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## A WARM WELCOME BY FS4EU'S COORDINATOR

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### Welcome in our FoodSafety4EU Platform!

I'm very excited to drive the FoodSafety4EU consortium that is going to provide new input to shape the Food Safety System of the Future and share with you the updates.

Every European citizen has the right to access safe food and to be informed about the standards of protection that are being applied, so join us to be informed, to learn more, and - why not! - to let us know your opinion and experience!

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## WELCOME to the first release of the FS4EUupdates!

*Do you expect a classic and standard project newsletter?*

We want to make a step beyond and to propose something different.

This will be a **monthly date** with the information on the **food safety sector**, fed by FS4EU partners and supporting partners to feed communication channels of FS4EU partners and all stakeholders of the food safety system: *a peer-to-peer approach to build a more integrated and collaborative community!* Indeed, everybody can contribute suggesting articles, news, events, publications, and more: we collect and wrap up the most interesting inputs, making them available to everybody (policy makers, citizens, researchers, companies, etc.), with the idea that if you are interested in one or more of the presented topics you can grab them and reuse to... feed your news on **#FoodSafety!**



**Btw, let's start: we hope you'll enjoy it!**

FoodSafety4EU Communication staff

## NEWS

### The new #TransparencyRegulation came into application!”

The [new Regulation on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain](#) aims at increasing the transparency of the EU risk assessment in the food chain, on strengthening the reliability, objectivity and independence of the studies used by [European Food Safety Authority](#) (EFSA), and revisiting the governance of EFSA in order to ensure its long-term sustainability. The regulation was developed in response to a European Citizens’ Initiative on pesticides and the findings of the review of the General Food Law Regulation that was completed in January 2018.


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### #EUandMyFood

EFSA, the EU Member States and the European Commission are jointly launching a campaign called #EUandMyFood. The aim is to remind EU citizens how we all benefit from the European food safety system that was created in 2002 under the General Food Law. “EUandMyFood is about having safe and nutritious food in Europe that we can trust. It’s about having respect for the health of our animals and how we treat them. And it’s about being responsible for our environment – the soil, water and air – which sustain the food and feed crops that we and our animals, respectively, eat” stated Dr Url. The EUandMyFood campaign is being jointly promoted by EFSA and national food safety authorities in the EU Member States with the support of the European Commission’s Health and Food Safety Directorate General.

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### How to reach people with food safety information

According to a 2019 Special Eurobarometer, people living in the EU have a high level of awareness about food safety issues. Awareness of different types of food safety risks varies from country to country, but in general people have heard about many different topics related to food safety, including additives, a wide range of contaminants, food hygiene and food poisoning, allergies and more. Nina McGrath from EUFIC in this article proposes how to reach people with correct information and the contribution that FS4EU could provide on this point.

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## Exploring the Potential of ToxCast Data in Supporting Read-Across for Evaluation of Food Chemical Safety

The study explores if high-throughput screening data can be applied in toxicological read-across for food-related compounds. Focusing upon estrogenicity for proof of principle, exploratory case studies are presented covering 2 chemical families: the paraben-gallate grouping and pyranone-type compounds.

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## Dual food quality: Commission releases study on sensory differences in food products

The European Commission just released a study conducted by #JRC on sensory differences in food products. That's the 2nd part of an EU-wide quality comparison of food products marketed under the same branding.

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European Technology Platform

Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda - 2021 Update

Food for tomorrow's consumer

## ETP Food For Life SRIA 2021

[TP Organics](#) has just presented a new updated version of the [#SRIA](#) (Strategic and Innovation Agenda) that takes into account the new European Union's strategies: GreenDeal and FarmToFork.

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## 'Farm to Fork', a new Euronews' series on how to make Europe's food chain sustainable

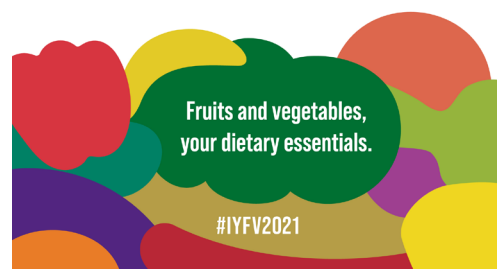
'Farm to Fork' is a new Euronews' mini-series focused on Europe's green transformation of its food production, distribution and consumption systems. In the course of eight episodes, we will travel around the continent to showcase inspiring initiatives and success stories. From farmers and food companies to consumers, you will meet people who are changing their habits and way of life to make food chains healthier, fairer and more sustainable. Pesticides, animal welfare and food labelling are some of the topics we will be covering. 'Farm to Fork' is produced in partnership with the European Commission. The Farm to Fork strategy is at the heart of the European Green Deal.



