Outline of presentation

• upcoming calls

• reflections on a « thematic grant scheme »
## Ongoing 2013 Grants & Procurements calls (4th Quarter 2013) – Grants (I)

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<td>A decade of applications for regulated products – Analysis of the applicant’s profile (Article 36 without mandatory consortium)</td>
<td>160,000</td>
<td>September</td>
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<td>Provision of an analysis of the profiles of the applicants that have submitted an application for regulated products in order to elaborate on the main trends regarding submission of applications. The analysis should focus on the company profile of applicants, their distribution per scientific area, per food/feed sector area and per type of regulated product, the timeline to finalise the scientific opinion and on the type of scientific outcome. The period of analysis will cover the ten year period from EFSA’s foundation in 2002 up to 1 January 2013, the aim being to provide a baseline study for that period which will allow the measurement of the impact of changes in processes and workflows as well as the impact of dedicated communication activities linked to EFSA’s reorganisation.</td>
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<td>Preparatory work to support the development of an EFSA Applicants User Guide (Article 36 without mandatory consortium)</td>
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<td>Collection, analysis and summary of legislation and administrative and scientific guidance and associated information, which will be used to support the development of the EFSA Applicants User Guide.</td>
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<td>FIP</td>
<td>Study on implications on the requirements for submission of toxicological information, restrictions and administrative consequences of the draft revised guideline on Food Contact Material (FCM) <strong>(Article 36 without mandatory consortium)</strong></td>
<td>250,000</td>
<td>Sep-13</td>
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<td>Study on the implications on the requirements for submission of toxicological information, restrictions and administrative consequences of the draft revised guideline on Food Contact Materials (FCM)</td>
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<td>CONTAM</td>
<td>Genotoxicity study on deoxynivalenol (DON) and nivalenol (NIV) in vivo <strong>(Article 36 without mandatory consortium)</strong></td>
<td>200,000</td>
<td>August</td>
<td>end October</td>
<td>The objective of the project is to generate further genotoxicity data for deoxynivalenol and nivalenol. Data will be generated by means of a battery of in vivo genotoxicity studies in laboratory animals. The genotoxicity endpoints to be included in the studies will be selected on the ground of the available information for the two toxins. The identification of the potential modes of action for genotoxicity for the two toxins, including the role of oxidative stress, will be also an objective of the project.</td>
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<td>SCER</td>
<td>Review of nonmonotonic dose-responses of substances for human risk assessment <strong>(Article 36 grant, with mandatory consortium)</strong></td>
<td>200,000</td>
<td>Oct-13</td>
<td>Jan-14</td>
<td>Critical review of peer-reviewed published literature with the aim to evaluate the evidence for NMDR hypothesis in the last decade (from 2002 onward) for substances (other than essential nutrients) in the area of food safety.</td>
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<td>PLH</td>
<td>Development of pest risk assessment methodologies to support EFSA Plant Health Panel - testing media monitoring tools to support plant health risk assessment <em>(OC: Direct Contract)</em></td>
<td>250,000</td>
<td>Jul-13</td>
<td>end Oct-13</td>
<td>The PLH Unit, in collaboration with SCER Unit, need to conclude a contract in order to further develop and test the media monitoring tool MedISys (owned by the JRC and accessible to the future contractor through a SLA concluded between EFSA and the JRC) for the early identification, monitoring and reporting of signals on existing and emerging plant health threats.</td>
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<td>SCER</td>
<td>Further development and update of EFSA’s Chemical Hazards Database <em>(OC: Framework contract)</em></td>
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<td>Oct-13</td>
<td>Dec-13</td>
<td>In order to further develop and update EFSA’s Chemical Hazards Database, for subsequent dissemination through the EFSA website and the eChemPortal of the OECD, it is proposed to launch a 4-year Single Framework Contract on hazard data collection, entry and transfer into EFSA’s Chemical Hazards Database from all relevant EFSA opinions adopted by the EFSA Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels involved with chemical risk assessment from May 2014 onwards.</td>
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• EFSA intends to launch (4th Quarter 2013) an Open Call for tenders in view of concluding horizontal multiple framework contracts with reopening of competition for "Generating, collecting, collating, synthesising and analysing evidence supporting preparatory work for evidence-based Scientific Assessment in EFSA”

• 6 lots according to the different scientific areas of EFSA’s remit (i.e. Animal health and welfare, Chemical/toxicological, Environmental, Microbiological and zoonotic agents, Human nutrition & Plant health)

• 3 main tasks:
  – Generating and collecting new evidence via experimental or field studies, surveys, etc.
  – Extracting and collating existing evidence
  – Synthesising and critically analysing evidence.

• Indicative budget: 5 M€ for 4 years duration (consideration of increasing it – assessing medium term needs).
• **Implementation of the FWC:**
  – Each time EFSA will need any services, e.g. to support collection of evidence for drafting a scientific assessment,
  
  – New specific terms of reference and minimum requirements will be defined and a reopening of competition will start with the selected multiple framework contractors.
  
  – In the reopening of competition, EFSA will invite all the multiple framework contractors to make a specific offer.
  
  – Among the offers that fulfill the minimum requirements, the best offer against the award criteria set out in the specific invitation to tender will be selected.
Thematic Grants: Possibly from 2015?

- Context: reflection on EFSA outsourcing strategy (grants and procurements)
  - its relevance to EFSA`s core business
  - EU risk assessment capacity building
  - Efficiency & efficacy for work distribution

- Further development of appropriate/targeted tools
Current vs thematic grant scheme

- **Specific** call for proposals launched by EFSA, supporting directly core EFSA business
  - EFSA defines **in detail the terms of reference/project to be executed**, including deliverables and timetable
  - Projects would normally not occur if not initiated by EFSA
  - The applicants are not given the opportunity to generate the project ideas (or limited marge de manovre), rather they execute what is requested by EFSA
  - EFSA co-finances 90% of eligible costs

- **Broad** single call for proposals launched by EFSA, supporting capacity building and innovation in food safety risk assessment
  - EFSA defines the **theme (and objectives)** on which it seeks proposals
  - Projects would normally occur even without EFSA financial support (probably later or more limited)
  - The applicants bring forward project ideas, helping so the creativity and innovation
  - EFSA co-finances part of eligible costs (lower than for specific calls?)
Strategic review of G&P programme

Today: is it effective?

- Evaluation of G&P programme

Tomorrow:

- Focusing data collection on public health issues
- More preparatory work for evaluations of regulated product
- Build longer-term relationships with recognised networks/centres of excellence
  - How: Develop tools to engage in a more structured and attractive manner (e.g. calls for specialised activities, use of thematic grants, framework partnership agreements, etc...)