

# FOODPathS Festival



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Ateliers des Tanneurs,  
Brussels

**Building tomorrow's sustainable  
food systems together**

Connecting R&I, Policy, Education and Society

**DAY 1 – 20.05.2025 (14.00-19.00)**

**Celebrating the Sustainable Food Systems Partnership**

Registration of participants: 13.30-14.00

## **14.00 - 15.30 | A Sustainable Food Systems Partnership: the FOODPathS' way Plenary session, live streaming**

How can we ensure that food systems transformation reflects all voices from farm to fork? How can a partnership be orchestrated to overcome challenges and drive sustainability? And what key elements must come together to create meaningful change? In this session, FOODPathS launches its prototype for a Sustainable Food Systems Partnership and replies these questions!

### **14.00 - 14.10 | Welcome and opening**

Hugo De Vries, INRAE, FOODPathS Coordinator

### **14.10 - 14.40 | The Partnership “puzzle pieces”: short presentation of the “RIPE” elements**

- *SRIA & Observatory for the SFS Partnership* – Niels Halberg, Aarhus University
- *A funding mechanism and strategies for impactful food systems R&I* – Nikola Hassan, Research Center Juelich
- *The Knowledge Hub: Empowering Food Systems for sustainable innovation* – Ariane Voyatzakis, ANIA
- *Creating the food systems sustainability knowledge through education* – Gabriela Versteeg, EFFoST
- *Local to global and back again: including everyone in food systems transition* – Anna Bruen, ICLEI
- *The role of communication to ease the food systems actors' collaboration* – Sofia Mendes, EUFIC

### **14.40 - 15.00 | Putting all pieces together: how to make the Prototype SFS Partnership puzzle**

Hugo De Vries, INRAE, FOODPathS Coordinator

### **15.00 - 15.30 | Your questions on feedback on the Prototype SFS Partnership**

Interactive discussion between the audience – onsite and online – and the speakers.

## **Coffee break & networking – 15.30 - 16.00**

### **16.00 - 17.30 | The framework around: the SFS Partnership Prototype into a context Plenary session, live streaming**

Let's zoom out now: what's happening around? How is the context changing or can change in the next years? What shall we bear in mind when trying to change the current food systems? What are the provocative questions we must answer to ensure that our work is relevant for the many?

#### **The Speakers:**

- *A context for the food systems partnership in Europe's possible new narratives* – Erika Staël von Holstein, Re-Imagine Europa
- *The potential role of Partnerships in Europe: a fragile relationship* – Caroline De Gruyter, Journalist
- *Beyond public funding: the role of philanthropy in shaping the future of food systems* – Marco Cucé, Philanthropy European Association (Philea)
- *Accessibility and affordability as pillars of a resilient food system* – Esteban Arriaga Miranda, European Food Banks Federation (FEBA)

### **17.30 - 19.00 | Networking cocktail & Posters**

Meet and discuss with other participants! **Look at your badge**, there is an icon: go find people with a different icon and start a conversation! Ask them about their expertise or any exciting projects they are currently working on.

**Look at the posters** done by FOODPathS and other EU-funded projects working on food systems sustainability: a chance to discover more and start new collaborations without having to break the ice! Posters are available during the 3 days of the Festival.



## **DAY 2 – 21.05.2025 (9.00-17.30)**

### **Landing the SFS Partnership prototype into the reality**

Registration of participants: 8.30-9.00

#### **9.00 - 9.15 | Discussing the Partnership's puzzle pieces - Introduction Plenary session**

The scope of the second day of the conference is to dive into each puzzle piece composing the FOODPathS proposed prototype and discuss them. After a short introduction, participants will join parallel sessions where they can share their views, experience, best practices and learn from each other.

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#### **9.15 - 10.45 | From the prototype to the reality Parallel sessions**

##### **Session 1.1 – A “Manual” for a Partnership (Main Room)**

If you are considering setting up a partnership, or if you are active member of a partnership, and you need a guiding document ('Manual'), this session proposes one.

##### **Session 1.2 – Transforming funding approaches for transformative food systems R&I (Gamay Room)**

Lessons learnt from the Funders Forum events and findings and ideas on how to plan, design, evaluate, fund and perform R&I to transform our food systems.

##### **Session 1.3 – Enhancing collaboration through the Knowledge Hub (Syrah Room)**

A FOODPathS-FutureFoodS joint session to explore how to build a shared European Knowledge Hub to accelerate the sustainable transformation of food systems. The session will explore ways to align efforts and join forces in developing a common space that supports collaboration, knowledge sharing, and systemic innovation across Europe.

