



NETWORKING DAY

**INCREASED SUSTAINABILITY IN AGRI-FOOD VALUE CHAINS:
FROM PROJECT EXCHANGE TO IMPACT**

DRAFT AGENDA

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Sister project networking day: draft agenda

Wednesday 25 th October 2023	
NETWORKING DAY WITH SISTER PROJECTS	
Venue: to be defined according to confirmed participants by September 15 th	
Time	Topic
9:00	Welcome & Agenda
09:15	Institutional intervention: SFCS Advisory Network.
09:30 (90')	<p>TERTULIA¹ #1. IMPACT AND REPLICABILITY</p> <p>SFSC-oriented EU projects: ensure impact and results transferability</p> <p><i>Thematic blocks: Training contents, tools, reports, needs, ...</i></p> <p><u>Invited projects:</u> FAIRCHAIN, AGROBRIDGES, FIT4FOOD, LOFT, Rural Facilitator, SMARTCHAIN, STRENG2FOOD, SKIN, EIT FOOD, EU CAP NETWORK, CO-FRESH, PLOUTOS, FOODRUS,</p>
11:00 (30')	Coffee-break
11:30 (90')	<p>TERTULIA #2. INTEGRATION INTO AKIS</p> <p>Networks of advisory services and national AKIS: The role of advisors interactive networks in the national AKIS: categories, competencies, skills, competence frameworks,...</p> <p><i>Objective: conclusions for next steps for the integration of SFSC Network into national AKIS</i></p> <p><u>Invited projects:</u> ModernAKIS, ATTRACTISS, i2connect, EU4Advice, COREnet, EU CAP NETWORK, SKAR AKIS, ...</p>
13:00	Lunch break
14:00 (90')	<p>TERTULIA #3. INTEROPERABILITY</p> <p>The sustainability of digital platforms: interoperability is the issue</p> <p><i>The future of platforms in the agri-food sector. Are we joining efforts efficiently?</i></p> <p><u>Invited projects:</u> EU FARM BOOK, SFS INNOVATION PLATFORM, FIT4FOOD, CLEVER FOOD, ModernAKIS, ATTRACTISS, i2connect, Project Officers</p>
15:30 (30')	CLOSING and final remarks

¹ Tertulia is a gathering of people who meet to talk or discuss a particular subject or current affairs. Tertulias will be moderated by experts and will provide insights in terms of replicability, transferability, impact and guidance for the next steps, to ensure effective exploitation of results of projects that have been completed or are about to be completed.

EU4Advice and COREnet: 1st advisory network funded by the EU

According to the topic [HORIZON-CL6-2021-GOVERNANCE-01-27 - Developing EU advisory networks on consumer-producer chains](#), EU4Advice and COREnet are working to connect advisors with knowledge on short supply chains who have a broad and extensive network of farmers across all EU Member States into an EU advisory network on short food supply chains to better connect consumers with producers.

SFSC Advisors identified by EU4Advice and CORENET will be integrated into the Member States' AKIS as much as possible, so that they can become a part of the mainstream farming advisory system and maximize their impact. so they can provide encouragement as innovation brokers in local short chain projects of European innovation partnership ""Agricultural productivity and sustainability"" (EIP-AGRI) Operational Groups

Advisory networks

Advisory networks are a new tool introduced under Horizon Europe. Advisors play a key role in steering and influencing farmers' decisions. Advisors should be able to translate the research results into concrete opportunities for the end users, and adapt those to specific local circumstances. The advisory networks facilitate the exchanges between farm advisors across the EU, increasing the speed of knowledge creation and sharing, capacity building, demonstration of innovative solutions. The CORENET and EU4Advice are building one of the first advisory networks funded under Horizon Europe that will provide innovative solutions for farmers to improve sustainability of the short food supply chains.

Networking day: exchange to increase impact

This networking event to be held in Brussels on 25th October 2023 among sister projects will focus on agrifood supply chain, innovations and advising systems to improve sustainability of the short food supply chains (SFSC).

The event is being organised in agreement with the European Commission Officers and given the common topics, different EU-funded projects have been selected in order to share projects' results, experiences, good practices and promote future cooperations, initiatives and projects networking.

During the open networking day discussion subjects, moderated by experts, will provide insights in terms of *replicability, impact, transferability, policy and guidance for our projects next steps*, making it fruitful for all of us.

Moreover, the initiative will also contribute to all project dissemination and networking purposes, as asked by the EC.

Confirmation of attendance is required by all participants before the 15th of September through this short online form.