The European Food Risk Assessment (EU-FORA) Fellowship Programme is a key initiative for ensuring preparedness for future risk analysis needs. The aim of the programme is to increase the pool of food safety risk assessment experts in Europe and stimulate the involvement of Member States in risk assessment, all with the ultimate objective of building a common EU culture for risk assessment.

How does it work?

- The fellow-sending organisation and the hosting organisation apply to the fellowship programme as a consortium, identifying the fellow and proposing the programme.
- The fellowship lasts for 12 months, during which time the fellow is released from his/her regular tasks to follow a work programme offered by the hosting site.
- Although most of the work programme is followed remotely, around one third of the time will be spent at the hosting organisation gaining first-hand experience, with the aim of enhancing knowledge exchange and networking.

Applications timeline

- Launch of the call: Q3 +1
- Evaluation: Q4
- Award: Q3 +1

Training

- Training is an essential part of the EU-FORA programme.
- At the summer workshop and induction training, fellows meet and exchange experiences while being introduced to the topics they will tackle over the coming year.
- Throughout the programme, fellows have the opportunity to follow seminars – physically and remotely – on topics such as risk assessment, emerging risks, risk communication or data collection.

MODULE I

- 40 hours
- Risk assessment of other food areas
- GMOs, Plant Health, AHAW, Nutrition, ERA and Regulated Products.

MODULE II

- 40 hours
- Emerging risks in food risk assessment

MODULE III

- 40 hours
- Risk communication and crisis response

MODULE IV

- 40 hours
- Data collection and reporting