

# FutureFoodS Partnership Foodpaths 6th Funders Forum

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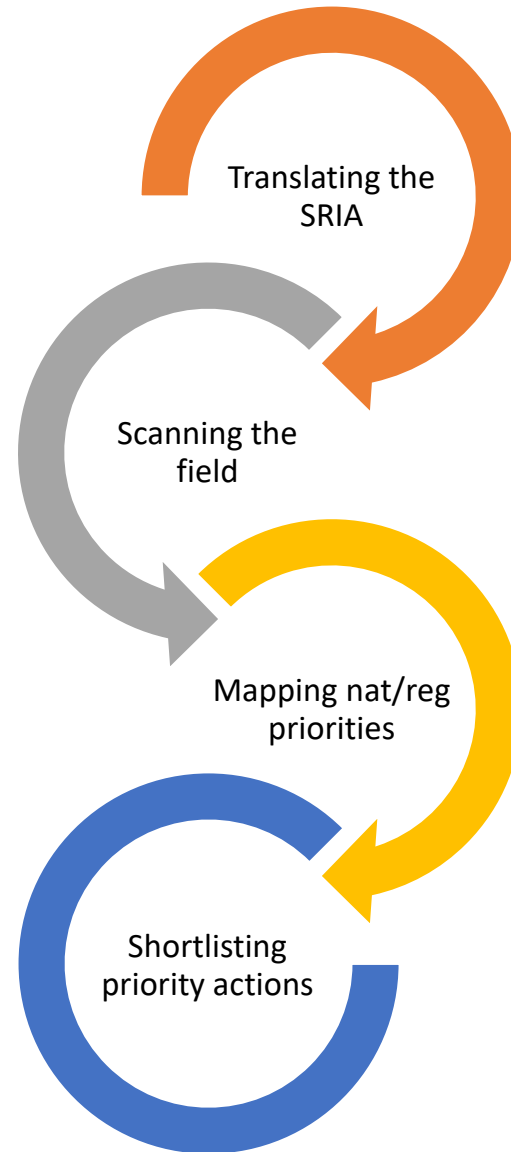
SESSION 5: TOWARDS AN IDEAL SYSTEMS APPROACH CALL FOR THE  
FUTURE PARTNERSHIP



## A 4-stage scoping process

Synthesize gaps and approaches identified in all 4 R&I areas

Understand the strengths and vulnerabilities of national/regional food systems, and research funding specificities



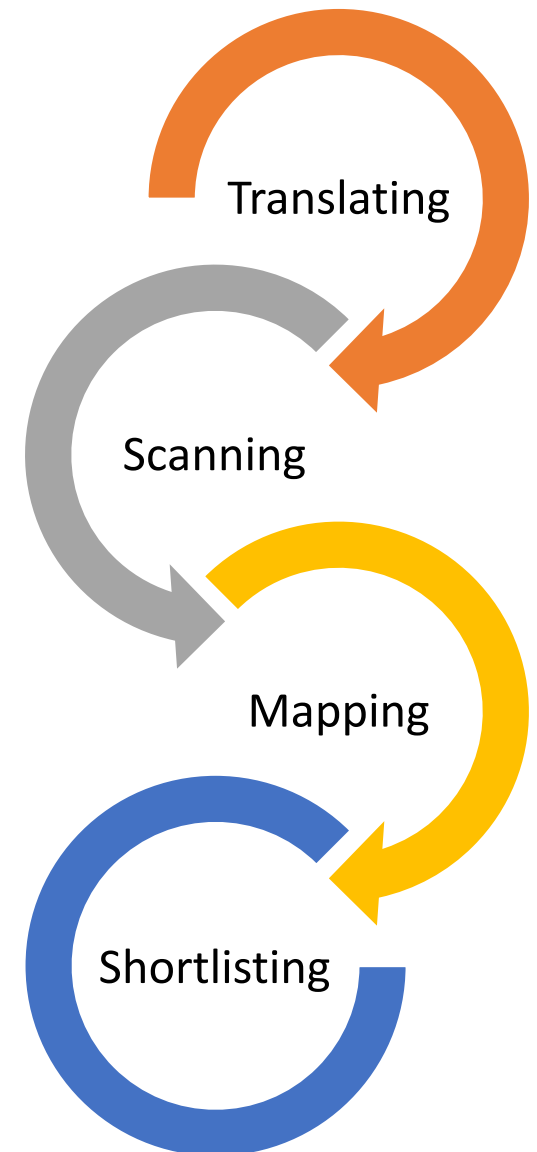
Map and visualize the scientific corpus of 'sustainable food systems'.

