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EU Food Safety Forum | 28 - 29 November 2023 in Brussels

The first European Food Safety Forum is just around the corner!

The event will take place in Brussels on the 28 and 29 November 2023 in Brussels @ La Tricoterie.

> Don't miss it and take part to the Forum, you still can register here: [here!](https://www.foodsafety4.eu)

By registering to the Forum you will be able to join several sessions that will offer you the opportunity to **sharing ideas and experience, building connections**, exchanging information with the FS4EU's community and supporting partners but also to discover more about latest goals's projects and activities on food safety issue in EU.

The sessions will feature **speakers, food safety experts** from the main food safety authorities in Europe including EFSA, as well as researchers, industry representatives and policy makers.



EU FOOD SAFETY FORUM
Supporting the Food Safety Systems of the future
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Brussels
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Stef Bronzwaer, EFSA
“ Easy to capture Transdisciplinary Cooperation in words: 'If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together' as well as One Health: 'One for all - and all for One', but what is it that we will do ... ”
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Marta Hugas, Independent Expert
“ Food safety has achieved very high standards in the last 20-25 years in the EU. Today, sustainability needs to be embraced in food systems including safety. Innovative research is the most important tool to help us achieving the challenges ahead. ”
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Luigi Tozzi, SAFE
“ Consumers' purchasing power is often reduced, affecting their ability to purchase fresh and healthy food. Trade policies that do not reduce the final cost of food products, even when production cost has decreased, must be considered an unfair practice. ”
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FS4EU: the multi-stakeholder experimental journey
Brief presentation of project results
28 NOV h. 11:30 - 12:30
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FS4EU: the multi-stakeholder experimental journey
Discussing the position and future of FS4EU
28 NOV h. 12:30 - 13:00
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Lessons learnt from participatory multi-actor processes in four FSOLabs
Risk assessment - Funding - SRIA - Communication
28 NOV h. 14:50 - 16:30
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Meet the members of the FS4EU Platform!
29 NOV h. 09:40 - 11:00
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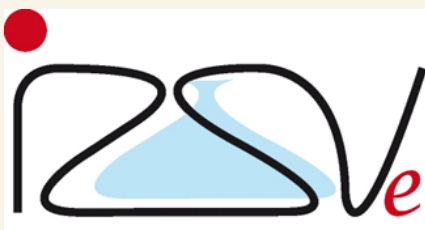
The Community of FS4EU is growing

We are happy to announce a new Liaison with Phenolexa Project to synergize food safety and transparency solutions for the food system transformation!

PHENOLEXA is a research and innovation project funded by Horizon 2020 with the aim of creating a safe, effective, and environmentally friendly biorefinery process to obtain high-value polyphenolic bioactive compounds with preserved, tailored, and/or improved functionality and targeted biological activities (antioxidant, antimicrobial, antifungal, anti-inflammatory, anticancer, antiviral, anti-ageing, mood stabilizing), for use in pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, and cosmetic products. To put it simply – to valorise peels, leaves and prunings of different feedstock that otherwise will go to waste.

“PHENOLEXA is just the project we need to create a circular economy and decrease our insufficiency in the agricultural sector. We are taking up a challenge to upcycle the feedstock to higher-value products”.

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FS4EU has a new Supporting Partners!

The Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie (IZSve) is an Italian public health authority which conducts control and research activities and provides services in the fields of animal health, food safety and zoonoses. It was founded in 1929 in Padua and today it is part of the Italian National Health Service. The mission of the IZSve is the preservation of public health, in terms of food safety and prevention of zoonoses, and animal welfare, in terms of animal health and living conditions.

“IZSve is pleased to support FS4EU in its commitment to a science-based collective intelligence to ensure food safety and consumer protection throughout Europe, considering risk communication and stakeholder engagement as pivotal keys to success.” Antonia Ricci, Director General

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The EFSA's report on The European Union One Health 2020 Zoonoses

The EFSA Journal publishes the scientific advice of the European Food Safety Authority which underpins the policies and measures taken to protect European consumers and the environment. This report of the EFSA and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control presents the results of zoonoses monitoring activities carried out in 2020 in 27 EU Member States (MS) and nine non-MS. Key statistics on zoonoses and zoonotic agents in humans, food, animals and feed are provided and interpreted historically. This report also provides updates on tuberculosis due to *Mycobacterium bovis* or *Mycobacterium caprae*, *Brucella*, *Trichinella*, *Echinococcus*, *Toxoplasma*, rabies, *Coxiella burnetii* (Q fever) and tularaemia.

