

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

14:10 The need for a European Food Systems Science Network
| Plenary talk
Niels Halberg, Aarhus University

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

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

16:30 Coffee break and Networking

17:00 Synthesis of breakout group activities
| Plenary

18:00 Free time

19:30 Conference dinner

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

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 Ciudad, Department of Agriculture,
Livestock, Fisheries and Food, Generalitat de
Catalunya / Laura Michéle, 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
Trang Nguyen, Wageningen University
& Research

10:00 Breakout group activities
Strategising and co-creating value
propositions to establish a Pan-European
Food Systems Science Network involving
food systems scientists and professionals



11:00 Coffee break and Networking

11:15 Breakout group activities
Addressing network gaps:
actions and impact



12:15 Reporting of the breakout group activities
| Plenary

12:45 Closing remarks and next steps

13:00 Lunch



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