

EUPT-CF20 - Announcement

The European Union Reference Laboratory for Pesticides Residues in Cereals and Feedingstuff (EURL-CF) announces its 20th European Proficiency Test on for pesticides in cereals/feeds requiring multi residue methods (MRMs), EUPT-CF20.

The aim of the test is to provide laboratories with an assessment of their analytical performance and the reliability of their data - in comparison to other laboratories. This will hopefully result in positive changes and quality improvements at each of the laboratories.

Test Items

The Test Material will be **oat kernels with incurred and spiked pesticides**. The participants will receive approximately 100 g of a treated test material.

Target Analytes

The list of analytes potentially contained in the Test Item is shown in the **Target Pesticides List**. For each of the analytes a specific minimum required reporting level (MRRL) is given.

Registration

The Registration Website is open from late 10 December 2025 to 19 January 2026. More information will be published on www.eurl-pesticides.eu

Compound selection/deselection

The webtool will be accessible for selection of compound from 26 January 2026 to 9 February 2026.

Shipment and deadline for result submission

The **shipment of Test Items is planned to 9 February 2026** and **deadline for result submission is 9 March 2026**. If any laboratories have holidays during the shipment period, please inform us so that we can rearrange the shipment.

Obligated and eligible laboratories

Participation is mandatory for:

1. All EU National Reference Laboratories for pesticides in cereals and feedingstuff (NRL-CFs).
2. All EU Official Laboratories (OfLs) undertaking pesticide residue analyses of cereals and feedingstuff within the frame of National controls and EU official controls (see Art. 28 of EC Reg. 396/2005).

3. Laboratories analysing pesticide residues within the frame of import controls according to Reg. 669/2009/EC. These laboratories are also considered as contributors to the official controls and therefore also obliged to participate.

A list of the laboratories that are obliged to participate in the EUPT-CF20 will be published on the EURL website www.eurl-pesticides.eu. If participation of obliged laboratories in this EUPT is not possible, DG-SANCO requires an explanation. This explanation can be given via the Registration website. All laboratories should thus access the Registration Website.

This EUPT is furthermore open for all national reference laboratories (NRLs) and official laboratories (OfLs) in the EFTA states and the EU-candidate states.

The PT is also open for Official laboratories in third countries as long as test material is available and provided that DG-SANCO give its consent.

Fee

For participating **laboratories from the EU, EU-candidate states and EFTA states** the participation fee will be:

250 €

The participation fees for **laboratories from third countries:**

400 €

An additional cost will be added if extra services are requested in relation to the payment, e.g. if invoices need to be changed due to new information, or if the invoice is requested to be resent.

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