

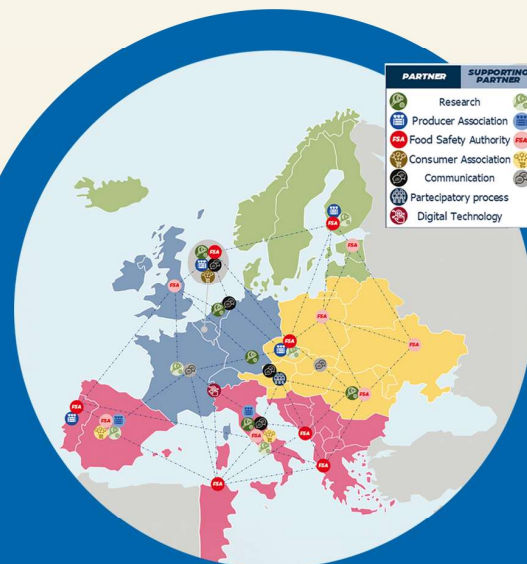
## Pooling stakeholders and resources for shaping the Food Safety System in Europe

From the FoodSafety4EU platform to the EU FOOD SAFETY PLATFORM!

### AMBITION

The EU FOOD SAFETY Platform was delivered as the main outcome of the FoodSafety4EU project. The network is growing as a Science-Policy-Society interface by incorporating various elements and engaging multiple actors from the European Food Safety System. The platform as such an interface facilitates collaboration, communication, and co-creation among scientists, policymakers, and various societal stakeholders.

By embracing inclusivity, transparency, and ongoing engagement, the platform is contributing to evidence-based decision-making, effective policy implementation, and to promote public trust in the field of food safety throughout Europe.



### The Platform includes:

- EU Food Safety Forum
- Knowledge Centre on Food Safety
- Social experimental rooms for co-creation
- Digital tools for connecting people
- Spaces to promote stakeholders' contributions
- New approaches and tools for participatory processes
- Spaces for consultations
- Materials and toolkits for communication, education and training
- Social media channels as a multiplayer
- Facilitation of multi-actor events

### FS4EU partners Platform founders

CNR ISPA – NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF ITALY  
UGENT - GHEENT UNIVERSITY  
WU - WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT AGROTECHNOLOGY AND FOOD SCIENCES  
UCT PRAGUE - VYSOKÁ ŠKOLA CHEMICKO-TECHNOLOGICKÁ V PRAZE  
TUM - TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT MÜNCHEN  
VTT – TECHNICAL RESEARCH CENTRE OF FINLAND  
ENEA - AGENZIA NAZIONALE PER LE NUOVE TECNOLOGIE, L'ENERGIA E LO SVILUPPO ECONOMICO SOSTENIBILE  
IBA BUCAREST - INSTITUTUL NATIONAL DE CERCETARE-DEZVOLTARE PENTRU BIORESURSE ALIMENTARE  
AFSCA - AGENCE FEDERALE POUR LA SECURITE DE LA CHAINE ALIMENTAIRE  
ASAE - AUTORIDADE SEGURANCA ALIMENTAR E ECONOMICA  
FDA – RUOKAVIRASTO  
AKU - AUTORITETI KOMBETAR I USHQIMIT  
INSSPA - INSTANCE NATIONALE POUR LA SECURITE SANITAIRE ET LA QUALITE DES PRODUITS ALIMENTAIRES

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ZSI - ZENTRUM FÜR SOZIALE INNOVATION GMBH  
APRE - AGENZIA PER LA PROMOZIONE DELLA RICERCA EUROPEA  
EUFIC - EUROPEAN FOOD INFORMATION COUNCIL  
ISEKI-Food Association  
ILSI EU - INTERNATIONAL LIFE SCIENCES INSTITUTE EU  
FOODDRINKEUROPE  
EURO COOP AISBL  
FIPA - FEDERAÇÃO DAS INDUSTRIAS PORTUGUESAS AGRO-ALIMENTARES  
FFDI - FEDERATION OF FOODS AND DRINKS INDUSTRIES CR

## ENHANCED COLLABORATION

The platform fosters closer collaboration between scientists, policymakers, and society. It serves as a hub for sharing scientific research, knowledge and innovation, and expertise related to food safety.

Researchers can contribute with their findings and engage in discussions with policymakers, helping them make informed decisions based on the updated scientific knowledge and data. They also can boost their results to introduce innovation in the food and feed chains, by connecting with enterprises and consumers and considering their needs.

*The platform offers **social experimental rooms** - named FSOlabs (Food Safety Operational Labs) - that can be joined to experience new ways of collaboration and feed the dialogue within the system.*

## STRATEGIES AND POLICY CO-CREATION

The platform serves as a space for collaborative policy development, where policymakers can interact directly with scientists and stakeholders.

Through a structured dialogue, they can collectively identify challenges, explore potential solutions, and co-create evidence-based policies and strategies.

This participatory approach can enhance policy effectiveness, transparency, and legitimacy, while also fostering public trust in the decision-making process.

*The platform hosts the **EU Food Safety Forum**, as an annual appointment to fix the EU dialogue, update the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and roadmaps, gathering actors from FSS.*

## SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

The platform plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between scientific research and the general public.

It provides accessible and understandable information about food safety issues, scientific studies, and risk assessment methodologies.

This will empower citizens to make informed choices regarding their food consumption and enable them to actively participate in discussions and policy-making processes.

*The platform offers a digital **Knowledge Centre on Food Safety** where to easily access updated knowledge and resources, including strategies, innovative practices, and articles.*

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The platform facilitates the active involvement of various stakeholders, including consumer organizations, industry representatives, and civil society groups.

By incorporating their perspectives, concerns, and recommendations, the platform can ensure a more comprehensive and inclusive approach to food safety.

Stakeholders can provide valuable insights, share their experiences, and contribute to shape policies that reflect the needs and expectations of society.

*The platform offers **digital tools for connecting people** with various backgrounds. It hosts **spaces for stakeholders'** contributions and participation, keeping updated the network in the Food Safety System.*

## CONTINUOUS MONITORING AND FEEDBACK

The platform – created in the FoodSafety4EU project – put the basis to establish a feedback loop between science, policy, and society.

It can monitor the implementation and impact of food safety strategies and policies, gather feedback from various stakeholders, and assess their effectiveness.

This ongoing independent bottom-up review can inform policy revisions, identify emerging issues, and ensure that the platform remains responsive to the evolving needs and concerns of the society it serves.

*The platform offers **spaces for consultations** and for collecting input from its network through participatory process tools, experimented by experts and food business operators in the FoodSafety4EU project.*

## EDUCATION, TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION

The platform can offer educational resources, training programs, and capacity-building initiatives to enhance scientific literacy, orientation to innovation, risk perception, co-creation and decision-making skills among policymakers, scientists, and society (consumers, producers, associations).

By promoting a better understanding of food safety issues and their implications, the platform can empower individuals to actively engage in the Science-Policy-Society interface.

*The platform offers **materials** and **toolkits** for communication, education and training, and shares knowledge and innovation on multi-stakeholders events and through its social media channels.*

