



EFSA's outsourcing tools: Procurement & grant funding and administrative modalities

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Trusted science for safe food

- EFSA G&P budget
- Procurement procedures
- Grant procedures
- Key differences between the two schemes
- Information & how to apply

- Grants & procurement for scientific collaboration activities
- 24M EUR in 2021
- \approx 34 M EUR from 2022 (2022 E.C.)

■ Call for tenders

- Open calls (€140K+)
- Negotiated procedures (€15k - € 140K)

■ Duly justified circumstances: “Monopoly” negotiated procedures

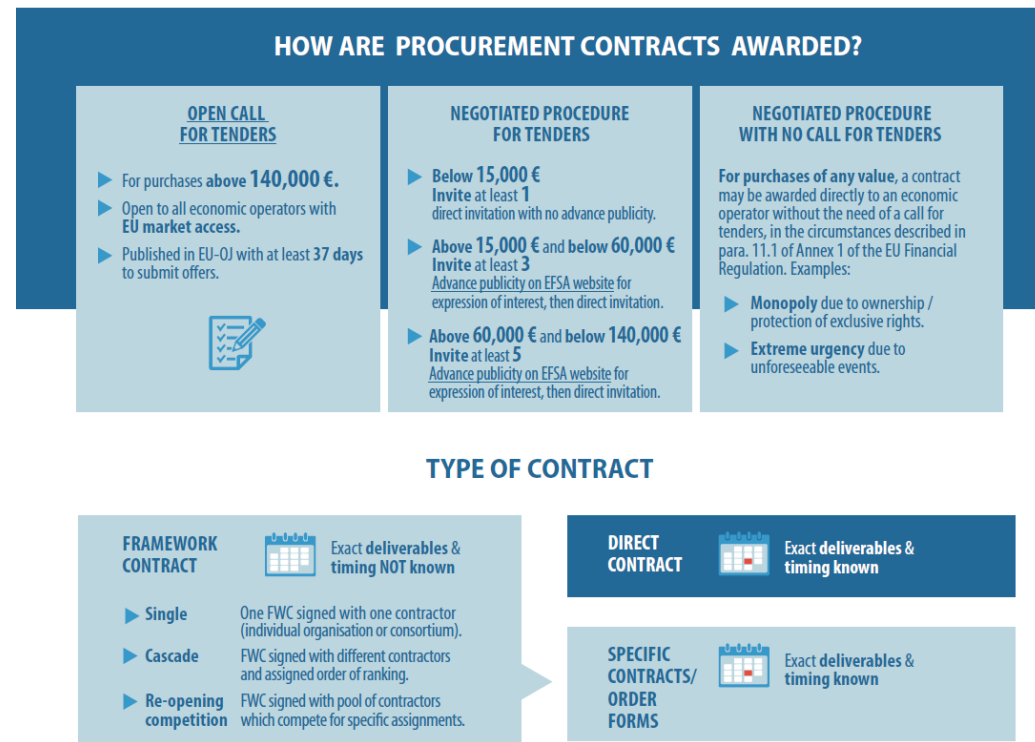
■ Direct or framework contract

■ Procurement Infographic

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.

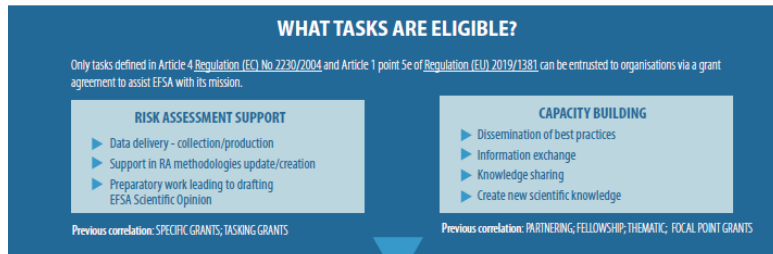
When tendering for EFSA procurement procedures, tenderers may bid alone as a single entity or in a joint offer with partners. All tenderers must have access to the EU market to be eligible for the award of EFSA contracts. Tenderers may also rely on the use of subcontractors in their offer. Subcontractors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



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



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



HOW IS THE GRANT AWARDED?



TYPE OF GRANT AGREEMENT



Call for proposals

Any value

Duly justified circumstances: "Monopoly" procedure with direct invitation

Direct agreement or framework partnership agreement

Grants Infographic

- EFSA grants can only be awarded to competent organisations designated by Member States (Art.36 of [Regulation \(EC\) No 178/2002](#))
- Currently 309 organisations included on article 36 list. Variety of organisations active in fields of EFSA's mission, including universities, research institutes, other governmental or public bodies.
- Eligibility criteria for inclusion on list are set out in [Regulation \(EC\) No 2230/2004](#): mission, public interest, scientific expertise, operational capacity.
- Role of Focal Points: interface between EFSA and competent organisations at national Member State level.
- **Full Art. 36 list** <https://efsa.force.com/competentorganisations/s/>
- **FAQ** <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/partnersnetworks/scorg>

Procurement		Grants
Buy something (goods/service)	Purpose	Give a financial contribution
EFSA	Ownership	Beneficiary
Agreed price allowing profit	Payment	Share of costs, no-profit*
Transparency, equal treatment, proportionality, non-discrimination	Principles	Transparency, equal treatment, non-cumulative, non-retroactive, co-financing, no profit
Call for tenders	Procedures	Call for proposals
Direct or Framework Contract	Legal Form	Direct Agreement or Framework Partnership Agreement
Anybody with access to EU market	Participants	Only Art. 36 organisations

* Financing not linked to costs

- 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 on the Art. 36 list**?
- Is it acceptable for EFSA that **ownership (intellectual property rights)** of the grant outcome remains with the beneficiary?

