



European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme


=> Status update and milestones ahead

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Agenda

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- Achievements
 - Works in progress
 - Upcoming milestones
 - Choice of acronym
 - Guidance on grant call for fellow hosting sites
 - Volunteer for replacing Latvia in Fellowship Committee
 - Your Questions => Q&A

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Achievements

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- Fellowship Committee held 23 weekly telephone conferences and 3 physical workshops!
 - Procurement call for developing and delivering the training modules drafted and published with deadline 15 September. Demands for clarifications answered during summer
 - First draft on programme KPI's and impact indicators
 - Fellow selection criteria defined
 - Synopsis programme outline drafted and shared with FP's last July

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Works in progress

- Drafting of the GRANT call for proposals for selecting Fellow Hosting sites
- Brainstorming to find a nice acronym 😊
- Developing the Communication plan:
 - design structure of a dedicated page on EFSA's website
 - draft the content of the web page, including Q&A
 - create a logo/programme identity based on Acronyme
 - create a electronic post card to promote the programme

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Upcoming milestones

September

- Defining and concluding on the overall fellow selection and placement process
- Drafting the call for expression of interest for fellows to be published on EFSA website
- Evaluating the offers of the procurement call

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Upcoming milestones

October

- Publication of the grant call for selecting fellow hosting sites
- Publication of the call for expression of interest for fellows
- Go live with dedicated page on EFSA's web site
- Share the link to the website page with the FP's

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Tentative Calendar of Major Milestones

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- **Jan '16** => composition programme committee
 - **Jan '16** => identification training hosting sites
 - **Jan - April '16** => drafting procurement specifications training
 - **June- Sept '16** => running procurement procedure and contract award
 - **Sept onwards** => closely monitor contract execution
 - **October '16 - January '17** => fellow call for expression of interest
 - **October '16 - January '17** => grant call proposals fellow hosting sites
 - **February '17** => selecting 15 fellows and reserve list
 - **February '17** => selecting & signature of grant agreements hosting sites
 - **March '17** => assignment of fellows to hosting sites
 - **June '17** => workshop with all involved (committee, contractor, tutors,...)
 - **Sept '17** => roll out of first fellowship exchange cycle 12 month
 - **August '18** => conclusion of first fellowship cycle
 - **Sept '18** => roll out of second fellowship exchange cycle
 - **August '19** => conclusion of second fellowship cycle

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Choice of Acronym

- The following nice proposals have been made and supported by several:
 - **EUFORIA** - Fellowship (**E**uropean **F**ood **R**isk **A**ssessment Fellowship)
 - **FRAME** - Fellowship for **R**isk **A**ssessment **M**ethods in Europe/EFSA
 - **TRACE** - Talents for **R**isk **A**ssessment **C**ommunity in Europe
 - **GRACE** - **G**rowing **R**isk **A**ssessment **C**ommunity in **E**urope
 - **EURAXESS**
 - **EFSA FOODRAP** Food Risk Assessment Programme

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Guidance on Grant call for proposals for fellow hosting sites

- One -year direct agreement with each hosting site
- Simplified implementation mode: lump sum form of grant, no verification of costs; (similar to FPs implementation mode)
- Important: The Call will specify the minimum requirements to be respected by the applicant hosting sites i.e. submission of an application equals acceptance of these terms

Simplifications

- Grant application process: Simple application procedure (no consortia, no estimated budget, less admin documents)
- Grant implementation process: No costs declaration by the hosting site; quick grant payment based on approval of report

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Volunteering FP for participation in Fellowship Programme Committee

- Due to new mandate of Avairs Bērziņš and upon his advise, we are looking for a new FP representative and back up to participate to the Fellowship Programme Committee composed currently of Norway, UK, and Germany FP representatives in addition to several EFSA scientific members and chair
- Thank you for proposing !

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Q&A

Thank you for sending us quite some questions already, please continue to ask!



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Q: If I understand correctly, an Art. 36 organisation could take part in fellowship programme by

1. advising EFSA as member of the fellowship programme committee (such as GER, NOR, UK),
2. acting as a training modules-hosting site,
3. applying to the call for developing and delivering the training modules,
4. applying to the call for the hosting sites, and
5. having individuals apply for the call for fellows.

Could you point out potential conflicts of interest if a specific Art. 36 organisation likes to be active in more than one area?

A: There is no conflict of interest, because it is strictly ruled out that members of the programme committee from the MS are involved in the evaluation of the procurement and grant calls. Therefore an Art. 36 organisation could even participate in all above specified areas.

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Q: Are there going to be limits in the number of applications of fellows from a single Art. 36 organisation?

A: No. However, fellows need to provide proof that their institution of origin supports their application.

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Comment:

We are a bit surprised by the calendar with the 2 calls (the one for hosting sites and the other for fellows) launched in parallel.

It may be difficult for fellows to indicate a project without knowing the proposed existing hosting sites and their respective portfolios of activities and projects.

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Q: Can individuals working at non-Art. 36 organisations apply as fellows?

A: No.

Q: Is a candidate from an organisation which is in the process of becoming an Art. 36 organisation eligible?

A: Candidates from organisations which receive Art.36 status in December 16 can apply for a fellowship in 2017.

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Q: Can one fellow hosting site supervisor take more than one fellow?


A: No. Each fellow must have an individual fellow hosting site supervisor.



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- **Q: The focus of the programme lies on chemical and microbiological risk assessment. Does the programme also include GMO risk assessment?**
 - **A: The hosting of fellows is including all aspects and fields relevant to Food Safety including GMO risk assessment. Only the training modules are mostly focused in Chemical and Microbiological food risk assessment.**

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- **Q: Must the fellow's work be focussed on dossier evaluation or can the work programme also include research on for example improving existing risk assessment strategies?**
 - **A: The activities will be proposed to the fellow by the hosting site and will be finalised in an agreement with the fellow in liaison with the program committee. The actual content can be quite flexible as long as it contributes to building up the fellows understanding and knowledge of aspects relevant to food safety risk assessment and related fields.**

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**Further questions are welcome!
The floor is yours.**

