

CALL FOR EXPERTS

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AgrifoodTECH is an ambitious Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND programme designed to consolidate excellence in the **agri-food technology** domain by attracting, training and empowering a new generation of postdoctoral researchers. Through its 24-month fellowships, the programme promotes world-class scientific development while reinforcing interdisciplinarity and intersectoral collaboration. The initiative stands at the intersection of **agriculture, engineering, life sciences and digital technologies**, supporting research that responds to current global challenges such as **climate change, water scarcity, declining soil health, plant resilience, food security and energy efficiency**.

More information about AGRIFOODTECH programme can be found on <https://agrifoodtech.eu/>

The programme is **seeking experts** in the following fields to join its Selection Committees and support the selection of postdoctoral researchers to be recruited under the programme:

- Innovative approaches to sustainable horticultural production under **soil compaction**
- Sustainable **growing media** in horticulture
- Advances in agrivoltaics
- Sustainable valorization of horticultural by-products as sources of **bioactive compounds** for food systems
- **Cold plasma** approaches for microbial safety, bioactive stability, and sustainable postharvest quality in fresh produce
- **Big data** and artificial intelligence for food safety
- IoT and Ai enabled data-driven approaches for **postharvest management** in fresh produce supply chains

SELECTION OF EXPERTS & CONDITIONS

Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena (UPCT), as the AGRIFOODTECH Coordinator and Implementing Partner, will select the experts whose profiles best match the programme's requirements, in accordance with the published selection criteria and scoring scale. The selected experts will be engaged on a short-term basis to carry out specific tasks related to the evaluation and selection process. Their working days will not necessarily be consecutive and may be distributed over several months, depending on the needs of the programme. The

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experts will be responsible for evaluating applications submitted by postdoctoral researchers who will be recruited by UPCT under the AGRIFOODTECH programme.

The selected experts will be part of the Selection Committees (SCs) who are responsible for the evaluation Step 2.B and Step 3 (Evaluation Summary Report and Interview respectively). Please check our [Guidelines for evaluators](#).

All the experts will be external to the recruiting organisation (Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena -UPCT).

Evaluation criteria:

Maximum score: 100 points

- Academic background and professional profile: 20%
- Specific knowledge and relevant experience in the AGRIFOODTECH research areas: 50%
- Previous experience evaluating research projects: 20%
- Language skills: 10%

A separate ranked list will be established for each of the 7 research lines of the AGRIFOODTECH programme, with applicants ranked in descending order according to their overall score. Once the ranked lists have been established, experts will be selected and contacted in order to confirm their availability and willingness to participate in the evaluation process.

Remuneration:

100€ per Evaluation Summary Report drafted (Step 2B)

50€ per interview (Step 3)

Selected experts will be informed of the number of proposals to be evaluated before confirming their availability.

APPLICATION

Applications should be sent the following email address: agrifoodtech.cofund@upct.es

Deadline 15th October 2026 15:00

Email subject: *Application Form – Expert Evaluator for AGRIFOODTECH programme*

Documents to be attached in PDF:

-Call for Experts Application Form

-CV (max. 3 pages)