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European Food
Risk Assessment Fellowship
Programme

EU-FORA Programme

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What is EU-FORA?

European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme



“Building the food risk assessment capacity and knowledge community across Europe” (EFSA Strategy 2020, Strategic Objective #3)

Objectives

- Attracting ‘early to mid-career scientists’ to become risk assessors through learning by doing
- Harmonising risk assessment methodologies & practices across Europe
- Intensifying exchange and cooperation among national food agencies and EFSA

EU-FORA: How did it work until now?

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CALLS FOR
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



POOL OF CANDIDATES
PLACED ON A SHORT LIST



GRANT CALL
FOR PROPOSALS



FELLOW HOSTING SITES PROGRAMMES
ARE SELECTED



FELLOWS ARE PLACED
ON A TEMPORARY
RESERVE LIST



FELLOWS ARE
OFFERED A
PLACEMENT



PLACEMENT

2



START



12
MONTHS



HOSTING SITE PLACEMENT

SEP



SELECTED FELLOWS



COMMON TRAINING
INDUCTION



PARMA

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SELECTED FELLOWS

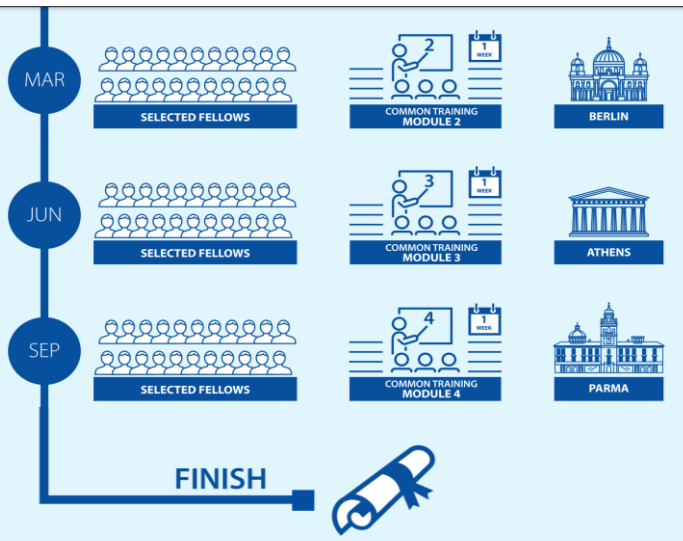


COMMON TRAINING
MODULE 1



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In summary...

- 12-month learning by doing
- Separate calls for hosting sites and fellows
- Fellow's allowance included in EFSA's grant to hosting site
- Outsourced complementary training



Fellows

- 45 graduated fellows (2017-2020): Alumni
- 44 fellows being trained, two cycles overlapping in 2021 (2020-2021 & 2021-2022)
- Significant higher No. applications from ES, IT and GR



Hosting sites

- 33 organisations in 16 different Member States and UK implemented 80 programmes (2017-2022)
- Collaboration with more than 60 supervisors
- Significant higher No. applications from ES, IT and PT



Avelino Álvarez Ordóñez
Supervisor at University of León, Spain

It was a fantastic experience. It gave us the chance to exchange knowledge and experience with the fellow and establish the basis for future collaboration



Keiu Nelis

Former fellow at RIVM, Netherlands

**The working programme
I was assigned to
matched my experience
and expectations perfectly,
so I can really apply
everything I learnt now
that I'm back at my
home institute**

2020: Evaluation of the EU-FORA Programme

Why an evaluation?

End of EU-FORA pilot phase in 2019

Budget increase (from €750k to €1.3M)

TR* implementation
(sustainability and
capacity building pillars)

EFSA Strategy 2027
(Partnerships, EO 2.1.)

Drivers for EU-FORA 2.0

What is EU-FORA 2.0?



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

Objectives

Attracting mid-career professionals to become risk assessors through learning by doing



Increase the pool of experts available in Europe



Intensifying exchange and cooperation among national food agencies and EFSA



Stimulate MS involvement in the risk assessment work



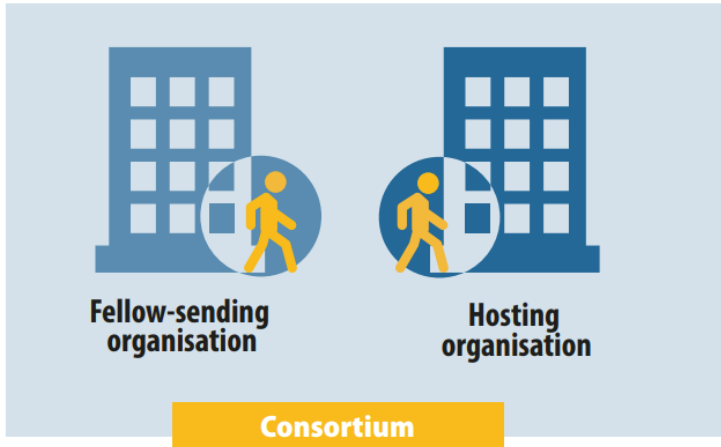
Harmonising risk assessment methodologies & practices across Europe



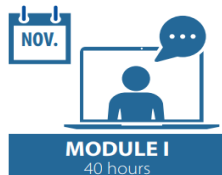
Build a common EU culture for risk assessment



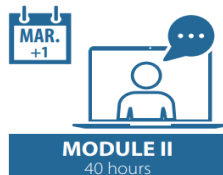
EU-FORA 2.0: How will it work?



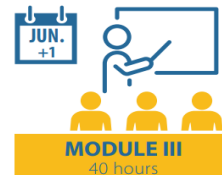
- ▶ The **fellow-sending organisation and the hosting organisation apply** to the fellowship programme **as a consortium**, identifying the fellow and proposing the programme.
- ▶ The **fellowship lasts for 12 months**, during which time the fellow is released from his/her regular tasks to follow a work programme offered by the hosting site.
- ▶ Although most of the work programme is followed remotely, around one third of the time will be spent at the hosting organisation **gaining first-hand experience**, with the aim of enhancing knowledge exchange and networking.



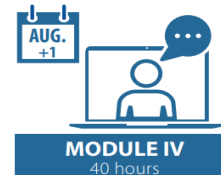
Risk assessment of other food areas
GMOs, Plant Health, AHAW, Nutrition, ERA and Regulated Products.



Emerging risks in food risk assessment



Risk communication and crisis response



Data collection and reporting

Call for proposals

- Selection of hosting sites AND fellows
- [GP/EFSA/ENCO/2021/01](#) (18/03/2022)

Call for tender

- Framework contract for organisation and delivery of EU-FORA training



KEEP
CALM

AND

CONTACT YOUR
FOCAL POINT

Do you need more information?

EU-FORA – The European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme



The European Food Risk Assessment (EU-FORA) Fellowship Programme is a key initiative for ensuring preparedness for future risk analysis needs. The upgraded programme (2.0) introduces several significant changes based on five years of experience, the implementation of 80 work programmes, and the participation of more than 60 supervisors from 33 organisations in 16 EU Member States and the UK.

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Applications to fellows and hosting sites now open. Apply here by 18/03/2022

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Info Session

- Joint session FIN/ENCO
- 15 December 2021 from 10.30-12.00
- FP event with Art. 36 organisations

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