



CLARIFICATION N°2

Call reference: EUBA-EFSA-2024-ENREL-01

Call title: Selection of hosting sites and fellows for EFSA's European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship (EU-FORA) Programme

Question 1: I wonder if the application can include two supervisors from the hosting site (in this case UCM) or if it is better to have just one Coordinator and a team of experts as collaborators of the proposal. I understand that specific duties for each expert should be defined in the proposal.

Answer: As indicated in Sections 1.2.1 *Obligations and benefits of becoming a fellow hosting site* and 1.2.2 *Obligations and benefits of the fellow hosting site supervisor*, the fellow hosting site will assign a supervisor to each fellow hosted. At least 8 hours per week will have to be invested in the supervising and mentoring of each fellow, of which at least 2 hours should be carried out by the appointed supervisor. The applicant does not need to provide individual named supervisors at the stage of application.

The supervisor needs to meet the requirements and provide the requested evidence as stated in the Call for proposals, Section 2.4.B, Professional and operational capacity criteria (Requirements for the fellow hosting site 2 and 3).

It is up to the hosting site to decide whether they will appoint more than one supervisor always taking into consideration that Section 2.4.B Selection criteria, professional and operational capacity, requires that the fellow hosting site has sufficient resources to allocate a dedicated supervisor to each hosted fellow, with provision for a back-up supervisor in case of need.

Question: 2. I'm currently a postdoctoral researcher. However, my project will end in April and I don't know if I will renew my project. Would it be possible for me to apply for this grant?

Answer: As indicated in Section 2.4.B Selection criteria, professional and operational capacity, of the Call for Proposals, *the fellow must be a staff member of or have a working relationship with a competent organisation under Art. 36 of EFSA's founding regulation (sending organisation); they must have worked for this organisation under a permanent or contract basis for at least 12 months before their fellowship (i.e. September 2025) and shall remain in the service of that employer throughout the period of fellowship (i.e. minimum until 31st August 2026). The fellow (and alternate) must not have been a fellow in past editions of the EU-FORA Programme.*