List the most pertinent and fundable R&I topics

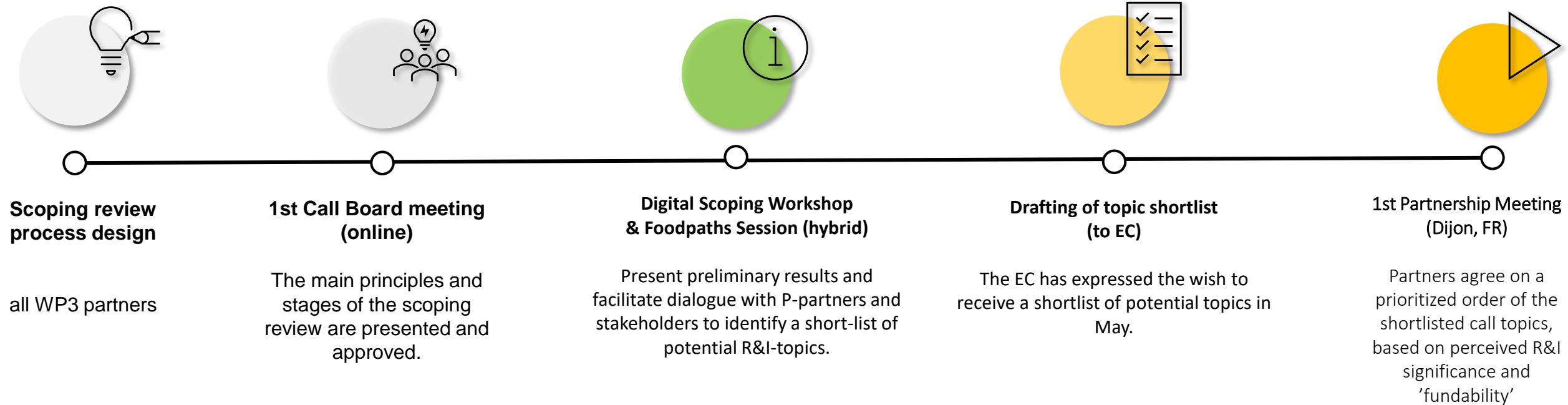
## Scoping = A systematic prioritization process

