

European partnership for a sustainable Future of Food Systems





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The Partnership is fostering research and innovation in Europe intended to accelerate the transtion toward food systems that function within planetary bouderies

The FutureFoodS strategic R&I agenda will have an impact on the thematic destination

'Fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food systems, from primary production to consumption'

of the EU's Green Deal, which reflects the main EU and global policies and strategies on food systems.





<u>Partners</u>: national and regional authorities, funding agencies, universities, research institutes, foundations, competitiveness clusters from 29 countries



FutureFoodS activities

- Harmonizing efforts by pooling research and innovation resources and programming
- Launching of an observatory to track the state of the food systems transition
- Establishing a Knowledge Hub of Living Labs to maintain a participative approach
- Sharing knowledge to strengthen the food systems community



MISSION

to mobilize
Research and
Innovation (R&I)
to accelerate
the transition
towards
Sustainable
Food Systems
with a wide
range of actors,
who are joining
forces

Specific Objectives

SO1 Change the way we eat

SO2 Change the way we process and supply food

SO3 Change the way we connect in food systems

SO4 Change the way we govern food systems

Operational Objectives

OO1 Pooling R&I resources

OO2 Launching a FS observatory Platform

OO3 Establishing a FS Knowledge Hub for complex FS

OO4 Knowledge sharing, and scaling

> OO5 Revisiting SRIA

OO6 Promoting, supporting & widening the FS community

General Objectives

GO1 Functioning of FS

GO2 System approaches

GO3 Inclusive government

GO4 Co-creation cases

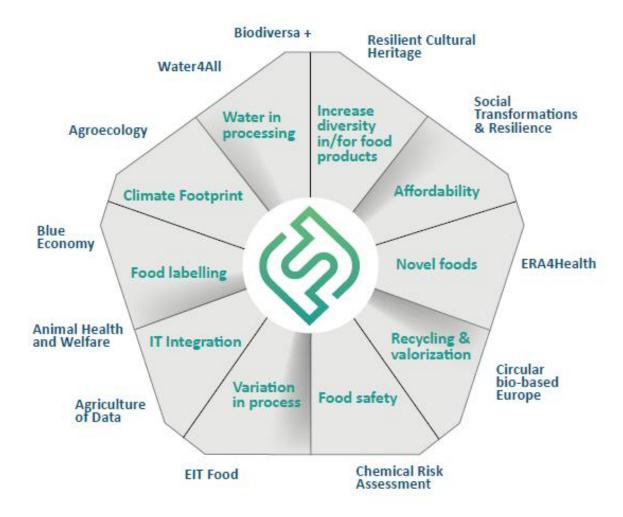
VISION

to collectively

achieve
environmentallyfriendly, socially
secure and fair,
economically
viable, healthy
and safe food
systems in
Europe

FutureFoodS main activities – operational objectives – are based on the needs identified in the strategic R&I agenda. All these activities are targeting the 4 R&I fields of the SRIA – the specific objectives of the partnership.





Synergies with other European initiatives committed to improving the wellbeing of people in Europe and beyond.



WP5 Establishing a food systems observatory

The food systems observatory is a platform for sharing methods, metrics, data and assessments on the sustainability performance of food systems.

Scope: the European food system, as defined by FutureFoodS

Research & innovation (R&I) challenges:

Monitoring the sustainability performance of food systems and critical points in the transition to sustainable food systems

Vision: a European monitoring approach on food systems transition with distributed observatories across Europe and signals for approaching tipping points



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Transversal in support of R&I Areas in FutureFoodS

- Longitudinal impact of food environment on sustainable healthy diets (Changing how we eat);
- Trustworthy data from supply chain actors to support B2C transparency (Changing how we supply food);
- □ Synergies & trade-off of trade regimes for future food systems and criteria for decision support (*Changing how we govern FS*).



WP6 FS Knowledge Hub & linked FS Living Labs

Overall objective:

Build on the Fit4Food2030 knowledge sharing platform and establish the FS Knowledge Hub, that overarches the network of place- and context-based living labs. These FS living labs provide place-based solutions, lessons learned and best practices that enable the testing of sustainable food systems pathways.



WP6 FS Knowledge Hub & linked FS Living Labs

Specific objectives:

- Give substance to + implement the <u>multi-actor approach</u>;
- Develop the <u>network of FS Living Labs</u> → strengthening the <u>business-science-policy-society interfaces</u> + enhance transformative potential of the food system;
- Establish a FS Knowledge Hub, for <u>understanding and guiding local food</u> systems, inspiring and supporting them to evolve sustainably;
- Set-up and deploy interventions and high TRL research and activities;
- Improve and <u>enhance research infrastructures</u> as open access, placeand context- based actors;

University of Food Technologies - Bulgaria





- Established in 1953 г.
- 3 faculties technological, technical, economics
- 7 general and 13 specialized departments
- Centre of food science and technology education in BG
- BG Accreditation rating system:
 - 1st place Food technology
 - 2nd place Biotechnology

Living labs at UFT

Meat processing



Milk processing







Bakery products





Gastronomy







Living labs at UFT





□ Food preservation









FutureFoodS Opportunities

□ FutureFoodS is looking for new partners to join



□ Partners for FutureFoodS calls – next in 2026





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