OPORTUNIDADES DE COLABORACIÓN CON EFSA.

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EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

EFSA was established under EU law in 2002 following a series of food crises

TO

- **Improve** the EU food safety system
- **Help ensure** a high level of consumer protection
- **Restore and maintain** confidence in the EU food supply
- **Clearly separate** risk assessment and risk management functions

ESTABLISHED

2002

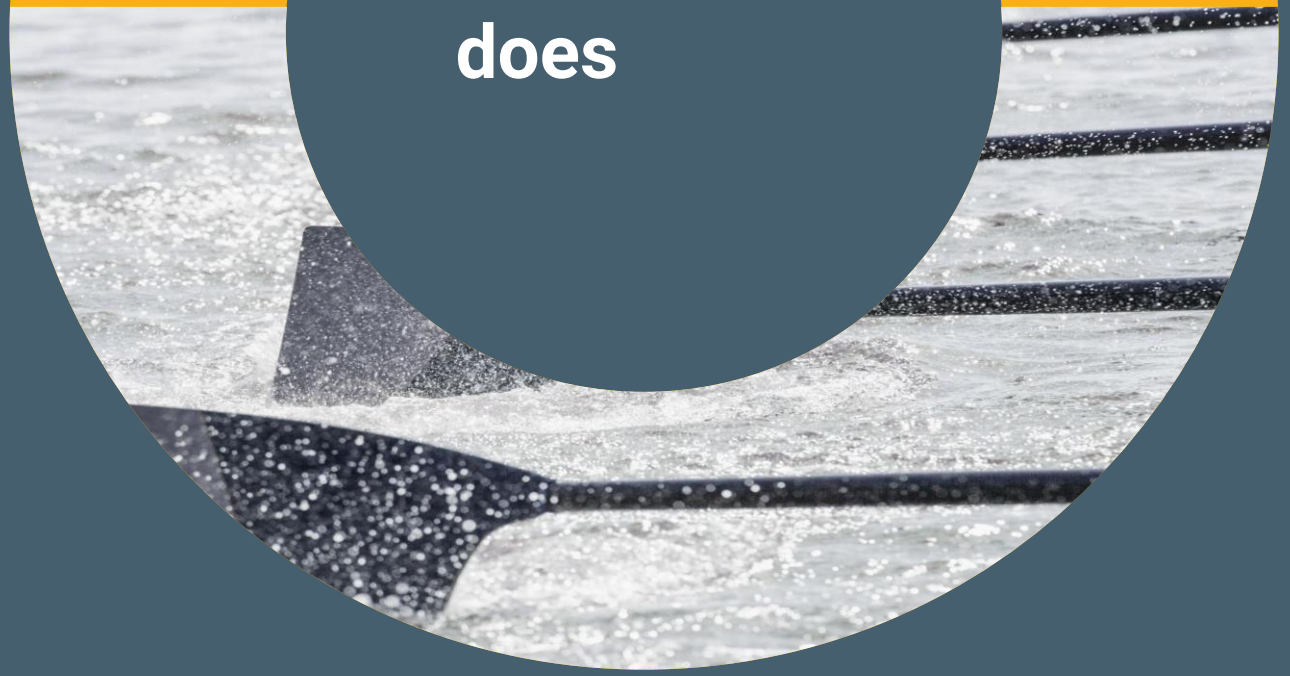
572 staff

650 experts

1,600 virtual meetings / year

9,300 scientific outputs since 2003

What EFSA does



- Provides independent scientific advice and support for EU risk managers and policy makers on food and feed safety
- Provides independent, timely risk communication
- Promotes scientific cooperation

¿QUÉ HACE EFSA? ¿CÓMO LO HACE?

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Provides independent, timely risk communication

Promotes scientific cooperation

EU Commission

EU Parliament

CAN TASK EFSA

Member States

EFSA self-mandate

PRODUCTION OF SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

EFSA vision and mission

SCIENCE
SAFE FOOD
SUSTAINABILITY

VALORES

EXCELLENCE

INDEPENDENCE

OPENESS

ACCOUNTABILITY

COOPERATION

ESTRATEGIA 2027

Core business

- **SO1: Deliver trustworthy scientific advice and communication of risks from farm to fork**
  - Founding Regulation
  - Transparency Regulation
  - Satisfaction
  - Quality