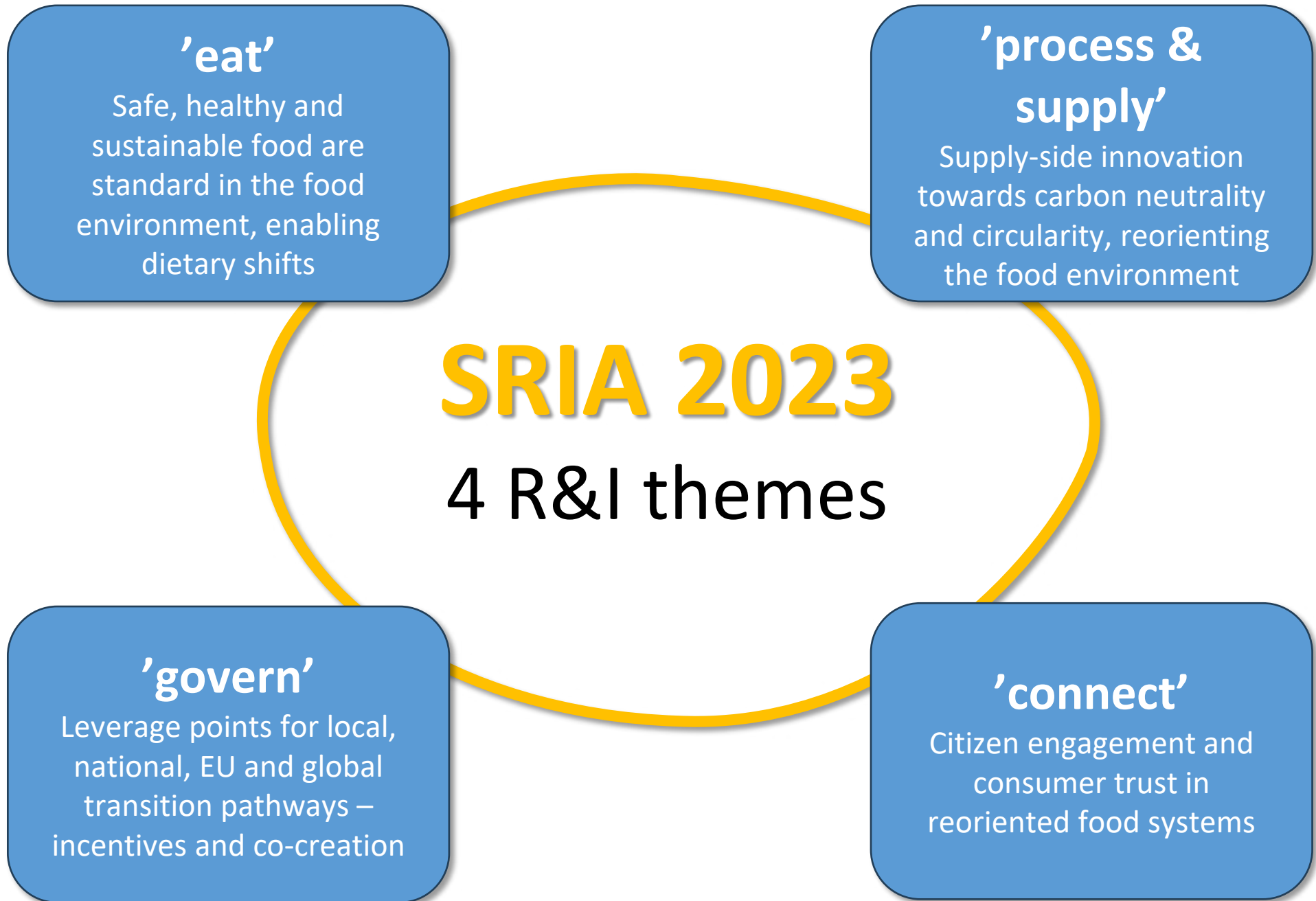
- ✓ SRIA as a starting point: Provides the overall thematic orientations
- ✓ Prioritization as a collaborative process
- ✓ Trade-offs are necessary due to our varying national perspectives and preconditions
- ✓ Portfolio thinking: learning and re-calibration along the way.

