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FS4EU has just turned the first year!

2021 has marked the beginning of this journey, and thanks to all the people contributing from inside and outside the project many incredible achievements have been reached already. This first year stage culminated with the **1st FS4EU Pre-Forum**, an inspiring event during which an audience of more than 120 stakeholders of the food system from all over the world shared opinions and perspectives to contribute to the creation of a trustful and open environment in the food safety domain.

In case you missed it, **full materials** and **recording** are available HERE!

The journey is still very long ahead of us, the best is yet to come! We will keep growing and share all together news, events and much more...for and from the food safety world! Stay tuned!

Our platform is growing: a new supporting partner for FS4EU!

To celebrate this promising year 2022, we are glad to disclose that the FoodSafety4EU network of Supporting Partners is welcoming a new stakeholder of great importance from AUSTRIA, thus enhancing the West Hub representativeness.

The Austrian Competence Centre for Feed and Food Quality, Safety & Innovation, gathering more than 30 leading companies along the value chains feed-food, has signed an agreement with FoodSafety4EU to collaborate in sharing knowledge and experiences, as well as participate in consultations, meetings and events, dissemination and communication.

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NEWS

Food Systems Policy Tool - A tool to help governments deliver healthier diets and sustainable food systems

The Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition has developed a Food Systems Policy Tool to support the delivery of national nutrition strategies. It is designed to help bridge the policy gap between those who create food, nutrition and agricultural policies and those responsible for implementing those policies.

The tool addresses malnutrition in all its forms in the broader context of climate change, environmental deterioration, human health and diet quality, and aims to support the implementation of integrated national strategies on the ground.
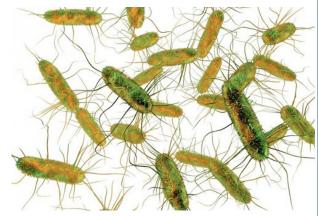
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EU One Health report: drop in reported zoonotic diseases in humans and foodborne outbreaks in 2020

Campylobacteriosis was the most reported zoonosis in the EU in 2020, with 120,946 cases compared to more than 220,000 the previous year. It was followed by salmonellosis, which affected 52,702 people compared to 88,000 in 2019. The number of reported foodborne outbreaks also fell by 47%. These findings are based on the annual EU One Health zoonosis report, by EFSA and ECDC.
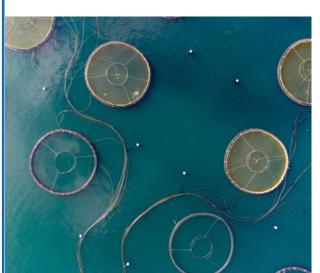
Experts acknowledged the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe in the remarkable drop in reported zoonotic diseases in humans – ranging from 7% to 53% depending on the reported disease in question - and foodborne outbreaks.

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EIT Food celebrates sustainable aquaculture innovations to address UN SDGs at Showcase event

It is clear that aquaculture is a key food system in addressing several of the UN targets around the ocean, land, climate change, sustainable consumption and production, but always with a strong drive to end hunger and poverty. As highlighted at the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, there is a greater understanding of how sustainable seafood can meaningfully contribute to and be at the heart of global food systems.

At the EIT Food Aquaculture Showcase event, 12 EIT Food partners presented their aquaculture projects which are transforming aquatic farming into a more sustainable, profitable and efficient sector.

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Sustainable food systems through diversity?

ERA-NETs SUSFOOD2 and CORE Organic have published the first results of the joint call "Towards sustainable and organic food systems".

The focus on "food systems" was a starting point for the collaboration, which recognised the mutual applicability of different scientific solutions relevant to both sustainable and organic food sectors. 12 scientific projects were selected and their initial research results are now presented. Topics such as the role of diversity in sustainable food systems, sustainable and organic production of alfalfa, wine and meat, innovations in mild/minimal food processing, the use of food industry by-products as well as learnings from organic and sustainable frontrunners in the European food production are addressed.

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) EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE METROFOOD-PP CONNECTOR EVENT
Explore societal engagement in research and innovation!

The METROFOOD-RI consortium organises the METROFOOD-PP CONNECTOR EVENT - Explore societal engagement in research and innovation. The event will take place on-line on 27 January 2022 and will be realized in two "twin" (identical) sessions in order to facilitate the participation from different geographical areas: session1 - 10:00 - 12:00 CET, session 2 -15:00 -17:00 CET. METROFOOD-RI is currently undertaking its Preparatory Phase under the H2020 funded METROFOOD-PP project and is seeking for collaboration & links with actors from different geographical regions to strengthen bi-directional partnerships and cooperation of mutual benefit.

The event aims to increase stakeholder engagement in research and innovation by creating and implementing a model for effective cooperation among all relevant stakeholders to respond to societal challenges related to the agrifood systems, food and nutrition, share different views, and identify common interests and needs.

YOU CAN CHECK THE PROGRAMME HERE >

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SAVE THE DATE! 29th EGF general meeting: Grassland at the heart of circular and sustainable food systems | 26-30 June 2022

The event will focus on:
- Putting grasslands into perspective;
- Bundles of services provided by grasslands;
- Using biodiversity to reduce vulnerability and increase resilience of grassland based system;
- Looking for synergy between animal production, grasslands and crops.

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