

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS COVER NOTE

The annual work programme for grants has to be adopted by the Management Board and published on EFSA's website as per Article 110 of the Financial Regulation (Regulation (EC Euratom) No. 1605/2002 as amended by Regulation (EC Euratom) No. 1995/06) which states that: "*Grants shall be subject to an annual programme to be published at the start of the year*" (before the 31st March). A similar programme was adopted by the Management Board and published on the EFSA website in 2007 and 2008.

This programme is an important tool for implementing the strategy on cooperation adopted by the Management Board in December 2006. With a view to the increasing workload, the main objective of this programme is that competent organisations in Member States support EFSA's Scientific Committee and the Scientific Panels in their risk assessment tasks. In consultation with the Advisory Forum and the Scientific Committee, the following priority areas have been identified.

- Support for the examination of authorisation dossiers, in the areas of plant protection products, genetically modified organisms, food additives and nutrient sources added to food, food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings and processing aids, feed additives, human nutrition and health claims.
- Preparatory work for risk assessment in the areas of biological hazards, animal health and welfare, plant health, contaminants.
- Data collection and analysis supporting risk assessment and risk monitoring, in the areas of emerging risks, occurrence of contaminants and food consumption.
- Horizontal issues and scientific cooperation.

The total budget allocated to Article 36 (grants) projects has increased from €1.7 million (related to 8 calls) in 2007, to €2.0 (related to 18 calls) million in 2008, and a proposed €3.9 million in 2009. Scientific cooperation with Member State organisations also takes place via public procurement procedures and other specific agreements. Table 1 below shows the distribution of the total 2009 budget of €7.5 million to the different activities as well as the type of procedure proposed. It will be noted that the majority of the resources is to be spent on direct support for risk assessment activities.

Conclusion:

Acting on this proposal of the Executive Director, the Management Board is requested to adopt the grants programme (attached).

Table 1: Budget proposed to be allocated in 2009 to scientific cooperation with organisations in Member States for the main scientific activities of EFSA.

Activity	Procurement (€) (for information)	Grants (€)	Total (€)
1. Support for evaluation of authorisation dossiers	1 638 000	775 000	2 413 000
2. Risk assessment	120 000	1 595 000	1 715 000
3. Data collection	940 000	1 020 000	1 960 000
4. Horizontal issues and Scientific Cooperation	50 000	475 000	525 000
Total	2 748 000	3 865 000	6 613 000

In addition, it is intended to conclude Focal Point agreements for a total amount of 860 000 €, thus bringing the total budget to **7 473 000 €**.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Article 5 (2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2230/2004 foresees that financial support for tasks entrusted to organisations on the article 36 list shall take the form of grants awarded in accordance with EFSA's financial regulation and implementing rules. Based on these rules the grants shall be subject to a public annual work programme which, as a rule, will be implemented through the publication of calls for proposals.

2. BASIC ACT AND FINANCING SOURCE

- **Basic Act:** Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council article 36 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2230/2004.
- **Budget lines:** 3001, 3011, 3021, 3031, 3041, 3051, 3061, 3071, 3081, 3091, 3101, 3111, 3121, 3131, 3141, 3144, 3151, 3211.

3. TASKS TO BE ENTRUSTED, THE OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED, AND PRIORITY AREAS

a) Support for the examination of authorisation dossiers, in the areas of plant protection products, genetically modified organisms, food additives and nutrient sources added to food, food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings and processing aids, feed additives, human nutrition and health claims.

b) Preparatory work for risk assessment in the areas of biological hazards, animal health and welfare, plant health, contaminants.

c) Data collection and analysis supporting risk assessment and risk monitoring, in the areas of emerging risks, occurrence of contaminants and food consumption.

d) Horizontal issues and scientific cooperation.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF THE APPLICANTS

- The applicants must be on the list adopted by the Management Board of EFSA on the 20th of December 2006 as updated/18 Dec 2008¹ (implying fulfillment of the criteria set in the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2230/2004);
- The applicants shall not be, at the time of a grant award procedure, in one of the situations referred to in Articles 93 and 94 of the Financial Regulation (Council Regulation (EC) No. 1605/2002) as amended.

¹ Pending the decision of the Management Board

5. SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

The eligible proposals will be evaluated against the selection criteria indicated in each specific call. In general there are two sets of selection criteria to be assessed:

1. Financial capacity
2. Technical capacity

The proposals which meet the selection criteria will be evaluated against the award criteria indicated in each specific call. In general there are three sets of award criteria to be assessed:

1. Quality of the proposal
2. Quality of the management
3. Cost effectiveness

6. MAXIMUM RATE OF CO-FINANCING

Up to 80% of the eligible costs

7. SCHEDULE OF CALLS FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2008

Launch of calls for proposals: January – October 2009

8. INDICATIVE AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR CALLS FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2008

- a) Support for the examination of authorisation dossiers: Calls will be launched for approximately 775,000 €.
- b) Preparatory work for risk assessment: Calls will be launched for approximately 1,595,000 €.
- c) Data collection and analysis supporting risk assessment and risk monitoring: Calls will be launched for approximately 1,020,000 €.
- d) Horizontal issues and scientific cooperation: Calls will be launched for approximately 475,000€.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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