members must meet the following requirements:

1. Be involved in, or have a professional interest in plastic food contact materials

and

2. Belong to one of the stakeholder categories identified by EFSA:
 - Company: small to medium-sized enterprise (SME)
 - Company: large enterprise
 - Consultancy
 - Laboratory/Contract Research Organisation¹
 - Environmental or health NGO
 - Industry association
 - Academia
 - Consumer organisations
 - Distributors and HORECA
 - Farmers and primary producers.

Note: Being part of the EFSA Registered Stakeholders scheme is not a prerequisite to join the community.

¹Laboratories and contract research organisations are invited to select the stakeholder category that best reflects their legal status.



4.2 Multiple members from the same organisation

The submission of interest to join the community is on an individual basis and not at the organisational level. EFSA acknowledges that some organisations may prefer to have multiple members from the same entity participating in the community, as they may have interests in different topics or areas of work.

In principle, the participation of multiple members from the same organisation is allowed. However, should it become necessary to ensure efficient exchange dynamics, EFSA reserves the right to limit participation from multiple members from the same organisation, particularly when they cover overlapping areas of work or interest.

4.3 Prioritisation in the selection process

To ensure efficient exchange dynamics within the community, EFSA may limit the number of accepted members, prioritising those who demonstrate strong expertise and interest in the topic, as indicated in the submission form. Additionally, EFSA will ensure fair representation across food industry sectors and organisations' sizes.

5 How you can apply

Plastic food contact materials stakeholders interested in joining the community are invited to submit their expression of interest via the community registration form, which is open on a standing basis.

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6 Notification of the outcome

Expressions of interest will be assessed periodically. Stakeholders will be notified of the outcome of their request to join the community via e-mail, using the address provided in their expression of interest form.

7 Publication of community-related documents

To ensure transparency in the management of the community, documents related to its establishment and operations are published on the [EFSA's website](#) and updated as relevant documents related to this call become available. These documents may include references to the companies or organisations that community members represent, but, unless specific consent is requested and provided by the members, no personal data will be featured, such as individual names, surnames, or email addresses.

8 Inquiries

Any questions or requests for assistance regarding this call should be sent via the [Ask a Question service](#) indicating in the subject "Stakeholder community on applications for food and feed products – call for expressions of interest".