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Food Systems Science: Establishing a Common Framework and Network

First European Food Systems Science Conference



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FoSSNet: Food Systems Science Network

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Why a Food systems science network?

K&I has a significant role to play in the transformation of food systems

But... the current K&I system is limited in its potential to support transformative change

- Challenges of fragmentation and the research–practice gap

Food systems science (FSS) is part of the solution

- Holistic perspectives to support food system transformation
- Lack of clarity of what FSS is and how it links to other disciplines and knowledge forms

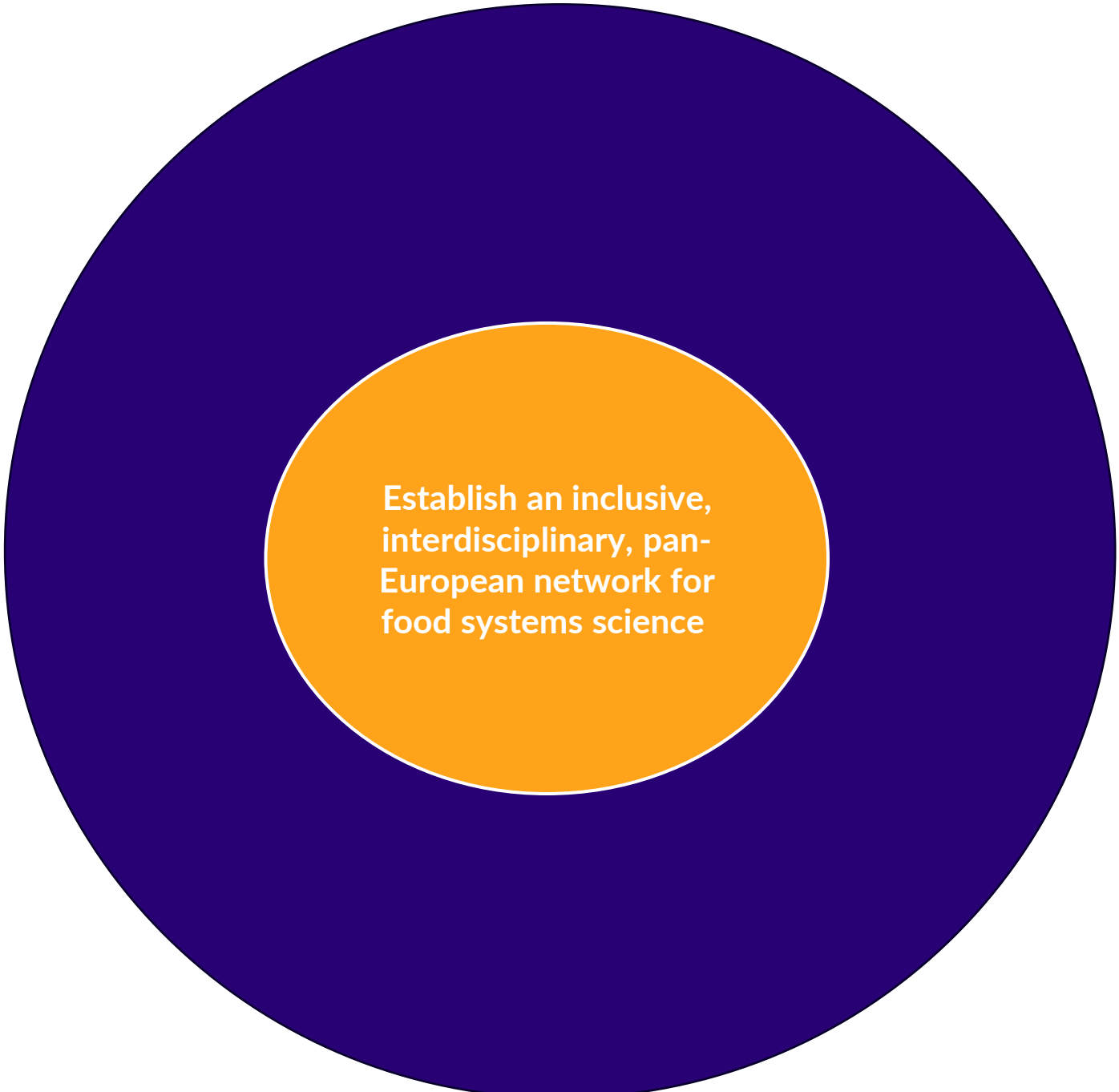
**Now is the
right time
to...**

**... come together around the field
of FSS**

- Consolidate FSS as an academic field

**... ask critical questions to FSS and
provide spaces for reflexivity**

- Can we move beyond an additive approach to knowledge integration?
- Can we address and constructively use the tensions that arise from diverging epistemologies, ontologies, values and identities?



