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UPDATES FROM FoodSafety4EU

EEN Sector Group Agri-Food and Food Hub new entries in the FS4EU network of Supporting Partners!

The FoodSafety4Eu network is widening by including agreements with <u>EEN Sector Group Agri-Food</u> and <u>Food Hub SRL SB</u>.

The **EEN Sector Group Agri-Food** is the largest group of experts with more than 95 experts from 23 countries worldwide. Its core activity is to raise the resilience, sustainability, and innovation capacity of SMEs, supporting their growth and competitiveness. The supporting Partner contributes to FoodSafety4EU raising awareness and improving the food safety system in the EU and beyond.

The innovative startup **Food Hub** aims to facilitate innovation in the agri-food sector through information, training, and open innovation services. We have established cooperation with Food Hub with the ambition to significantly improve the food safety system and enhance consumer health throughout the European Union.









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#Asktheexpert - Inform, share, post on the microplastics in food!

On March and April, FoodSafety4EU will launch mini videos by experts talking about microplastics addressing consumers' questions and concerns. The aim of the video campaign is to raise general awareness of microplastics and how they can affect food safety as well as to empower consumers to take science-based decisions.

Do not miss this opportunity! Follow us on our social networks and share!







NEWS



Survey on new biotechnologies in microorganisms

The European Commission requested EFSA to produce an opinion in accordance with Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, on new developments in biotechnology applied to microorganisms. This work is related to i) microorganisms and products of category 4 to be released into the environment or placed on the market as or in food and feed; ii) products of category 3 to be placed on the market as or in food and feed. Two tasks will be performed under this mandate.

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Outcomes from the EFSA's second Risk Assessment Research Assembly (RARA)

On 6 December 2022, during its 86th meeting in Berlin, the Advisory Forum, tasked with providing the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) with strategic advice on scientific issues, adopted a joint statement with EFSA, to support the European Research Area.



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EFSA's MetaPath database on pesticides metabolism published!

The final version of EFSA's MetaPath database is now live.

MetaPath is a public database containing results from metabolism studies of pesticides on plants and livestock. It enables efficient search and extraction of data on metabolism or catabolism, observed biotransformation pathways and crucial supporting metadata. The database supports metabolic simulations and predictions and contributes to reduce animal testing.

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EFSA, ECDC, EURL: ongoing avian influenza outbreaks in birds, low risk to the public

The situation regarding avian influenza continues to evolve in Europe and globally, with reports of new outbreaks in birds and occasional infections in mammals. Sporadic human infections have been reported in countries outside the EU, while the risk to the public in the EU remains low. These are some of the findings in the latest report on avian influenza by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), and the EU reference laboratory (EURL).



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Bacteria resistant to commonly used antimicrobials still frequently found in humans and animals

Resistance of Salmonella and Campylobacter to commonly used antimicrobials is frequently observed in humans and animals, reveals a report issued today by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). However, simultaneous resistance to critically important antimicrobials for humans was generally detected at low levels, except for some Salmonella types and Campylobacter coli in several countries.

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"New food resources and technologies to improve public health and food security" (FOODRETEC)

In February 2023, **JPI HDHL** launched a new joint funding activity "New food resources and technologies to improve public health and food security" (FOODRETEC). The aim of this call is to build knowledge to prepare for and succeed with a dietary shift towards a healthier and more sustainable diet. This demands a system approach. The deadline for submission is 21 April 2023, 15.00 CEST.

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Thematic Spolight on...Food Security and Climate Change

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



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EVENTS



CO-CREATE webinar: Launch of the NOURISHING policy index | 21 March

Register now for The NOURISHING (nutrition) policy index webinar that will be held on March 21,2023, 2-3 pm GMT (3-4 pm CET).

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OHEJP Dissemination Webinar: New Surveillance and Risk Assessment tools

This webinar will present and demonstrate tools created within OHEJP projects intended to improve surveillance and risk assessment activities. Information on application and implementation of the tools will be provided.

This webinar will target potential users of the tools, both at OHEJP partner institutes and at external institutions.

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Healthy Food Design - VLAG Course | I-4 May

This post-graduate course provides the essential skills for designing healthy foods for specific categories of consumers in the European legislative framework of nutritional and health claims.

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Don't forget about the EFSA's Scientific Colloquium 27 "Cell culture-derived foods and food ingredients" I I-12 May

Don't forget the EFSA's Scientific Colloquium about cell culture-derived foods and food ingredients. The deadline for registration is at the end of March.

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