**Which knowledge gaps are most relevant to address first?**



# Timeline – Spring 2024







# What is the 'hot topic' regarding food system transition in your country/region?

































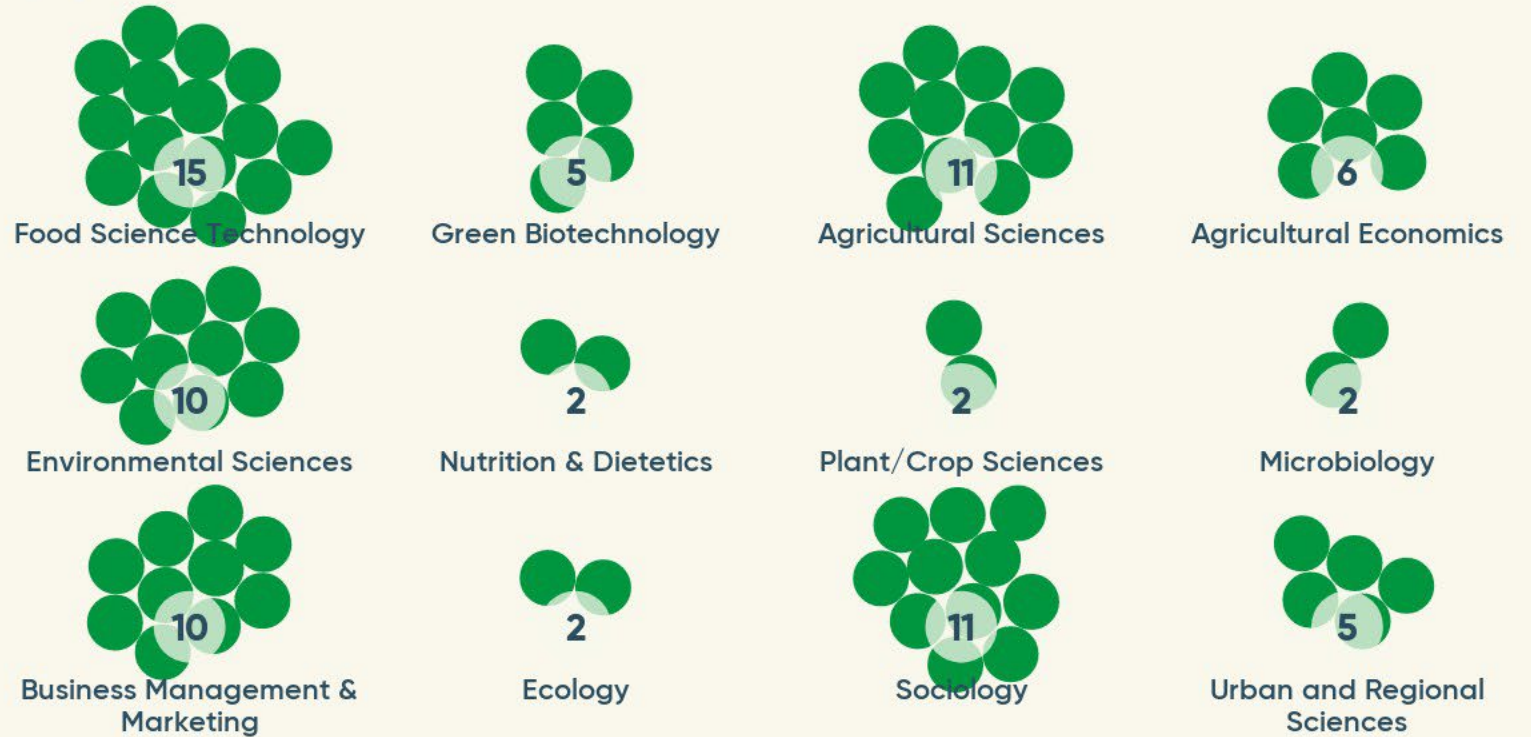
# How to proceed? Some guiding ideas (1)

- **Food safety** and **nutrition** are 2 overarching themes throughout the SRIA
  - how do we create 'knowledge & practice"-bridges between these two themes?
- **Contextualisation** is key to connect all 4 themes (different geographies, different institutional settings, different demographic cohorts)
  - **food environment** are a cross-thematic lever
  - **Place-based / multi-level** perspectives key to 'implementability' of project results
- Food systems approach requires **transdisciplinary** and **multi-actor** approaches -> the scope of the selected call topic(s) is key





## Select 3 of these research fields that You think are the most central for our food system's approach?





## How to proceed? Some guiding ideas (2)

- Build upon the **European added-value** of sustainable food systems
- **Simultaneously address sustainability transition, profitability and societal transformation** in European food systems.
- To take with us in the discussion: let's look at the margins...
  - what emerging themes are the 'next big thing' in each R&I area?
  - Which ones can bring novelty by connecting multiple research areas?