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interdisciplinary, pan-
European network for
food systems science

What is
Food Systems
Science (FSS)
- and what is not?

Pan-European

Conceptualizing FSS
and its boundaries

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How to build a relevant governance structure and value proposition for the FSS network?

Mapping and analyzing the existing FSS and education landscapes

What is the current landscape of FSS & Education?

Pan-European Network

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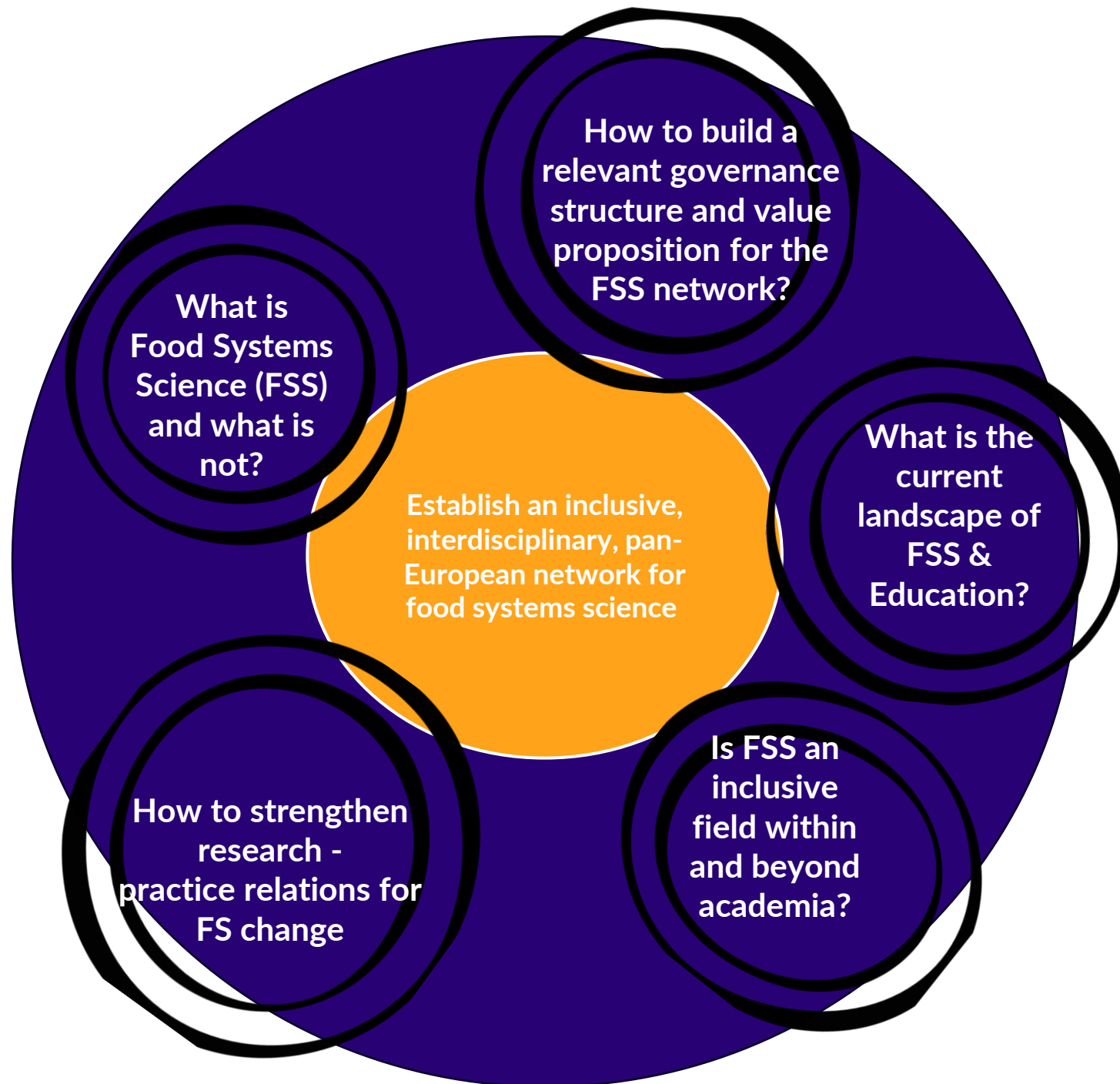
**How to ensure
inclusivity in FSS?**

