



Towards FOOD 2030
future-proofing
the European food systems
through Research & Innovation

FIT4FOOD2030

FIT4FOOD2030 supports the urgently needed change in the European food system as it is today. The current way of producing, processing, transporting, consuming and wasting food is not sustainable, particularly if we want to provide food and nutrition security for our future generations.

The European Commission (EC) has developed a policy framework – **FOOD 2030** – identifying four priority areas for action: **Nutrition** for sustainable and healthy diets, **Climate** smart and environmentally sustainable food systems, **Circularity** and resource efficiency of food systems, and **Innovation** and empowerment of communities.

FIT4FOOD2030 supports implementing FOOD 2030:

- Setting up the **FOOD 2030 Platform**, which is a multi-stakeholder platform, mobilising a wide variety of stakeholders at the level of cities, regions, countries, and Europe. This platform informs the EC in deciding how to invest research money, considering the values, needs and expectations of society. This is called “responsible research and innovation” (RRI).
- Setting up a lasting network by using a **Community of Practice** (CoP) approach, to make the emerging FOOD 2030 platform self-sustainable. A CoP is a group of people sharing a craft or profession, who can create innovative solutions and new practices
- **Aligning existing research & innovation policies and programmes** on Food and Nutrition Security.
- Building **competencies** among students, researchers, entrepreneurs, policy-makers and wider society.
- Acquiring insights into food system **trends**, existing R&I policy frameworks, best practices (**showcases**) and future R&I **breakthroughs**.
- **Communicating effectively** in a way targeted to different stakeholders, and to develop a plan for continued communication beyond the project, thereby maximising the impact of FIT4FOOD2030’s outputs and policy recommendations.
- **Raising awareness**, of both FIT4FOOD2030 and the FOOD 2030 policy framework with its priority areas.

FOOD 2030 policy framework

FOOD 2030 is a policy framework of the EC that, from a research and innovation (R&I) perspective, addresses the current and future challenges related food and nutrition security. It introduces a **food system approach**, considering the entire value chain from inputs, to primary production (agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries), harvesting, storage, processing, packing, distribution, waste streams to consumer intake and back. FOOD 2030 gives direction to where research investments should be made, to overcome the challenges facing our food systems, such as hunger, malnutrition, obesity, climate change, scarce resources, and waste.



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FOOD 2030 Platform

The FOOD 2030 Platform connects stakeholders at multiple levels to 1) make research & innovation policies on Food and Nutrition Security more coherent, 2) build competences of current and future researchers, entrepreneurs, policy-makers, and the society at large, and 3) raise awareness of FOOD 2030.

It consists of three inter-linked structures:

City Labs from 14 European countries will invite people from all walks of life to come together with the aim of understanding the kind of transformation their communities need to move towards a future-proof food system. They will develop a set of educational activities that meet community needs and build competences. With students, researchers, professionals and citizens they will work on real societal concerns and learn actively at the crossroads between the classroom and society. The results of City Labs' work will feed into the Policy labs and EU Think Tank.



Policy Labs in 10 European countries and regions aim to maximise the impact of Research & Innovation on the food system, to help make it future-proof. To achieve this, the Policy Labs bring together national and regional stakeholders from the fields of food, nutrition and health, making a point of including the 'unusual suspects'. In a series of interactive sessions, they will analyse the current situation, define knowledge gaps and opportunities and explore new ways of designing R&I policy.

The **EU Think Tank** links the European Commission with the FOOD 2030 Platform, serves as a sounding board, and has a global outreach.

FIT4FOOD2030 consortium

The FIT4FOOD2030 consortium supports the EC in implementing the FOOD 2030 policy framework. The consortium is a unique international collaboration between key stakeholder organisations and networks; organisations involved in the R&I agenda setting, (public/private) partnerships for R&I, experts in stakeholder engagement, food systems research and innovation, and communication.