Sustaining & developing core business

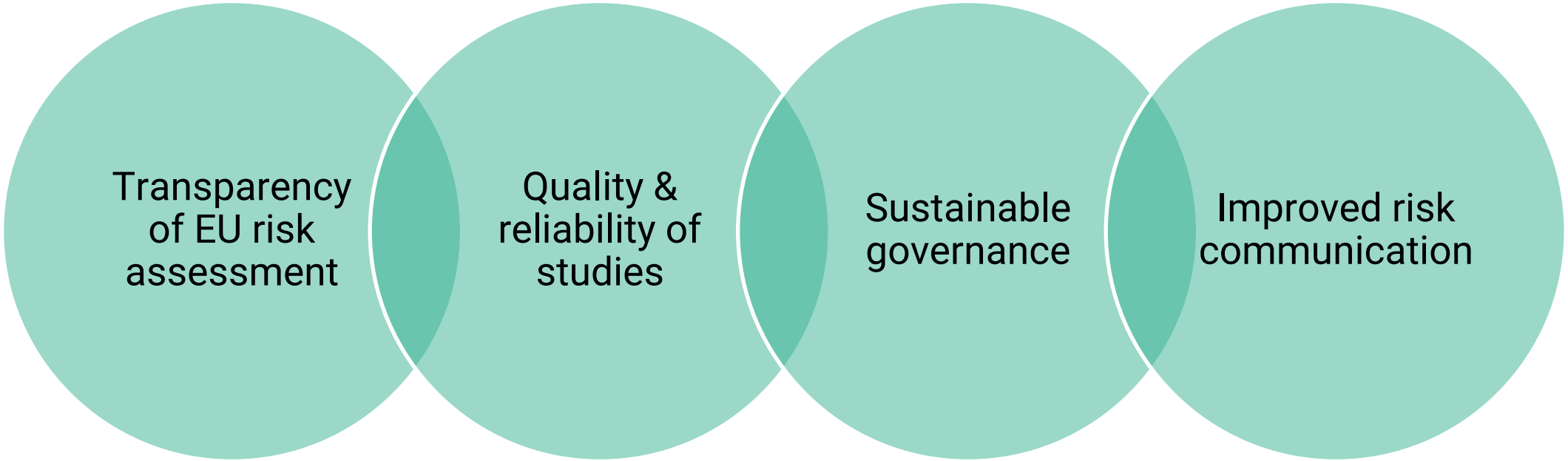
- **SO2: Ensure preparedness for future risk analysis needs**
  - Partnership
  - Risk Assessment ecosystem
  - Knowledge sharing
  - Capacity building
  - Preparedness, e.g., with new strategies like EU Green Deal

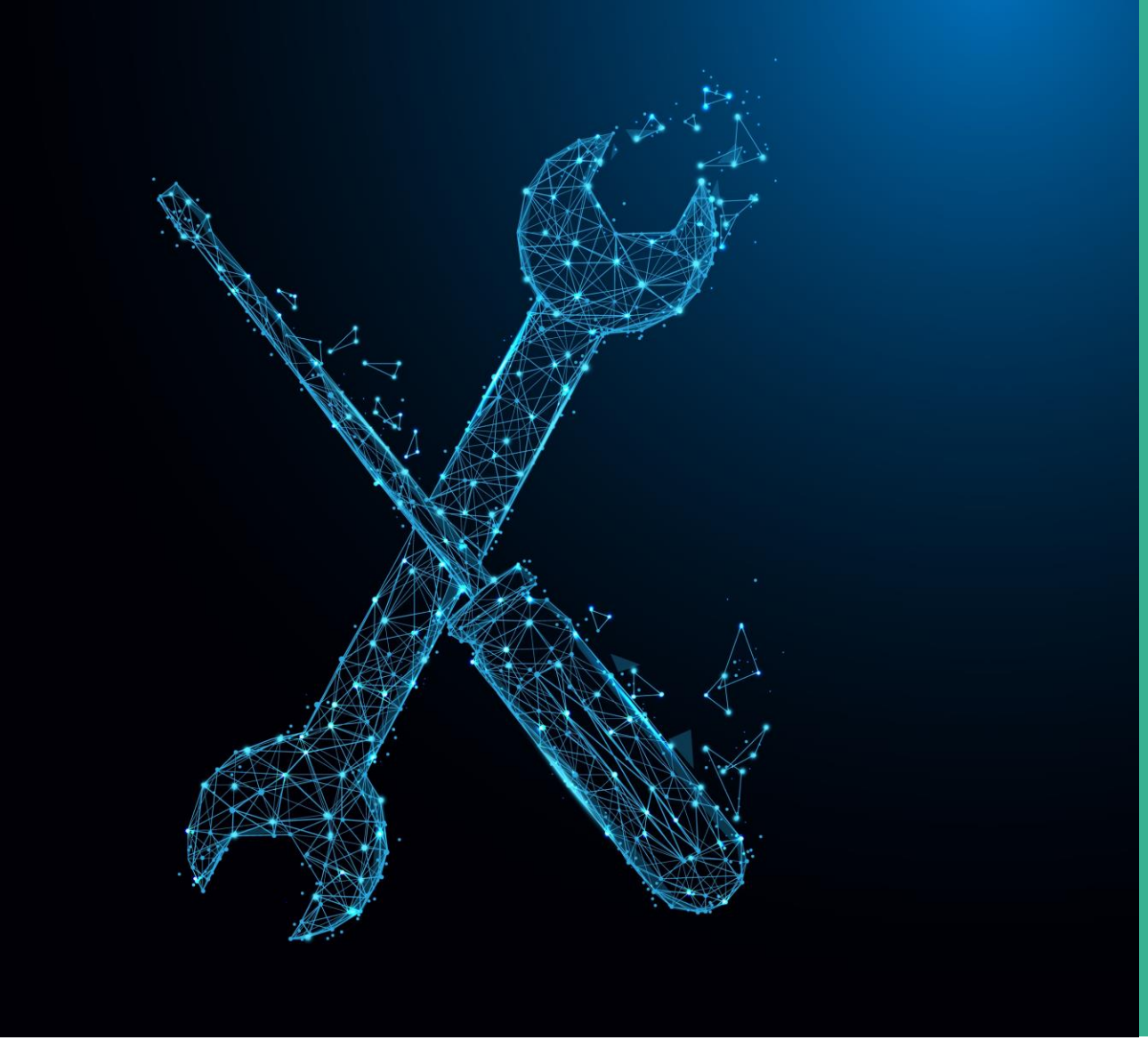
Managing & enabling business

- **SO3: Empower people and ensure organisational agility**
  - Attracting talent
  - Developing culture, services and tools
  - Operational efficiency

