

## **1. Basic act and Financing source**

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 in connection with Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004

## **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for the 2006 and expected results**

EFSA shall promote the European networking of organisations operating in the fields within EFSA's mission. The aim of such networking is, in particular, to facilitate a scientific cooperation framework by the coordination of activities, the exchange of information, the development and implementation of joint projects, the exchange of expertise and best practices in the fields within EFSA's mission.

The Authority may entrust to organisations operating in the field of its mission certain tasks, in particular preparatory work for scientific opinions, scientific and technical assistance, collection of data and identification of emerging risks. Some of these tasks may be eligible for financial support.

Financial support will be allocated for tasks where they are of particular interest as regards contributing to the performance of the Authority's tasks or addressing the priorities laid down in its work programmes, or where the Authority's assistance is urgently needed by the Commission, particularly in order to deal with crisis situations.

## **3. Eligibility conditions**

The Management Board of EFSA will draw up a list to be made public of competent organisations designated by the Member States which may assist the Authority. The competent organisations designated by the Member States in accordance with Article 36(2) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 shall meet the criteria set out in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004.

## **4. Selection and award criteria**

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in EFSA's Financial Regulation and the implementing rules adopted by the Management Board on 18 January 2005.

## **5. Schedule of calls for proposals**

Restricted calls for proposals can be initiated following the adoption of the list referred to in Article 36 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002. Calls will be issued according to the actions entrusted to the organisations on the list in the second half of 2006.

## **6. Indicative amount of calls for proposals**

1.750.000 EUR