

DECISION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD
EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

Annual Work Programme for Grants 2008

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ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

1. INTRODUCTION

Article 5 (2) of Commission Regulation 2230/2004 foresees that financial support for tasks entrusted to organizations on the article 36 list shall take the form of grants awarded in accordance with EFSA's financial regulation and implementing rules. Based on these rules the grants shall be subject to a public annual work programme which as a rule will be implemented through the publication of calls for proposals.

2. BASIC ACT AND FINANCING SOURCE

- **Basic Act:** Commission Regulation 178/2002 article 36 and Commission Regulation 2230/2004
- **Budget lines:** 3001, 3011, 3021, 3031, 3041, 3051, 3061, 3071, 3081, 3091, 3101, 3111, 3121, 3131, 3141, 3144, 3151, 3211.

3. TASKS TO BE ENTRUSTED, THE OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED, AND PRIORITY AREAS

- a) Data compilation and analysis, and other preparatory work contributing to the Authority's scientific opinions, in the areas of human nutrition and health claims, contaminants, animal health, food and feed additives.
- b) Preparatory work in the development of new and harmonized methodological approaches and guidance documents, in the areas of zoonoses, pesticides, plant pests, animal welfare, and food additives and flavourings.
- c) Data collection and analysis, including the development of databases, for facilitating risk assessment, in the areas of pesticides, mixtures, folic acid, and exposure assessment.
- d) Development of methodologies for the detection of emerging risks.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF THE APPLICANTS

- The applicants must be on the list adopted by the Management Board of EFSA on the 20th of December 2006 (implying fulfillment of the criteria set in the Commission Regulation 2230/2004);
- The applicants shall not be, at the time of a grant award procedure, in one of the situations referred to in Articles 93 and 94 of the Financial Regulation (Council Regulation 1605/2002) as amended.

5. SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

The eligible proposals will be evaluated against the selection criteria indicated in each specific call. In general there are two sets of selection criteria to be assessed:

1. Financial capacity
2. Technical capacity

The proposals which meet the selection criteria will be evaluated against the award criteria indicated in each specific call. In general there are three sets of award criteria to be assessed:

1. Quality and relevance of the proposal
2. Quality of the management
3. Cost effectiveness

6. MAXIMUM RATE OF CO-FINANCING

Up to 80% of the eligible costs

7. SCHEDULE OF CALLS FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2008

Launch of calls for proposals: March – October 2008

8. INDICATIVE AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR CALLS FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2008

- a) Data compilation and analysis, and other preparatory work contributing to the Authority's scientific opinions: Calls will be launched for approximately 695,000 €.
- b) Preparatory work in the development of new and harmonized methodological approaches and guidance documents: Calls will be launched for approximately 955,000 €.
- c) Data collection and analysis, including the development of databases, for facilitating risk assessment: Calls will be launched for approximately 1,060,000 €.
- d) Development of methodologies for the detection of emerging risks: Calls will be launched for approximately 120,000 €