TRANSPARENCY REGULATION

REGLAMENTO DE TRANSPARENCIA Y SOSTENIBILIDAD. PILARES





TOOLS FOR THE JOB

DATA	A.I. SUPPORTING SCIENCE
METHODS	PEOPLE

VÍAS DE COOPERACIÓN

As an organisation

EU-FORA fellowships

Grants

Experts

Scientific cooperation and Partnerships

Tenders

Individual Scientific Advisors

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Public consultations

Calls for data

Guest scheme

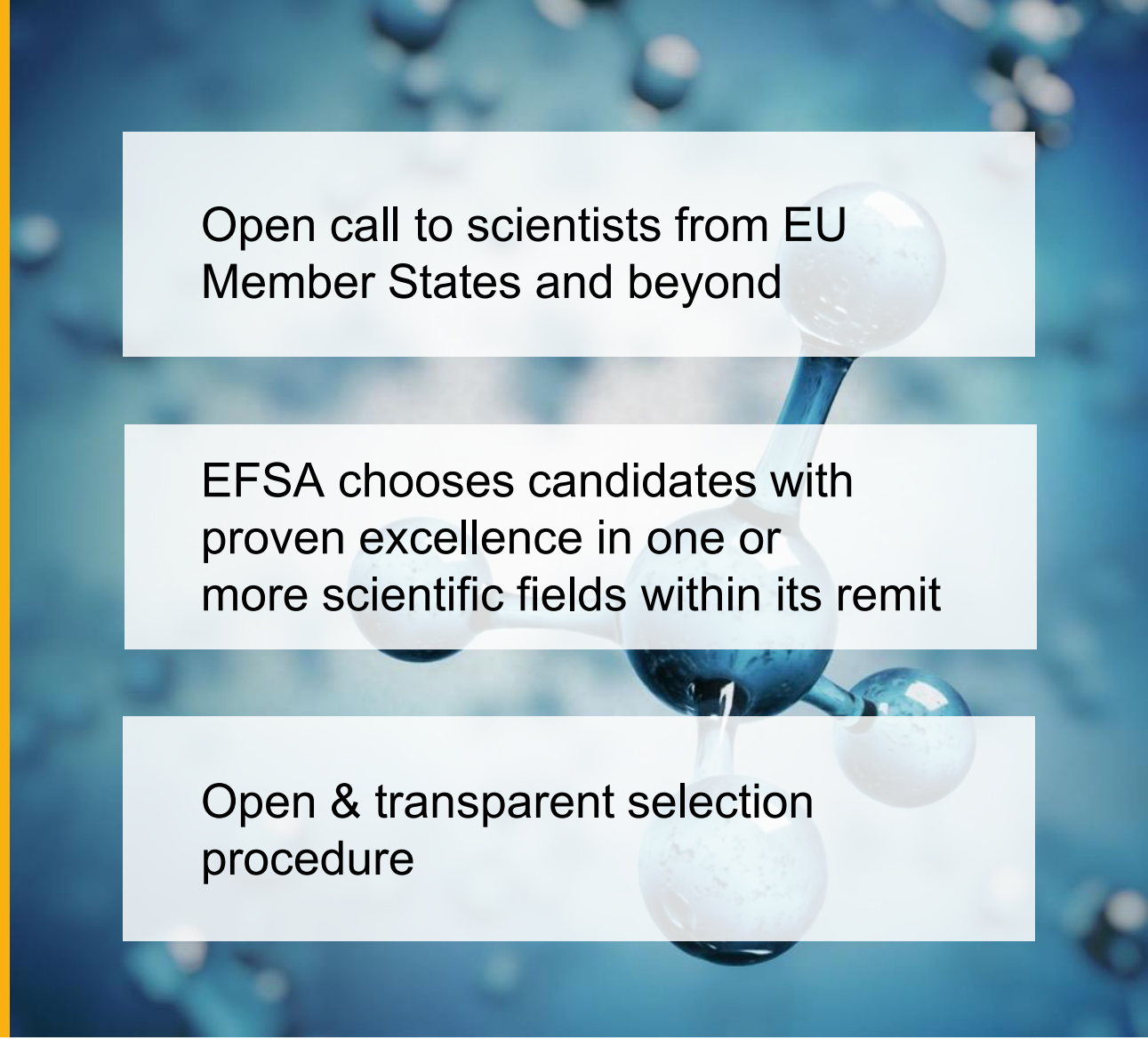
Trainees

Secondments

As an individual

HOW EXPERTS ARE SELECTED

EFSA seeks out high-calibre, independent experts to serve on its Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels



Open call to scientists from EU Member States and beyond

EFSA chooses candidates with proven excellence in one or more scientific fields within its remit

Open & transparent selection procedure

EXPERTOS ESPAÑOLES EN PANELS EFSA

BIOHAZ Panel Expert (2024 - 2029)	4
PLH Panel Expert (2024 - 2029)	3
GMO Panel Expert (2024 - 2029)	3
AHAW Panel Expert (2024 - 2029)	3
FEZ Panel Expert (2024 - 2029)	2
NDA Panel Expert (2024 - 2029)	2
FAF Panel Expert (2024 - 2029)	2
FEEDAP Panel Expert (2024 - 2029)	2
CONTAM Panel Expert (2024 - 2029)	1
Grand Total	**22**

INDIVIDUAL SCIENTIFIC ADVISORS

WHAT:

✓ Scientific and Technical Support – Various Scientific and Communication Profiles | EFSA may obtain expert opinions and advice in specific cases from Individual Scientific Advisors (ISA) based on a fixed daily remuneration.

