The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is an independent European Agency funded by the European Union (EU), located in Parma, Italy.

The Authority is the keystone of EU risk assessment regarding food and feed safety.

In close collaboration with national authorities and in open consultation with its stakeholders, EFSA provides independent scientific advice and communication on existing and emerging risks.

EFSA’s role is to assess and communicate on all risks associated with the food chain. We are committed to ensuring food safety in Europe.

We are based in Parma, Italy, where we currently employ around 450 staff from all over Europe. Our main working language is English.

EFSA is facing an exciting time as we are preparing for the implementation of the new Regulation 178/2002.

EFSA will grow considerably over the next few years and we will publish several calls to establish a talent pool of suitable candidates to help us carry EFSA forward.
European Food Safety Authority staff is responsible for ensuring that Europe’s food is safe, advising on risks associated with the food chain, and communicating about it.

What we offer
- Interesting and intellectually stimulating work.
- An environment where you are encouraged to develop and share skills and languages.
- The opportunity to work in a multicultural and multilingual environment.
- An attractive benefits package.
- Further training and professional development.

We look for the best talents across Europe
- With a background in Science (Biochemistry, Chemistry, Food Science and Technology, Human or Veterinary Medicine, Biotechnology, Biology, Agronomy, Toxicology, etc.), IT, Law, Finance, Communications or Human Resources.
- Candidates;
  - Who are highly organized and results-oriented;
  - Enjoy working in a multinational team and are flexible and adapt quickly to changing environments.
  - Want to grow professionally and want to help Europe make a difference.

Career Opportunities

Staff (Temporary and Contract Agents):
- Open to nationals from EU, Iceland or Norway
- 5 years contract with the possibility of renewal.
- Benefits package:
  - In addition to the basic salary, we offer various benefits depending on personal circumstances.
  - Family allowances for spouse and dependent children.
  - Worldwide medical insurance coverage for staff member and dependents.
  - Accident insurance coverage for staff members.
  - Flexible working hours.
  - Parental and family leave.
  - Final-salary pension scheme.
  - European School.

Traineeship:
- Open to EU and non–EU candidates
- Recent university graduates (bachelor level)
- Monthly grant of around 1.160 euros
- Traineeship duration up to 12 months

Seconded National Expert:
- Open to EU and non-EU staff employed by a national, regional or local public administration or a IGO.
- 1 year agreement with possibility to extend it up to 4 years.

Guest Programme (short-term placement):
- Open to EU and non-EU PhD candidates and employees from national public administration, public intergovernmental organization, universities or research institutions.
- The duration can be up to 6 or 12 months.

More information
To see EFSA’s open vacancies and more details about our career opportunities, visit our careers website;

careers.efsa.europa.eu