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## FOODPathS WP3 Building a Food System co-funding network and aligning funding strategies

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## WP3: Overall aims

- imperfect food system

 Transformation of food systems funding - from established funding schemes towards funding approaches that enable systems approaches and co-creation

• Respecting the needs of public authorities, funders, researchers and ultimately the diversity of people who are faced with the effects of our current,

 Main target group are funders, both public and private, on regional and national scales and from different sectors of the food system

**CONNECT – DIALOGUE – CO-CREATE** 





## WP3 Team

### Associated

**CORE Orga** (41 partners

Fondazione Delle Provir (Cariplo) BIOEAST

Philanthropy (Philea) SUSFOOD2 from 15 court ERIAFF netve members and Healthy Die 28 partners

Type of network partners	FOODPathS partner
Public partners	Aarhus University - Inter Centre for Research in C Food Systems (AU-ICRO
Philanthropic partners	Fondazione Cassa di Ris Delle Provincie Lombard (Cariplo)
Public partners	Institute of Rural and Ag Development of the Polis Academy of Sciences (IR
Philanthropic partners	Philanthropy Europe Ass (Philea)
Public partners	Research Center Jülich (F
Regional, public partners	Seinäjoki University of A Sciences (SeAMK)
Public partners	The Netherlands Organi Health Research and De (ZonMw)
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## WP3 Actions



## Funders Network and Map

## Funders Forum Events

## Support for funded projects



## Aligning funding strategies



Funders Network and Map

## •Preparing information: WP3 specific leaflet, dedicated webpage, invitation letters, etc. •Engaging with public and private funders interested to shape the future PS (via email, newsletters, survey) •Series of individual interviews (16 interviews with public and private funding bodies from 11 countries) Established Funders Network comprising 50 organisations from 24 countries Interactive map of funders on the FOODPathS website







### Funders Forum Events









November 2022 (online) Kick-off Funders Forum: Expectations and needs



Workshop on food systems approach in call procedures "Regional Funders Forum" by ERIAFF Focus on regional





### May 2023 (Bolzano)

"Philantropic Funders Forum" by Philea&Cariplo

(online)

- role for food systems
- actors and their
- transformation of

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September 2023 (Brussels)

23/24 April 2024 (Brussels) **6th Funders Forum** 

"Health & Sustainability" Funders Forum" by HDHL

Emphasis on clear info (prior and after) Connect – dialogue – co-create Diversity of participants

Aligning funding strategies

## Aim: Aligning transnational call procedures and funding strategies in a systems approach

- Workshop during 2. Funders Forum on implementation of systems approach in call procedures (call text – evaluation – impact)
- Connection and valorization of activities from other tasks (interviews, funders forum outputs)
- Strong synergies with WP2 (systems approach definition) and WP6 (SRIA follow-up)
- Systematic analysis of good examples of systems approach implementation along the
- funding cycle > call analysis...  $\rightarrow$  Knowledge that will help the future a systems approach



partnership to tailor future calls even better to

Support for funded projects

## FoodPathS survey (under analysis) •What knowledge and skills are needed?

•What measures and supporting actions could/should be offered? •What themes and which tools should get special attention? •Target group: everyone who is involved in or around R&I projects

 $\rightarrow$  Goal is to set up a catalogue of support measures (e.g. trainings, webinars, networking events, and policy activities) emphasizing systems approaches and fostering desired community building, capacity building and creating commitment to the FutureFoodS Partnership

### > SESSION 6 tomorrow...

systems approach and to achieve impactful results.





## The new Partnership should support the funded projects in their efforts to implement a

### ThS Survey: how to support systems approach in **R&I funded projects**

the future Partnership for Sustainable Food Systems, fill in the survey!



## **Results and next steps**



- $\checkmark$  Funders Network (consisting of 50 funding organisations + info)
- ✓ Dedicated webpage with interactive map of funders
- Info material: WP3 leaflet, FAQ document, Funders Forum reports
- $\checkmark$  5 (+1) Funders Forum events conducted and insights collected
- Systematic analysis of call examples (21 calls; summary report under
- $\rightarrow$  summary report under preparation and to be shared by mid 2024
- Survey on support measures for R&I projects



Collaboration with WP6: Focus group interviews to receive the project perspective on systems approach and cross-disciplinarity (validation/

## Provide recommendations and guiding ideas towards funding of systems approach

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## FOODPathS WP3 pathway to impactful funding...

- Identify successful projects, termed "implementation pearls," to serve as examples for further implementation.\*
- Implementation impulse for successful projects



### Collaboration

- Combine funding sources (common pot)\* Conduct public consultations on research priorities\*
- Secure buy-in from relevant stakeholders Stimulate collaboation through sandpits
- and matchmaking initiatives. • Develop call texts collaboratively with:
- stakeholders from food and health sectors
- nutritionists and psychologists
- private sector
- young people and early-career scientists
- citizens researchers





- Evaluate implementation separately, involving an expert
- Provide training for evaluators in Food Systems approaches.
- Interdisciplinary evaluation for diverse project applications.
- Acknowledge that scoring systems, such as researcher CVs, may
- Select the proposals that have the highest potential for synergy
- Balance the importance of impact measurement while
- maintaining a focus on long-term goals.

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### Evaluators

 Encourage the participation of stakeholders extending beyond academia in both the evaluation and selection

• Ensuring equal and fair compensation of evaluators Promote diversity among evaluators, extending beyond

 Include academic generalists in the evaluation process Address the dual challenge of finding both systemic experts and stakeholders/generalists for Food Systems call

• Employ artifical intelligence (AI) for proposal evaluation,











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