WHO:

- Any individual (natural persons) with the required scientific profile
- Citizens of a member state of EU or EFTA or an EU Candidate country
- Citizens from third countries may also apply

✓ **EDUCATION**: a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least three (3) years

✓ **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**: at least 3 years of proven professional experience and at least 2 relevant risk assessment reports and/or publications in peer-reviewed journals carried out in the last 5 years before the application date

GUEST PROGRAMME

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Not retributed

EFSA opens its doors to:

- Scientists: experts with relevant experience in EFSA's areas of work
- PhD/University students: individuals seeking research opportunities
- Professionals: experts which can contribute knowledge to EFSA's activities

Duration:

- Up to 6 months for PhD and University students
- Up to 12 months for scientists and professionals

SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERTS

Openings at EFSA for civil servants from national authorities

Maximum duration of 4 years, place of secondment is Parma

- Candidates from public administrations/institutions or international government organisations should have the prior agreement of their organisation.
- National of Member State of the European Union, Iceland and Norway, EFTA Member State, or a country with which the Council has decided to open accession negotiations, and which has concluded a specific agreement with EFSA on staff secondments
- SNEs are seconded to EFSA while remaining in the service of their national employer
- You need to have a good knowledge of English (minimum level: B2 – according to CEFR).
- PhD candidates must prove that they are currently enrolled in a PhD programme.

#EFSA TRAINEESHIP

- ONE YEAR
- ALL-ROUND EXPERIENCE
- MISSION FROM FARM TO FORK

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PARTICIPACIÓN ESPAÑOLA EN G&P (DATOS JUNIO 2023)

- EFSA supported grant (calls for proposals) projects:
  - 6 projects for a total of ~ €5M
- As leaders and partners under EFSA Partnering Grants Projects:
  - 2 projects for a total of ~ €200k
- Projects under EFSA Fellowship programme*:
  - 16 beneficiaries or co-beneficiaries
- EFSA procurement (calls for offers) projects:
  - Open calls
  - Contest AMU on design of AI solution

CÓMO ASEGURAR UN SISTEMA SOSTENIBLE

Scientific assessment

Complexity?

Responsiveness?

Duplications?

Sustainability?

Scientific assessment

Preparatory work* by MS Competent bodies (Art. 36**)

Increased budget to support Partnership & scientific cooperation

Additional staff

* Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain

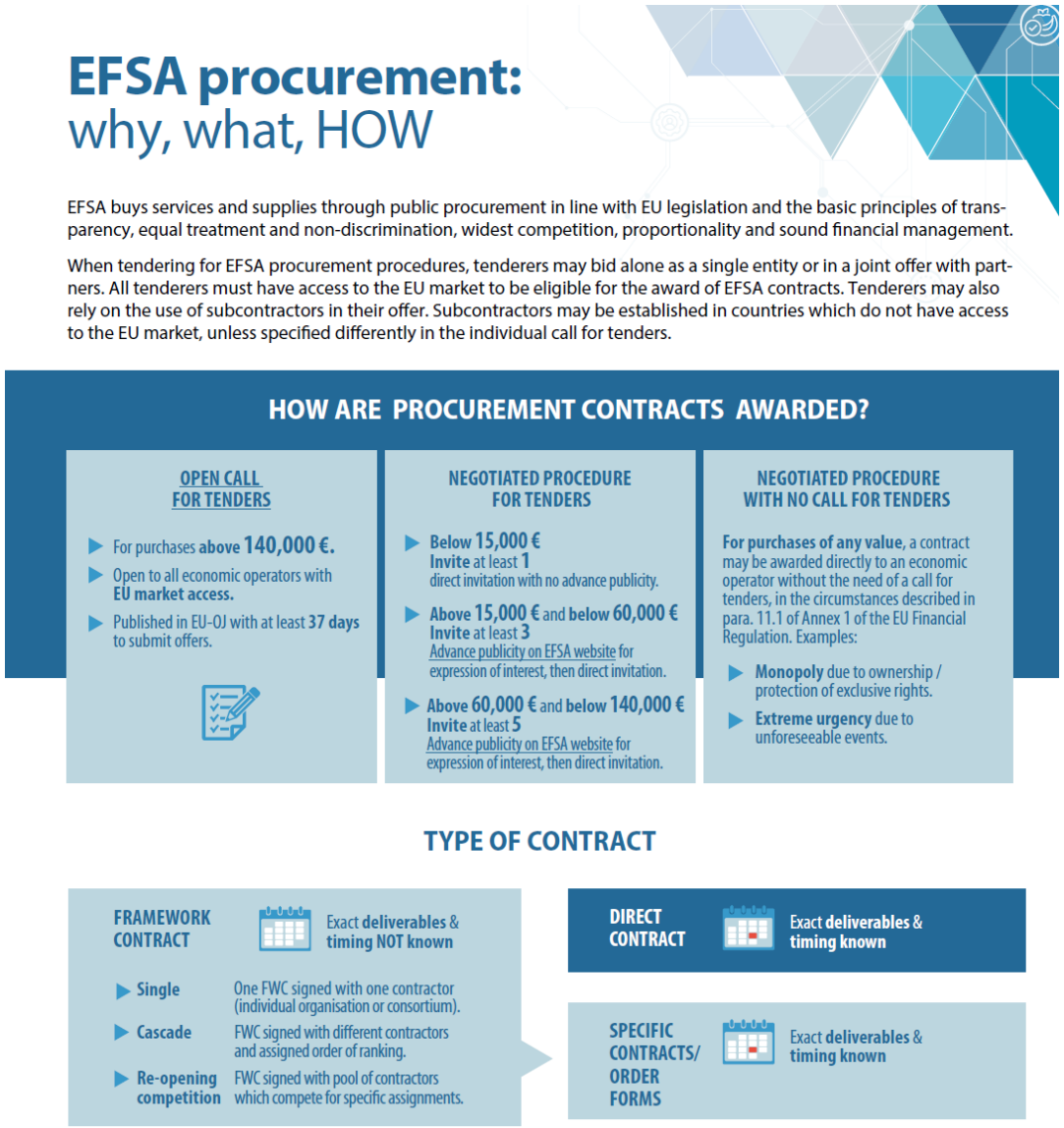
** Regulation (EC) 178/2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety