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EFSA has launched a scientific opinion for the vaccination of poultry against highly pathogenic avian influenza

EFSA has opened a scientific opinion asking to the European Commission for an overview of available HPAI vaccines, their efficacy against currently circulating viruses, and an evaluation of various vaccination schemes to inform decisions on possible vaccination strategies. The background of this scientific need is linked to the emergency in the European Union (EU) that has experienced an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in wild and domestic birds and areas with a high density of poultry farms are particularly at risk of HPAI transmission. For these reasons, vaccination may be considered in addition to the measures already implemented (e.g., surveillance, biosecurity, and early detection) to prevent and control the spread of HPAI.

However there are still missing information related to the data on protection efficacy and duration of protection of available vaccines against HPAI are non-harmonised and few; therefore, the detailed description and comparison of these vaccines is not possible. Moreover few vaccines are tested on poultry species other than chickens. The last grey area is related to studies on the effectiveness of vaccination to stop virus transmission that are currently scarce.

EFSA has also been tasked with evaluating surveillance and risk reduction measures in vaccinated areas and herds. These topics will be addressed in a separate scientific opinion scheduled for completion in March 2024.

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EVENTS

Provisional programme of the
IPIFF Annual Conference

15 November 2023
Bedford Hotel Brussels,
rue du Midi 135

The IPIFF Annual Conference | 15th November, Bedford Hotel, Brussels

The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF) has organized its Annual Conference entitled 'Empowering Europe: Food Security, Bioeconomy & Insects'.

The conference will take place physically on the 15th of November 2023 from 9.00 am, at the Bedford Hotel Brussels, rue du Midi 135.

For more information and to see the program of the event you can visit the official website: <https://ipiff.org/annual-event-2022/>

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DRG4FOOD open call | Deadline | 11th December

The project DRG4FOOD has launched an Open Call #1 that offers up to 300,000 euros in equity-free funding.

The open call invites multidisciplinary consortia comprising 2-3 entities, including startups, SMEs, research organizations, universities, technology adopters, and users in the food sector, with a focus on NGOs and consumer associations. Consortia must demonstrate the capacity to develop data-driven solutions aligned with [Digital Responsibility Goals](#) and actively engage with end-users to shape technical requirements and improve pilot activities.

The applicants need to be engaged in any of the following areas:

- Food Tracking: Innovations in tracking the journey of food from farm to fork, ensuring transparency and traceability.
- Targeted Nutrition: Data-driven approaches to tailoring nutrition to individual needs, improving health and well-being.
- Consumers' Food Choices: Solutions that assist consumers in making informed decisions about their food, promoting sustainability and better eating habits.

If you want to know more about the application process, don't miss next webinars: [DRG4Food Guidelines Webinar #1 | F6S](#)

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EU-FORA Fellowship Programme 2024-2025

The European Food Risk Assessment (EU-FORA) Fellowship Programme is a key initiative for ensuring preparedness for future risk analysis needs. The programme keeps evolving based on seven years of experience, the implementation of 94 work programmes, and the participation of more than 70 supervisors from 43 organisations in 18 different EU Member States and the UK and over 100 fellows that now constitute the EU-FORA Alumni.

The call seeks to identify consortia of hosting sites and fellow sending organisations for the cycle 2024-2025 (September 2024-August 2025) to fund proposals for the placement of 15 fellows.

The deadline for the application in a consortium for the call EUBA-EFSA-2023-ENREL-01: Selection of hosting sites and fellows for EU-FORA Programme1 is **14 March 2024**.

Don't miss this opportunity, FS4EU partners could be an hosting sites!

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For further questions on the Call, please refer EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu and/or EU-FORA@efsa.europa.eu



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