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## UPDATES FROM FoodSafety4EU

### FoodSafety4EU PRE-FORUM 2022

“The new sustainability regulation: how to integrate it into food safety?”

The 2022 Pre-Forum was organised in Brussels on 15 December 2022, drawing the participation of representatives of project partners and external stakeholders of various types (NGOs, research and academia, agencies). Todor Ivanov, Secretary-General of Euro Coop with contributions by speakers has prepared an article to remember the principal topics in the Forum.

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The panel discussion in the 2nd pre-forum led to the identification of 10 leading challenges for the Food Safety System of the future. Find them in the new [FS4EU multi-actor policy brief](#)



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

To celebrate this promising year 2023, we are glad to disclose that the FoodSafety4EU network of Supporting Partners is welcoming a new high-level member of FS4EU family. SAFE – [Safe Food Advocacy Europe](#) is currently the only Brussels-based NGO ensuring that consumers' health and concerns remain at the core of the EU's food legislation. SAFE has signed an agreement with FoodSafety4EU to support the development of policies and awareness-raising aimed at reducing the environmental impact of the food sector, increasing sustainability and promoting healthier food environments for consumers.

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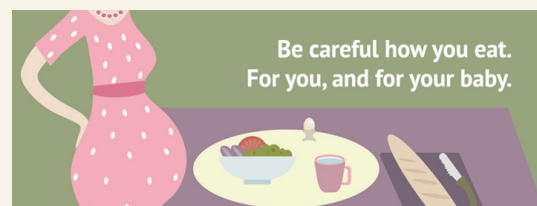


## Eating during pregnancy, the microbiological risks

Barbara Tiozzo, Communication Expert in Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie ([IZSVe](#)), explains the effects of a good communication campaign in decreasing food risks during pregnancy and promoting correct practices of food handling among pregnant women.

In 2017 IZSVe conducted a research and communication project, "[Foods & Pregnancy project](#)", about this issue. The research has been articulated in three steps. First, the knowledge of the Italian women was investigated through both a national survey and web monitoring activities. Second, a series of meetings (World Cafè) between food safety experts, nutritionists, gynecologists and pregnant women were organized in the Veneto area. At the same time, pregnant women were given scientifically sound information about food risks during pregnancy as a countermeasure to recognise and debunk the fake news they could encounter.

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## Do consumers trust in the safety of novel food products?

VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd. and Finnish Food Authority organized on 30.11.2022 in Espoo, Finland, a workshop to discuss about alternative proteins and consumers' trust in the safety of novel food products. Experts were invited from authorities, food associations, industry and research, in addition to interested consumers, to have interactive discussion on the topic. The workshop was joint for two ongoing projects funded by the European Commission: FoodSafety4Eu and [NextGenProteins](#).

In a keynote preceding the discussion, Jussi Peusa from Finnish Food Authority told about the authoritative system of food safety in Europe and Finland. He emphasized the role and responsibility of food manufacturers to ensure that their products are safe.

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### EFSA's second Risk Assessment Research Assembly (RARA) delivered on its objectives - ScienceDirect

To stimulate alignment between European and national research strategies and funding efforts, EFSA brought together 250 food safety researchers, funders, policy/decision makers and risk assessors for a second Risk Assessment Research Assembly (RARA). With a panel of international experts RARA discussed: i) how food safety regulatory research can support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and relevant European policies; ii) how to foster alignment of research priorities and investments on food safety; and iii) how to reinforce and utilise the wider food safety risk assessment network.

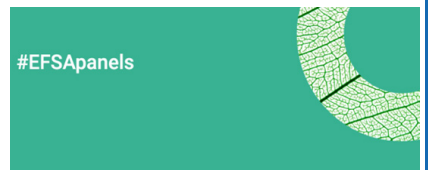
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### Applications are now open for scientific experts to join our Scientific Panels and Committee

EFSA is currently seeking expressions of interest from scientific experts in various fields.

EFSA's Scientific Committee and Panels are comprised of highly qualified, independent scientific experts committed to conducting scientific assessments and developing related assessment methodologies. Membership of these Panels/Committee is renewed every five years, with the next renewal in 2024. Applications are accepted during 1 February-3 April 2023.

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### Chemical monitoring reporting guidance: 2023 data collection

The new document published on EFSA Journal should be used for the reporting to EFSA of samples analysed for chemicals. It provides guidance on how to use the Standard Sample Description (SSD2) data model for submission to the EU of analytical results of food and feed samples taken during control activities carried out to monitor residues of pesticides and veterinary medicinal products, contaminants, food additives and chemicals from food contact materials (FCM).

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## Safety evaluation of the food enzyme phospholipase A2 from the genetically modified *Streptomyces violaceoruber* strain AS-10

The food enzyme phospholipase A2 (phosphatidylcholine 2-acylhydrolase EC 3.1.1.4) is produced with the genetically modified *Streptomyces violaceoruber* strain AS-10 by Nagase (Europa) GmbH. The genetic modifications do not give rise to safety concerns. The Panel identified a no observed adverse effect level of 191.2 mg TOS/kg bw per day, the mid-dose tested, which, when compared with the estimated dietary exposure, results in a margin of exposure above 460. A search for similarity of the amino acid sequence of the food enzyme to known allergens was made and no matches were found. The Panel considered that, under the intended conditions of use, the risk of allergic sensitisation and elicitation reactions by dietary exposure cannot be excluded, but the likelihood for this to occur is considered to be low.

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## Survey for participation in the future European Partnership for Sustainable Food Systems (PSFS)

The CSA FOODPathS and the SCAR SWG Food Systems are launching this survey in order to collect data, and more broadly in the interest of the future Partnership on Sustainable Food Systems (PSFS). These data may thus be shared with the coordination team(s) supporting the building of this Partnership by answering the call topic "HORIZON-CL6-2023-FARM2FORK-01-9: European partnership on sustainable food systems for people, planet and climate" (link to the Horizon Europe Work programme (2023-24) - Cluster 6 (draft) as of 16 November 2022). Sharing of data to any other party will be subject to prior approval by the participants to this survey.

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## Thematic Spotlight on...Food Security and Climate Change

In over 10 years, FACCE-JPI has funded 153 projects. In this series of thematic spotlights, FACCE-JPI projects on a specific theme are analysed focusing on their key insights and publications. In this thematic piece, focus on the nexus between food security and climate change is deepened.



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## EVENTS



2<sup>nd</sup> ISO-FOOD Symposium  
Portorož, Slovenia  
April 24 – 26, 2023

### ISO-FOOD FROM FOOD SOURCE TO HEALTH



#### 2nd ISO-FOOD Symposium | 24-27 April 2023

The 2nd ISO-FOOD Symposium will bring together an interdisciplinary array of researchers, scientists, policy makers, and stakeholders to present advances in isotopic and chemical methods and to foster a lively and rewarding exchange of ideas and information. The organisers welcome prospective authors to submit new research papers and to share their valuable experiences with scientists and scholars from around the world.

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### 1st International Cellular Agriculture conference | 14 June 2023

This on-site event gathers top experts and actors in the field of cellular agriculture for food production to share the latest research results, news from the industry and to network for new partnerships and ideation. The aim is also to share information to decision-makers and stakeholders especially in EU.



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Harnessing biotechnology for food production

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### NextGen Proteins Conference



### Next generation protein conference | 7-8 September 2023

To meet the increasing demand, production will have to double by 2050. However, current protein production, both animal- and vegetal based, has severe negative environmental impacts in terms of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, land and water use, as well as biodiversity loss.

NextGenProteins invites researchers, farmers, producers and policymakers to join the conversation and contributes the present and future of the sector.

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