MAYORES OPORTUNIDADES DE COLABORACIÓN CON LAS ORGANIZACIONES COMPETENTES

A **Partnership** is 'a **long-term, trust-based cooperation**, built on common values and goals, with attractive **win-win** elements, primarily between EFSA and MS competent organisations, EU Agencies, EC Services, where risks and benefits are shared and that generate, among others, **tangible outputs**'

CONVENIOS Y CONTRATOS PARA EL ESTABLECIMIENTO DE COLABORACIONES CIENTÍFICAS

Contratos (Procurement)



EFSA procurement:
why, what, HOW

EFSA buys services and supplies through public procurement in line with EU legislation and the basic principles of transparency, equal treatment and non-discrimination, widest competition, proportionality and sound financial management.

When tendering for EFSA procurement procedures, tenderers may bid alone as a single entity or in a joint offer with partners. All tenderers must have access to the EU market to be eligible for the award of EFSA contracts. Tenderers may also rely on the use of subcontractors in their offer. Subcontractors may be established in countries which do not have access to the EU market, unless specified differently in the individual call for tenders.

HOW ARE PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS AWARDED?

OPEN CALL FOR TENDERS

- For purchases **above 140,000 €.**
- Open to all economic operators with **EU market access.**
- Published in EU-OJ with at least **37 days** to submit offers.

NEGOTIATED PROCEDURE FOR TENDERS

- **Below 15,000 €**
  Invite at least **1**
  direct invitation with no advance publicity.
- **Above 15,000 €** and **below 60,000 €**
  Invite at least **3**
  Advance publicity on EFSA website for expression of interest, then direct invitation.
- **Above 60,000 €** and **below 140,000 €**
  Invite at least **5**
  Advance publicity on EFSA website for expression of interest, then direct invitation.

NEGOTIATED PROCEDURE WITH NO CALL FOR TENDERS

For purchases of any value, a contract may be awarded directly to an economic operator without the need of a call for tenders, in the circumstances described in para. 11.1 of Annex 1 of the EU Financial Regulation. Examples:

- **Monopoly** due to ownership / protection of exclusive rights.
- **Extreme urgency** due to unforeseeable events.

TYPE OF CONTRACT

FRAMEWORK CONTRACT — Exact **deliverables & timing NOT known**

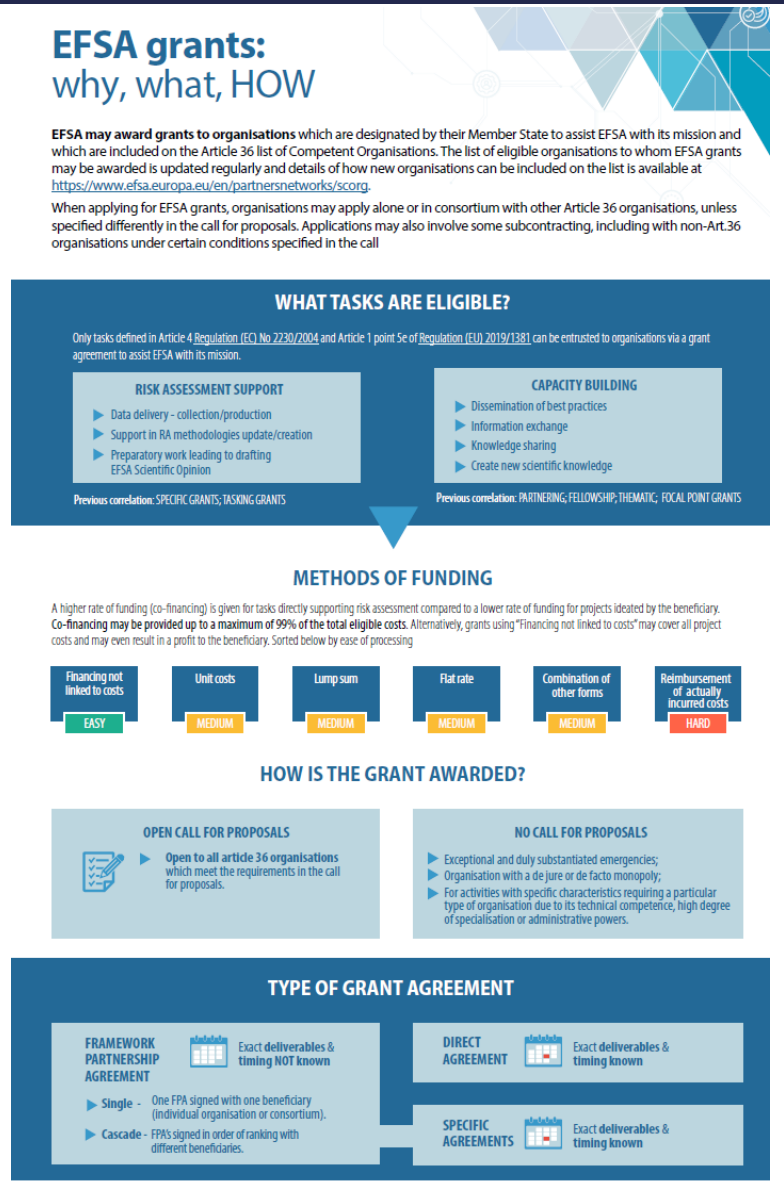
- **Single** — One FWC signed with one contractor (individual organisation or consortium).
- **Cascade** — FWC signed with different contractors and assigned order of ranking.
- **Re-opening competition** — FWC signed with pool of contractors which compete for specific assignments.