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 imposed on the composition of your offer i.e. single, joint offer, subcontracting (exceptions possible for critical tasks)


Grants

- Only organisations on the Article 36 list can apply
- EU Member States + Norway and Iceland
- Apply as single organisation or in consortium with other Article 36 organisations.
- Subcontracting is permitted for non-core tasks to organisations not on Article 36 list

Procurement

- [EFSA Guidance for tenderers](#)
- Call for tenders published on EFSA website:
 - [PIN](#) (future calls €140K+)
 - [Open calls](#) (€140K+)
 - [Negotiated procedures](#) (€15k - € 140K)
- Contract Notice in EU Official Journal
- [e-Tendering portal](#)
-  #EFSAProcurement
- **EFSA scientific cooperation plan**
- **Promotional activities for some calls: pre/post launch info sessions; market research**

How to apply

- Read the [EFSA Guidance for tenderers](#) 
- Complete the forms in our [Toolbox: Instructions and forms for tendering](#)
- You can reach us by e-mail at our [dedicated address](#).



Tenders €140k+ >

Tenders from EFSA and other EU Agencies

Open call for tenders procedures published by EFSA and by the other EU Agencies reporting to the ENVI Committee of the European Parliament.



Upcoming tenders €140k+ >

Future open calls for tenders

EFSA publishes a prior-information notice to indicate to economic operators that we are planning to launch an open call for tenders in the future.



Tenders €15k - €140k >

Negotiated procurement procedures

Express and interest to submit an offer for a forthcoming negotiated procedure.

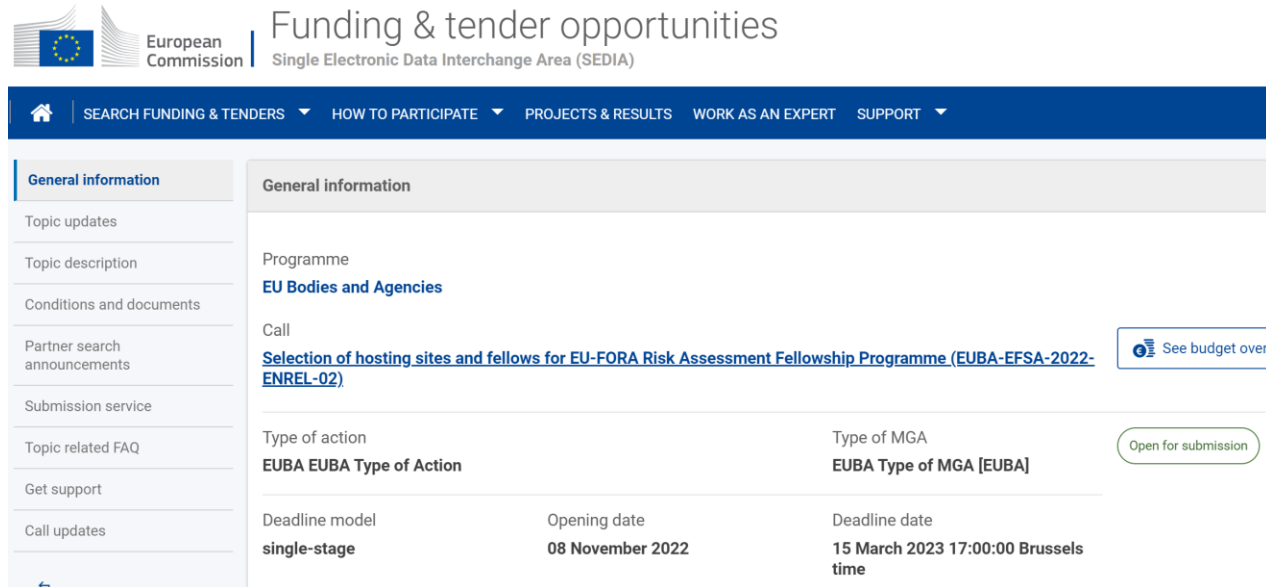


Scientific and technical support >

Support EFSA's scientific work

EFSA establishes lists of scientists to assist its units in carrying out some preparatory work for scientific outputs.

Where to find information on Grant funding



The screenshot shows the 'Funding & tender opportunities' page on the European Commission's Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA). The page features a navigation menu with options like 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', and 'SUPPORT'. A sidebar on the left lists various filters such as 'General information', 'Topic updates', 'Topic description', 'Conditions and documents', 'Partner search announcements', 'Submission service', 'Topic related FAQ', 'Get support', and 'Call updates'. The main content area displays details for a specific call: 'EU Bodies and Agencies', 'Selection of hosting sites and fellows for EU-FORA Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme (EUBA-EFSA-2022-ENREL-02)'. It also shows the 'Type of action' as 'EUBA EUBA Type of Action', 'Type of MGA' as 'EUBA Type of MGA [EUBA]', 'Deadline model' as 'single-stage', 'Opening date' as '08 November 2022', and 'Deadline date' as '15 March 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time'. There are buttons for 'See budget overview' and 'Open for submission'.

Grants

- Call for proposals published on EFSA website
- **EU Funding & Tenders Portal 2023**
- Focal Points inform all Article 36 organisations directly via email
-  #EFSAProcurement
- **EFSA scientific cooperation plan**
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Procurement

- **Application** either via email or e-submission depending on procedure type
- **Timescales to apply** varies from procedure to procedure but there are some minimum timescales set in law
- **Evaluation** carried out by EFSA staff and provide detailed feedback to all tenderers on their offer
- **Evaluation Criteria** exclusion; selection (*experience*); quality; price

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