



EU-FORA Fellowship

**Start cohort one
Preparation cohort two**

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AGENDA

- 1. Fellow matching process**
- 2. Feedback received**
- 3. Issues identified**
- 4. Quality monitoring measures**
- 5. Sharing practices on developing work programmes**
- 6. Next steps**
- 7. Your questions**

1. FELLOW MATCHING PROCESS

We all may be proud!

- **84** fellow applications & **34** work programmes received
- **30** fellows selected out of 74 eligible applications
- **2 fellow applications** proposed to each HS work programme
- Final choice of **15 fellows** from 11 different member states made by **8 highest ranked hosting sites** from 7 MS's

And the lucky winners are ...

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GERMANY - FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR RISK ASSESSMENT (BFR)



Application of data science in Risk Assessment and Early Warning



Michal Jan Cryz
(Polish, National Research Institute)

Identification and evaluation of potentially mutagenic and carcinogenic heat related contaminants in food

Josef Daniel Rasinger
(Austrian, National Institute of Nutrition and Seafood Research)

Risk Assessment of plants and plant preparations in food

Ewa Matyjaszczyk
(Polish, National Research Institute)

Risk Assessment of substances used in food supplements and fortified foods

Georgios Marakis
(Greek, EFET)



IRELAND - NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND (UCD)



Use of next generation
sequencing in microbial risk
assessment



Koenraad Van Hoorde
(Belgian, Ghent University)

ITALY - INSTITUTE OF PROTEIN BIOCHEMISTRY (IBP-CNR)



Development of an automated multi-enzymatic biosensor for risk assessment of pesticides contamination in water and food



Janis Rusko
(Latvian, Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment "BIOR")

SPAIN - UNIVERSITY OF LEON



Risk Assessment of
antimicrobial resistance
along the food chain through
culture-independent
methodologies



Elena Alexandra
Oniciuc

(Romanian, Donarea de Jos
University of Galati)

Eleni Likotrafiti

(Greek, Alexander Technological
Educational Institute of
Thessaloniki)

SWEDEN

National Food Authority (NFA)



Supporting risk ranking of chemical and microbiological hazards in foods



Tomaz Langerholc
(Slovenian, University of Maribor)

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)



Risk Assessment of Animal Welfare in a post antimicrobial era and risk assessment of novel foods



Xavier Fernandez Cassi
(Spanish, University of Barcelona)

Alexandru Supeanu
(Romanian, The National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority)



THE NETHERLANDS - NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT (RIVM)



Preparation of Dutch food
consumption data for risk
assessment



Keiu Nelis
(Estonian, National
Institute for Health
Development)

Modelling of inactivation through
heating for Quantitative
Microbiological Risk Assessment
(QMRA)

**Michele
Pesciaroli**
(Italian, Istituto
Zooprofilattico
Sperimentale
dell'Umbria e delle
Marche)

Assessment of human exposure
to (residues of) pesticides

**Marie
Markantonis**
(German, University of
Milan)



UK - ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY (APHA)



Livestock Health and Food
Chain Risk Assessment



**Roberto
Condoleo**
(Italian, Veterinary Public
Health Institute of Lazio
and Tuscany)

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2. FEEDBACK RECEIVED

- **Differentiate timing of calls in order to provide fellows with information on hosting sites programmes**
- **Give more time to hosting sites**
- **Can hosting sites pre-select fellow(s) and include fellow name(s) in the proposal for grant application**
- **Foresee a workshop/presentation facilitated by the fellow at sending organisation during placement period**
- **Provide further guidance for completing the HS application**

3. ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY US

- **A certain number of HS applications could not be ranked by EFSA's evaluation committee**
Figures: 34 WP's from 19 HS's received => 15 WP's ranked from 10 HS's
- **Hosting sites encountering administrative obstacles at late stage**
- **Fellows fellow application balance from Food RA institutes and Academia (around 1/4)**

4. QUALITY MONITORING MEASURES

- **HS supervisor to alert EFSA EU-FORA in case issues arise**
- **EU-FORA team available for fellow and supervisors at all times => EU-FORA@efsa.europa.eu**
- **EU-FORA team visits each hosting site during the year**
- **Mid-term progress and end year report provided by supervisor and fellow**
- **Training feedback collected on weekly basis by contractor**

5. SHARING PRACTICES ON COMPOSING WORK PROGRAMMES

- **Types of work programmes proposed by the HS's:**
 - **Fellow contributes to a number of ongoing scientific activities of a scientific unit**
 - **Fellow is assigned to a specific scientific/research project**

To be noted for next round:

A proposed work programme may involve more than one national organisation (consortium) in 1 MS or several MS's as long as:

- ***all organisations are in article 36 list***
- ***one organisation has the lead***
- ***the fellow is not required to resettle in different locations***

5. SHARING PRACTICES ON COMPOSING WORK PROGRAMMES

Practise 1 :

- **Clearly describe a detailed individual work programme with list of activities, deliverables, realistic timetable and contingency plan**

Practice 2:

- **Assure the relevance of the work programme in relation to the EU-FORA objectives and is coherent with EFSA's methodologies**

Practice 3:

- **Propose a variety/range of activities so to avoid for example high % laboratory work or disproportionate percentage of field work**

5. SHARING PRACTICES ON COMPOSING WORK PROGRAMMES

Practice 4:

- **Avoid proposing a work programme that requires a high level of pre-existing specialised knowledge**

Practice 5:

- **Explain by citing practical measures how the hosting site will facilitate integration of the fellow(s), for example:**
 - ✓ **background of foreseen supervisor**
 - ✓ **regularity and type of supervision (others involved ?)**
 - ✓ **access to language or other relevant training courses**
 - ✓ **attendance to scientific events/conferences**
 - ✓ **access to library and other research facilities**
 - ✓ **networking opportunities with other young scientists**
 - ✓ **support in housing and administrative aspects**

6. NEXT STEPS

Ready for round 2 ?

- **Let's prepare second round 2018-2019**
- **Calls for applications from Hosting sites and Fellows published in October 2017**
- **Apply yourselves as organisation**
- **Motivate and support your staff to apply**
- **We count again on you as our precious EU-FORA ambassadors for promoting at national level!**

6. NEXT STEPS : COMMUNICATION PLAN

2016-2017 communication plan results	
Source	Number of candidate Fellows
EFSA Website	29
Focal Point of country of origin	13
Website/intranet organisation of origin	7
Supervisor at organisation of origin	4
EFSA Newsletter	4
EFSA panel /network member	4
EFSA on LinkedIn	3
From colleague at organisation of origin	3
email banner (EFSA Staff member, expert etc)	1
Tweeter	0
TOTAL	68

7. YOUR QUESTIONS

The floor is yours! 😊