DIRECT CONTRACT — Exact **deliverables & timing known**

SPECIFIC CONTRACTS/ ORDER FORMS — Exact **deliverables & timing known**

CONVENIOS Y CONTRATOS PARA EL ESTABLECIMIENTO DE COLABORACIONES CIENTÍFICAS

Convenios (Grants)



EFSA grants:
why, what, HOW

EFSA may award grants to organisations which are designated by their Member State to assist EFSA with its mission and which are included on the Article 36 list of Competent Organisations. The list of eligible organisations to whom EFSA grants may be awarded is updated regularly and details of how new organisations can be included on the list is available at https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/partnersnetworks/scorg.

When applying for EFSA grants, organisations may apply alone or in consortium with other Article 36 organisations, unless specified differently in the call for proposals. Applications may also involve some subcontracting, including with non-Art.36 organisations under certain conditions specified in the call

WHAT TASKS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Only tasks defined in Article 4 Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004 and Article 1 point 5e of Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 can be entrusted to organisations via a grant agreement to assist EFSA with its mission.

RISK ASSESSMENT SUPPORT
- Data delivery - collection/production
- Support in RA methodologies update/creation
- Preparatory work leading to drafting EFSA Scientific Opinion

Previous correlation: SPECIFIC GRANTS; TASKING GRANTS

CAPACITY BUILDING
- Dissemination of best practices
- Information exchange
- Knowledge sharing
- Create new scientific knowledge

Previous correlation: PARTNERING; FELLOWSHIP; THEMATIC; FOCAL POINT GRANTS

METHODS OF FUNDING

A higher rate of funding (co-financing) is given for tasks directly supporting risk assessment compared to a lower rate of funding for projects ideated by the beneficiary. **Co-financing may be provided up to a maximum of 99% of the total eligible costs.** Alternatively, grants using "Financing not linked to costs" may cover all project costs and may even result in a profit to the beneficiary. Sorted below by ease of processing

Financing not linked to costs	Unit costs	Lump sum	Flat rate	Combination of other forms	Reimbursement of actually incurred costs
EASY	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HARD

HOW IS THE GRANT AWARDED?

OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS
- **Open to all article 36 organisations** which meet the requirements in the call for proposals.

NO CALL FOR PROPOSALS
- Exceptional and duly substantiated emergencies;
- Organisation with a de jure or de facto monopoly;
- For activities with specific characteristics requiring a particular type of organisation due to its technical competence, high degree of specialisation or administrative powers.

TYPE OF GRANT AGREEMENT

FRAMEWORK PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT — Exact **deliverables** & **timing NOT known**
- **Single** - One FPA signed with one beneficiary (individual organisation or consortium).
- **Cascade** - FPA's signed in order of ranking with different beneficiaries.

DIRECT AGREEMENT — Exact **deliverables** & **timing known**

SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS — Exact **deliverables** & **timing known**

ANIMACIÓN SOBRE CONVENIOS Y CONTRATOS

¿CONVENIO O CONTRATO?

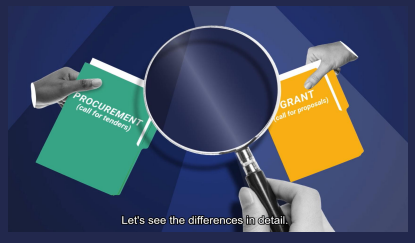
Is there **need to limit task execution** to list of Art. 36 competent organisations?

Is the task within the ones **eligible for grant support**?

Is the necessary expertise to perform the tasks available **on the Article 36 list**?

Is it acceptable for EFSA that **ownership (intellectual property rights)** of the grant outcome remains with the beneficiary?

¿QUIÉN PUEDE SOLICITARLOS?



Grants

- Only organisations on Article 36 list can apply
- EU Member States, Norway & Iceland
- Apply as single organisation or in consortium with other Article 36 organisations
- Subcontracting permitted but only for non-core tasks

Procurement

Open to economic operators with access to EU market

Apply as single tenderer or joint offer with partners (all must have access to EU market)

Apply as single tenderer involving subcontractors

No limitations on composition of offer

SOLICITUDES

Procurement

Application via email or e-submission depending on procedure type

Timescales to apply varies, some minimum timescales set in law

Evaluation carried out by EFSA staff, detailed feedback to all tenderers on their offer

Evaluation Criteria exclusion; selection (*experience*); quality; price

Time launch to contract: 6 months average

Grants

Application e-submission

Timescales to apply varies

Evaluation carried out by EFSA staff, detail feedback to all applicants on their proposals

Evaluation Criteria exclusion; selection (*experience*); quality

Time launch to grant: 6 months average

¿DÓNDE ENCONTRAR LAS CONVOCATORIAS?

