



European Food Systems' Innovation for Resilience - the short and long-term challenges

4-5th October 2022, online event

The 2022 EURAGRI conference is hosted by the Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops, National Institute of Republic of Serbia (IFVCNS), Novi Sad, Serbia.

The effects of climate change, the impacts of COVID-19 and more recently the Ukrainian invasion, challenge the resilience of food systems globally.

However, building food system resilience is a challenging task, as food systems are intrinsically complex and, as the recent years clearly showed, increasingly exposed to drivers of change, from natural disasters, resource degradation to economic and political crisis.

The food system depends on the combined and interactive resilience of all actors and processes in the chain, therefore a systemic approach is needed to ensure that food systems, in view of stresses and unpredictable shocks can maintain their functionality, recover from harmful events, and preferably improve to a better-off state. Interventions aiming to increase the resilience of food systems will have different impacts in different geographical contexts, depending on their agro-ecological and climatic setting, government policies, private sector engagement, community participation and institutional capacities. The intrinsic short- and long-term interests and potential trade-offs and feedback loops must be identified and addressed accordingly.

EURAGRI and IFVCNS invite you to participate in and contribute to the discussion on

1. What are the current and emerging research questions, innovations and dilemmas concerning food system resilience?
2. Do we have adequate and innovative methodologies in place to identify drivers of resilience in complex food systems and their interaction?
3. Do we have a common understanding of food system resilience? Are there relevant dimensions that are being neglected?

Programme (CEST)

Day 1 – 4th October

9:00-9:30 **Welcome** (EURAGRI, IFVCNS)

9:30 – 11:15 Key-note session 1: Food system flexibility in times of short and long-term changes

Moderator: Gary Boyle, EURAGRI

9:30 – 10:00 *Building on the outcome of the UN Food Systems Summit*

Tom Arnold, Concern Worldwide, Ireland

10:00 – 10:30 *The European food policy strategy at a time of crisis – short- to mid-term*

Michael Niejahr, DG-AGRI

10:30 – 11:00 *BIOEAST TWG Food system*

Paweł Chmieliński, BIOEAST TWG Food Systems Chair, Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Sciences

Justyna Cieślikowska, BIOEAST TWG Food Systems Coordinator, Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

11:00 – 11:15 Q & A

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Key –note session 2: Research challenges and progress- long- and short-term approaches?

Moderator: Sylvia Bussens, Ghent University, Belgium

11:30 – 11:55 *State of play and bottlenecks concerning European research efforts*

Minna Huttunen, SCAR SWG Food Systems Co-Chair, Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

11:55 – 12:20 *Navigate towards impact: evidence-based approaches to guide innovation and scaling pathways*

Marc Schut, CGIAR & WUR

12:20 – 12:45 *Co-Fresh and the Intervention Research Approach,*

Susanne Braun & Caspar Winkelmeyer, University Hohenheim, Germany

12.45 – 13.15 Q & A

Day 2 – 5th October

9:00 – 10:30 **Session 3: *Towards resilient food systems – innovative approaches***

Moderator: Uno Svedin, SU, Sweden

9:00 - 9:15 Schools as Living Labs - New way to approach science education programs by fostering collaboration between schools and local communities

Jelena Joksimović, CPN, Serbia

9:15 - 9:30 Ensuring resilience of food systems through engagement of young people in agriculture

Milan Borić, Serbian Young Farmers Association (SUMP)

9:30 – 9:45 Rural transformation and development for resilient food systems

George Vlahos, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece

9:45 – 10:00 Resilient Food Systems – Retailer perspective

Paul-Joel Derian, Groupe Avril, France

10:00 – 10:15 Q & A

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 -12:00 Panel session: *European Food systems - The way forward*

Moderator: Jegor Miladinović, IFVCNS

Panellists:

Michael Niejahr, DG-AGRI;

Adam Wasilewski, BIOEAST TWG Food Systems Co-Chair, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Poland;

Paul-Joel Derian; Groupe Avril,

Esther Esteban, INIA-CSIC

12:30 Final remarks and closing of conference