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## The International Year of Fruits and Vegetables (IYFV-2021) Background Paper

This background paper outlines the benefits of fruit and vegetable consumption, but also examines the various aspects of the fruit and vegetable sector from a food systems approach: from sustainable production and trade to loss and waste management. This paper provides an overview of the sector and a framework and a starting point for discussion for the Year, highlighting the interlinkages of stakeholders and key issues to be considered for action during the IYFV.

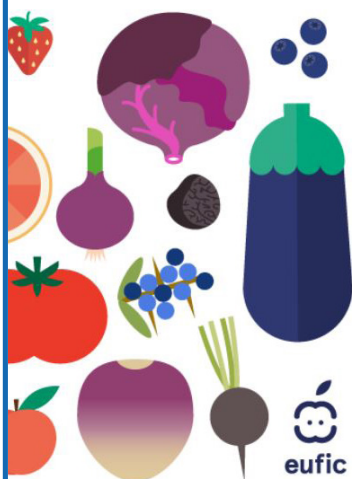


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## Eating seasonal and local: EUFIC launches 1st ever Europe-wide interactive fruit and vegetables map

The European Food Information Council (EUFIC) launched today [the first-ever Europe-wide fruit and vegetables seasonality interactive map](#). In the context of the [2021 International Year of Fruits and Vegetables](#) proclaimed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the new map provides accurate and science-based information to guide consumers in making healthy and more sustainable choices.

The tool combines **data from established national sources** and features over 200 seasonal fruits and vegetables, covers **24 countries**, and includes **the six European climate regions**.



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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### 2021 JOINT CALL ERA-NET Cofund

SusAn, FACCE ERA-GAS,  
ICT-AGRI-FOOD and SusCrop



#### Circularity in mixed crops and livestock farming systems with emphasis on climate change mitigation and adaptation

The four ERA-NETs SusAn (Sustainable Animal Production Systems), FACCE ERA-GAS (Monitoring and Mitigation of Greenhouse Gases from Agriculture and Silviculture), SusCrop (Sustainable Crop Production) and ICT-AGRI-FOOD have coordinated and aligned efforts in areas of mutual interest and established a joint transnational funding initiative in the field of agricultural greenhouse gas (GHG) research, focusing on circularity in mixed crops and livestock farming systems with emphasis on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

This Call is about research on (re-) integration of crop and livestock farming systems with the aim to enhance circularity between these systems and thereby improve the sustainability of farms.

- **Deadline: 26th of May, 2021, 3PM (CEST).**

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### EIT Food Innovator Fellowship

The objective of EIT Food Innovator Fellowship is to empower talents to co-create, address, and gain experiences on excellent ideas capable of bringing their careers a step further, and foster innovators ready to respond to global food challenges.

EIT Food Innovator Fellowship is designed to offer a highly stimulating and creative six-months programme coupled with the acquisition of key skills and mentoring to translate an idea in business idea. After an evaluation step, aiming to select the best talents/ideas, the talents will participate in a Foodathon.

The Foodathon will be an immersive, competitive, and stimulating experience where you will form a team with the best, most exciting ideas.

- **Deadline: 14 May 2021 23:59:59 Europe/Brussels time**

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## EXPAND - The SmartAgriHubs Community Network