European Commission | Funding & tender opportunities
Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)

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Register

SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS | HOW TO PARTICIPATE | PROJECTS & RESULTS | WORK AS AN EXPERT | SUPPORT

efsa

Match whole words only

GRANTS TENDERS

Submission status

Forthcoming | Open for submission (10) | Closed

Funding and tenders (10)

Need help? Sort by: Submission status

PERA - Advancing the ERA of Plant Protection Products towards a system-based approach

Call for proposal | Grant

EUBA-EFSA-2023-PREV-01

Programme	EU Bodies and Agencies (EUBA)	Status	Open for submission
Type of action	EUBA Type of Action	Deadline model	single-stage
Opening date	06 July 2023	Deadline date	08 November 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time

Tender

Purchase of Document Delivery Services and Library Portal Solution, Resource discovery Tool Service, SUSHI Harvester, A to Z List and Open URL Link Resolution Functionality

OC/EFSA/MESE/2023/01

Open for submission

Procedure type	Open procedure	Contract type	Services
Publication date	29 June 2023	Deadline date	04 September 2023 14:30

EU Funding & Tender Portal

ACTIVIDADES

Animations & social media campaign

- Infographics on Procurement & Grants
- Animation on difference between Procurement & Grants
- Social media campaign

Stakeholder engagement

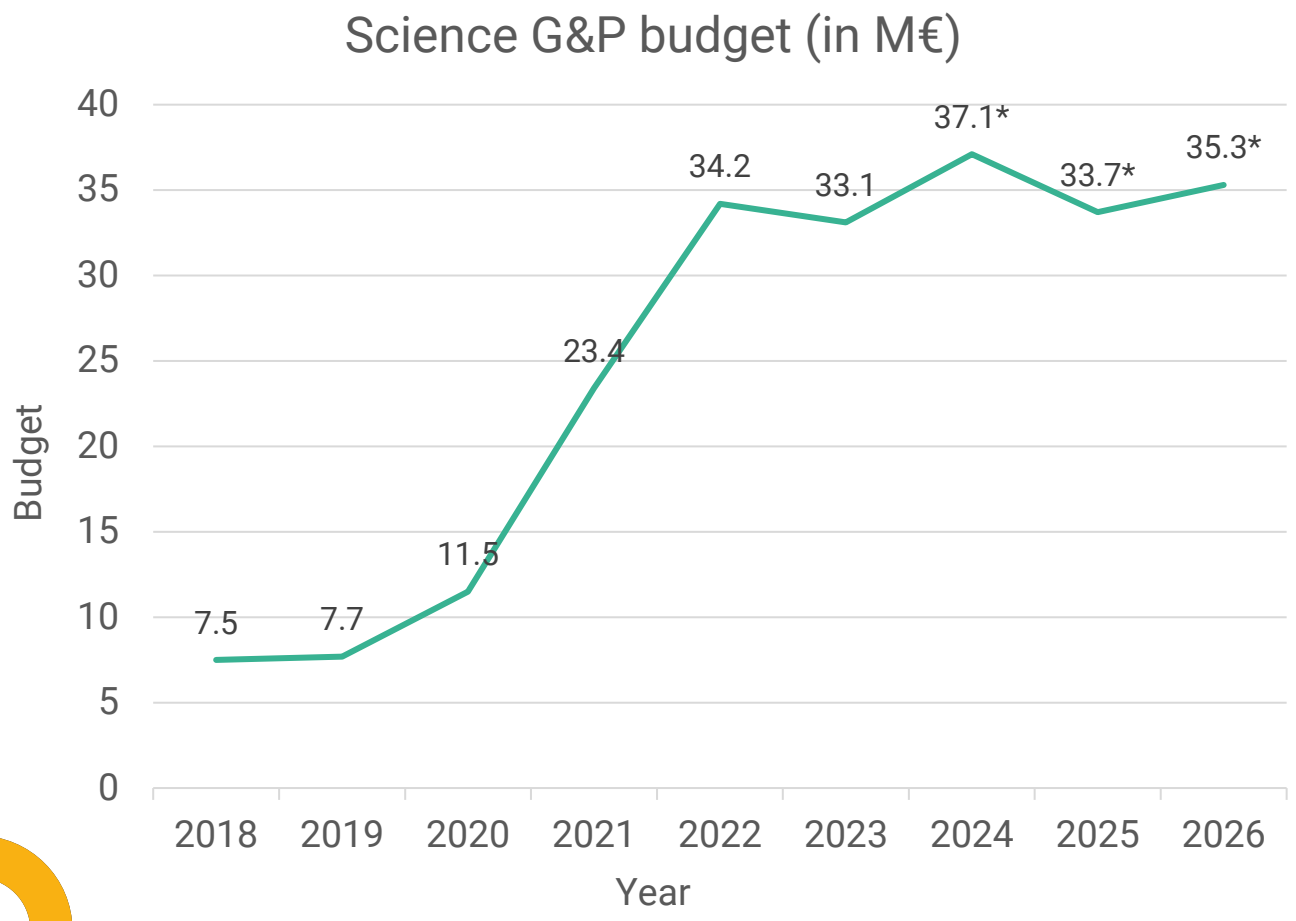
- Webinars promoting EFSA scientific funding opportunities
- Regular participation to meetings with MS representatives
- Training MS representatives to disseminate G&P information

Webinars for complex / high-value calls

- Pre-launch webinars
- Post-launch webinars
- Safeguards for equal treatment & transparency
- 2023 = 5 call specific webinars; 50-60 participants

ENGAGEMENT

EVOLUCIÓN DEL PRESUPUESTO DE EFSA EN CONVENIOS Y CONTRATOS



*The figures for 2024, 2025 and 2026 are estimates

Science G&P budget evolution:

