

# Event Programme



CONFERENCE 2025

## Food Systems Science: Establishing a Common Framework and Network

First European Food Systems Science Conference

## 25 March

Start of day

**11:30** Registrations, Refreshments, and Networking

**13:00** Lunch and Networking

### Defining Food Systems and Food Systems Science

**14:00** Opening and Welcome  
Stine Rosenlund Hansen, Roskilde University  
Monika Zurek, University of Oxford

**14:15** The need for a European Food Systems Science Network  
| Plenary talk  
Rosalinda Scalia, Deputy Head of Unit Bioeconomy and Food Systems, European Commission

**14:25** The evolution of food system thinking as a foundation for Food Systems Science  
| Plenary talk  
Erik Mathijs, KU Leuven

## 26 March

Assessing the State of Food Systems Science

**9:00** Mapping research for SCAR Food Systems Strategic Working Group  
| Keynote presentation  
Silvia Scaramuzzi, University of Florence

FoSSNet's stocktake on Food Systems Science and Education in Europe  
| Keynote presentation  
Thom Achterbosch, Wageningen University & Research

**14:40** FoSSNet Food Systems conceptual framework and Food Systems Science definition

Monika Zurek, University of Oxford  
John Ingram, University of Oxford

**15:00** Breakout group activities  
Consensus building on the key components of the FoSSNet conceptual framework and the definition of Food Systems Science to underpin a Pan-European Food Systems Science Network



**16:00** Coffee break and Networking

**16:30** Synthesis of breakout group activities  
| Plenary

**18:00** Social programme / Free time

**19:30** Conference dinner

**10:00** Coffee break and Networking

**10:15** Breakout group activities  
Identify opportunities and challenges for a Pan-European Food Systems Science Network based on inspirational pitches from key stakeholders about existing networks/projects



**11:30** Sharing key insights from the breakout groups for developing a Pan-European Food Systems Science Network  
| Plenary

**12:00** Lunch and Networking



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# 26 March

## Food Systems Science in Food Systems Transformation

**13:00** Part 1: The role of Food Systems Science  
in Food Systems Transformation

Embracing Complexity: Systems Thinking,  
Systems Knowing, Systems Doing

| Keynote presentation

Corinna Hawkes, Food and  
Agriculture Organization

**14:00** Breakout group activities



Determining challenges for Food Systems  
Science and exploring successes in enabling  
Food Systems Transformation

**14:50** Coffee break and Networking

**15:20** Part 2: Towards a Pan-European Food  
Systems Science Network that enables  
Food Systems Transformation

Expectations towards Food Systems  
Science: What do we need for Food  
Systems Transformation?

| Roundtable

Visi Garcia Cidat, Opportunities Discovery  
Mechanisms, RIS3CAT, Department of  
Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food,  
Generalitat de Catalunya / Chloe Smee, Soil  
Association / Tbc, FIAN International

**16:15** Breakout group activities



Identify enablers and propose  
recommendations for a Pan-European Food  
Systems Science Network that supports  
transformation

# 27 March

## Strategising the actions to establish the Food Systems Science Network and mobilise its members

**9:00** Best practice on establishing a research  
and innovation network bridging  
scientists and innovators

| Inspirational lecture

George Beers, Wageningen  
University & Research

Opportunities for creating an academic  
network for Food Systems Science,  
closing the gaps

| Keynote presentation

Thom Achterbosch, Wageningen  
University & Research

**10:15** Coffee break and Networking

**10:30** Breakout group activities



Co-creation of the value proposition of a  
Pan-European Food Systems Science Network,  
focusing on its appeal to scientists and its role  
in improving the collaboration between  
networks and the governance of food systems  
R&I in Europe

**12:30** Reporting of the breakout group activities  
| Plenary

**12:45** Closing remarks

**13:00** Lunch



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