#### **Coffee break, networking & posters – 10.45 - 11.15**

#### **11.15 - 12.45 | From the prototype to the reality Parallel sessions**

##### **Session 2.1 – Portfolio management, science advice and education: what is the link? (Syrah Room)**

This session will present and discuss the conceptual framework 'RIPE' with a focus on the science-to-policy interface and education.

##### **Speakers:**

- **Christian Bugge Henriksen**, CLEVERFOOD coordinator
- **Anna Verhoeve**, Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (ILVO)
- **Laura Borge**, EIT Food



### **Session 2.2 — Inclusive Partnerships in real-life: a major challenge (Main Room)**

This session will discuss the way different Food System actors are really engaged, their views are mirrored, their voices are listened to, their actions combined, and their interactions with external parties transformed into co-benefits, to collectively tackle our global & local challenges.

#### **Speakers:**

- **Wineke Remijnse**, European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians (EFAD)
- **Annie Trevenen Jones**, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)
- **Samuele Pii**, European Regions for Innovation in Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ERIAFF)
- **Jacqueline Broerse**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam – Athena Institute
- **Almudena Garcia Sastre**, FIAN Europe

### **Lunch Break – 12.45 – 14.15**

#### **14.15 – 15.30 | Bringing all the puzzle pieces together Plenary session, live streaming**

The session will start with the presentation of the main insights coming from each parallel sessions, followed by a panel discussion in which food systems' actors will comment and discuss around the morning sessions.

#### **14.15 – 14.45 | Reports from parallel sessions**

Short pitches from rapporteurs of each session

#### **14.45 – 15.30 | Composing the puzzle: how can it work in the real world?**

**Moderation:** Jasmina Von Driel (ZonMw)

- **Anna Bruen**, ICLEI, FoodPathS
- **Claude Yven**, ANR, FutureFoodS Coordinator
- **Katalin Thot**, Joint Research Centre
- **Simone Maccaferri**, Circular Bioeconomy Europe Joint Undertaking

#### **From 15.30 | Discovering, sharing and learning: examples of partnerships in the real word Study visits and capacity building**

Please, note that, due to limitations in available seats, this session is open only to the participants correctly registered and that have received the confirmation before the event. Participants will be accompanied by members of the Festival staff.

**Option 1 – Visiting the Ferme du parc Maximilien & Cocktail** (Quai du Batelage 2)

**Option 2 – How to Apply Social Norms to Reduce Food Waste & Networking-Apéro** (Capacity building @ Ateliers des Tanneurs – Gamay room)

**Option 3 – Visiting “No Waste Republic”: the “taste” of food circularity** (Rue Ropsy Chaudron 24)

**Option 4 – Visiting the BIGH aquaponic urban farm and products' tasting** (Rue Ropsy Chaudron 24)

## DAY 3 – 22.05.2025 (9.00-12.30)

### What's next?

Registration of participants: 8.30 - 9.00

#### 9.00 - 10.30 | **Playing like an orchestra** Plenary session, live streaming

Starting from different perspectives and interests, food systems actors will discuss on if and how they can work together, providing their feedback on the FOODPathS partnership prototype.

##### Panel discussion

**Moderator:** Natasha Foote, journalist, and Gabriela Versteeg, EFFoST

- **Geert Maesmans**, European Technology Platform Food for Life, Director Research and Development for Cargill Food
- **Klaudia Marzec**, Municipality of Wroclaw
- **Ann Trevenen Jones**, The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)
- **Rasa Pakeltiene**, Association for European Life Science Universities
- **Ali Rhouma**, PRIMA Initiative
- **Daniele Rossi**, COPA-COGECA

#### Coffee break, networking & posters – 10.30 - 11.00

#### 11.00 - 12.30 | **Beyond the horizon: the FOODPathS legacy for Horizon Europe partnerships** Plenary session, live streaming

In the final session of the event, representatives of European institutions and the SCAR will discuss the elements of the FOODPathS partnership prototype and what are their expectations and needs from partnerships in the next future.

**Moderator:** Natasha Foote, journalist

- **Hugo De Vries**, INRAE, FOODpathS Coordinator
- **Rosalinda Scalia**, European Commission DG-RTD
- **Luis Vivas Alegre**, European Commission DG-AGRI
- **Jonas Lazaro Mojica**, European Commission DG-GROW
- **Silvia Scaramuzzi**, SCAR Food Systems Working Group