- Until 2019: ~ **7.5M€**
- 2021: **3x** 2019 Budget
- 2022-23: **5x** 2019 Budget

Science G&P Budget expected to stabilise at about **35M€**

Expected trend ('Partnership'):

- ↓ Number of calls per year
- ↑ Calls leading to 'Framework' agreements
- ↑ Budget per call
- ↑ Duration per agreement
- ↑ Participation (consortia)

OPORTUNIDADES DE COLABORACIÓN ABIERTAS

Title	Budget/Ceiling	Closing date
GRANTS		
Establishing capacities for active surveillance of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds in Europe (EUBA-EFSA-2025-BIOHAW-03)	EUR 800 K	22/05/2025
Support to EFSA for the risk assessment of pesticides EUBA-EFSA-2025-PREV-02	EUR 2.5 M	22/05/2025
PROCUREMENT		
Integration of New Approach Methodologies in Chemical Risk Assessment: case studies addressing nanoplastics in food (NAMs4Nanoplastics)	EUR 500 K	13/06/2025

Please, always consult the published call before submission

RED DE PUNTOS FOCALES DE EFSA Y CONVOCATORIAS

EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

Information on calls

efsa FOCAL POINT

Knowledgeable on:
- types of EFSA calls
- where to retrieve information on EFSA calls
- where to retrieve supporting info for applicants

Support to national organisations

Management of Art. 36 org. list (e.g., onboarding new org.)

Support in partners' search and networking across MS and with EFSA

Support in preparation of the application (case-by-case)

Gathering information at national level on bottlenecks and success factors on calls applications

Implementing activities to address bottlenecks identified and share the best practices

Gathering ideas/proposals for new cooperation, networking and partnership topics/activities

Raising visibility of calls

- Dissemination to Art. 36 organisations
- Dissemination to organisations beyond Art. 36 organisations
- Targeted dissemination to relevant individual experts
- Publications on FP webpages
- Dedicated events & presentations

¿OS INTERESA?

Online event on the funding opportunities in the EFSA 2025/26 workplan

EUROPEAN FOOD RISK ASSESSMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

EU-FORA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

EU-FORA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

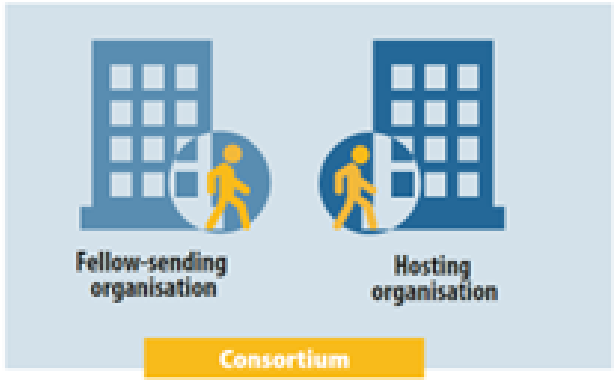
"Ensure preparedness for future risk analysis needs"
(EFSA Strategy 2027, Strategic Objective #2)

Increase the pool of experts available in Europe

Stimulate MS involvement in the risk assessment work

Build a common EU culture for risk assessment

- offers the national competent organisations the opportunity to widen their networks, exchange knowledge and best practices and contribute to achieving a harmonised EU risk assessment culture
- aims to increase the pool of food safety risk assessment experts available in Europe and stimulate the involvement of Member States in risk assessment work.
- more information **HERE**



¿QUÉ SE HA CONSEGUIDO HASTA AHORA?

Since 2017…

- Over 100 Alumni members
- 15 ongoing fellows
- Over 45 different hosting sites in 18 MS & UK
- ~ 100 supervisors

PARTICIPACIÓN ESPAÑOLA

España ha acogido 30 becarios desde el inicio:

- 9 en Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena (UPCT) (2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025)
- 5 en Universidad de Leon (2017-2018, 2019-2020, 2020-2021)
- 5 en University of Granada (INYTA/UGR) (2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2023-2024)
- 3 en CSIC-INIA (2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022)
- 2 en Universidad de Sevilla (2018-2019, 2023-2024)
- 2 en Universidad de Burgos (UBU) (2021-2022)
- 2 en Universidad de Vigo (2024-2025)
- 1 en Universidad de Alicante (2023-2024)
- 1 in CSIC-CEBAS (2018-2019)

19 becarios de organizaciones españolas han participado en el programa (2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025).

INFORMATION

- EU-FORA dedicated website
- Info-sessions on the use of the Funding and Tenders opportunities Portal:
  - Applications through the Funding & Tender opportunities portal: The EU-FORA Call example
  - The EU-FORA Call: Applications through the Funding & Tender opportunities portal. Follow-up session.
- Further information on steps, timelines and operation of the EU-FORA Programme can be found on EFSA's website.
- For further questions on the Call, please refer to

  EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu and/or EU-FORA@efsa.europa.eu

UNA HISTORIA DE ÉXITOS…

EUFORA
EUROPEAN FOOD RISK ASSESSMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Visita EU-FORA fellows a AESAN, Madrid 2021

GOBIERNO DE ESPAÑA | MINISTERIO DE CONSUMO | agencia española de seguridad alimentaria y nutrición

RISK CHARACTERIZATION OF CIGUATERA FOOD POISONING IN EUROPE

GP/EFSA/ASCO/2015/03

EuroCigua

MINISTERIO DE SANIDAD

EuroCigua II

EuroCigua II

FOOD RISK ASSESS EUROPE OPEN ACCESS

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