Conceptualizing and
analyzing in- and
exclusion mechanisms in
Food Systems Science

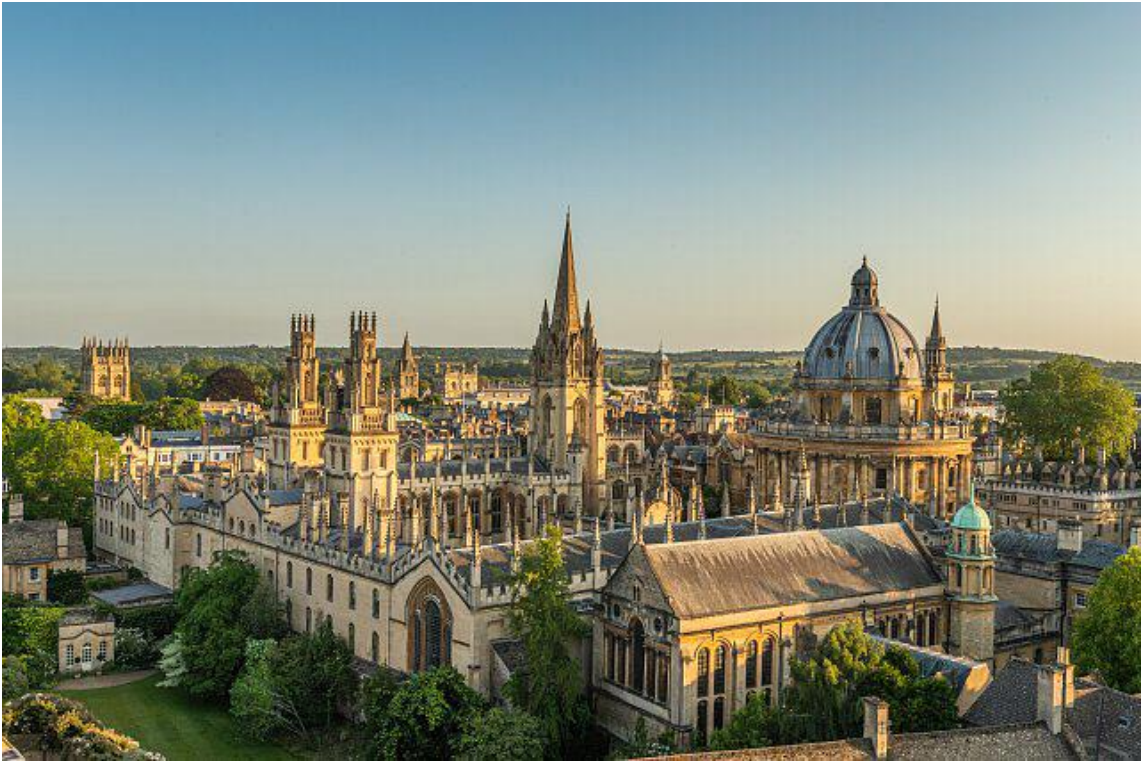
Transdisciplinary and place-based processes to identify research needs and collaborative answers to them

Co-design of education that fosters careers with impact





Welcome to Oxford!



Objectives of the conference

- Initiate the establishment of the Food Systems Science network and mobilise its members through four thematic discussions:
 - Clarify key concepts and conceptual frameworks on Food Systems and Food Systems Science to establish a common understanding
 - Take stock of the food systems science field across Europe
 - Explore the role of food systems science in helping conversations about food systems transformation
 - Strategise the actions and refine the FoSSNet proposition for a pan-European network for Food Systems Science research and education.

Conference programme

- Day 1: Tuesday
 - Defining Food Systems and Food Systems Science
- Day 2: Wednesday
 - Assessing the State of Food System Science
 - Food System Science in Food System Transformation
- Day 3: Thursday
 - Strategising the actions to establish the Food Systems Science Network and mobilise its members

YOU will be doing the work...

- A space for collaborative reflection on Food System Science
 - Break-out group activities
- From consensus-building to open-ended exploration to strategising
- The first steps towards an emerging network...
 - The network will expand, but how and for whom?