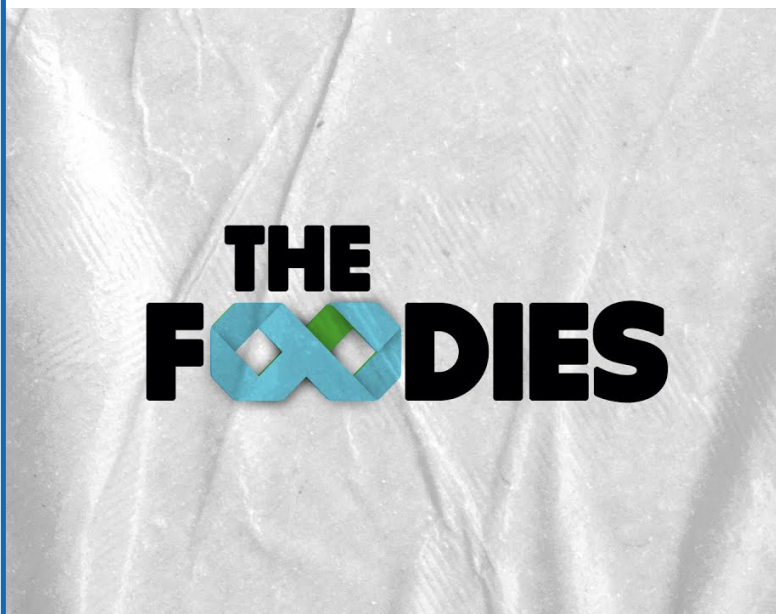
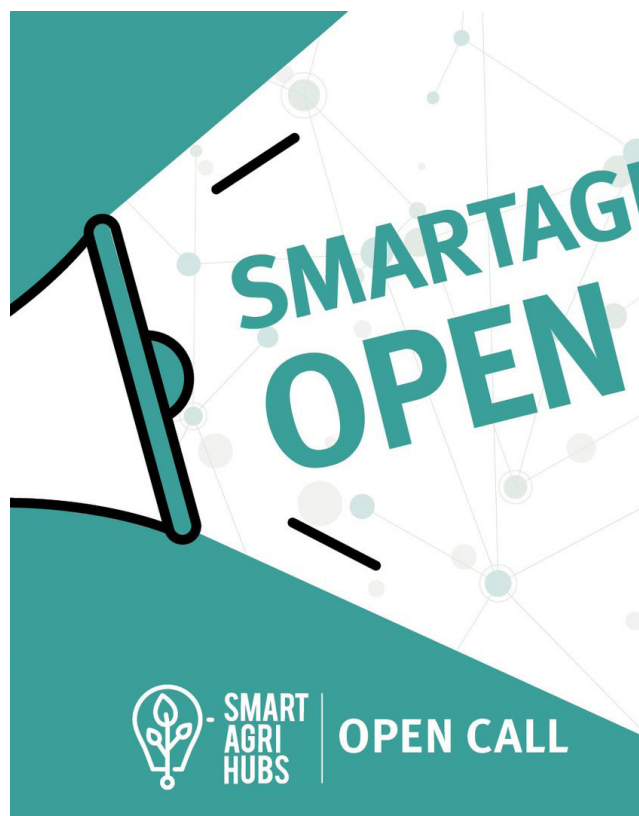
Open call for projects that are proposing initiatives of Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) that propose a thorough strategy to support the digital innovation in their region and facilitate the set-up and realisation of Innovation Experiments (IEs), equipped by own investments and supported by additional public and/or private funding. Besides the individual set up of IEs, it is considered of utmost importance that such supported initiatives:

- > Validate the services offered by DIHs and Competence Centres (CCs)
- > Facilitate experience exchange and critical mass of the European Network of DIHs and CCs.

The funding that is provided by SmartAgriHubs is exclusively available for developing, maturing, and providing DIH innovation services.

- Deadline: **28 July 2021**

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## The foodies | The food and drink SMEsustainability awards

An award dedicated to the best and sustainable SMEs working in the food and drink sector!

The award was launched by FoodDrinkEurope, partner of the FoodSafety4EU project.

- Deadline for application: **May 2021**

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## EVENTS

**ILSI Annual Meeting 2021 | 13-22 April 2021**

The 2021 ILSI Annual Science Symposium is a premier gathering of scientists from around the world. The primary focus of the meeting is to learn about new scientific developments in the key topics of ILSI's focus, such as sustainability, food safety, nutrition and health and identify areas where ILSI can have an impact on public health. This multidisciplinary meeting is an opportunity for experts from all sectors to collaborate and share knowledge. The attendees reach across all relevant ILSI stakeholders including government agencies, academia (including students), non-governmental organizations and the food and agriculture industries.

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**6th International ISEKI Food Conference  
23-25 June 2021**

The ISEKI-Food 2021 Conference focuses on "Sustainable Development Goals in Food Systems: Challenges and Opportunities for the Future" and aims to promote a wide and constructive discussion on the current status and achievements of the SDGs.

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**The UN Food Systems Summit 2021 | 19-21 July 2021**

The three-day event will be held in Rome and will bring together youth, smallholder farmers, indigenous peoples, researchers, private sector, policy leaders and ministers of agriculture, environment, health, and finance among others to deliver the latest evidence-based and scientific approach from around the world, launch a set of new commitments through coalitions of action, and mobilize new financing and partnerships. Moreover, it will tackle the issue of food security and promote better agriculture, sustainable value chains and healthier lifestyles.

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## UPDATES FROM FoodSafety4EU

### Foodsafety4EU: Partners' book

Would you like to discover more about people and teams working in the [FoodSafety4EU](#) project? Have a look at the [FS4EU](#) Partners' book and discover our expertise and roles!

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The Foodsafety4EU communication channels are open, join us!

Would you like to learn more on objectives and activities of Foodsafety4EU project? Go on <https://foodsafety4.eu/> and register to be always updated on the food safety system news.

FS4EU is also on [Twitter](#), [Linkedin](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)  
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### Foodsafety4EU: press release in different languages

FoodSafety4EU project kicked-off: 23 partners and 44 stakeholders together to design the future Food Safety system in EU.

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