

2nd European Food Systems Science Conference

Mobilizing food systems transformation: Enhancing capabilities in Research, Education and Practice

1st Call for session proposals: Workshops,
Roundtables and Panels

Submission guidelines



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The 2nd European Food Systems Science conference will take place in Lund, 9-11 June 2026. The theme of the Conference is ***Mobilizing food systems transformation: Enhancing capabilities in Research, Education and Practice.***

Organised by the [FoSSNet project \(https://fossnet.eu/\)](https://fossnet.eu/), this event aims to provide a space for discussion, exchanging experiences and mobilizing action to transform food systems.

The conference invites participants to share novel research, advancements in education of food systems and best practices in applying food system perspectives in industry and society. The format allows for participation in different forms: workshops, roundtables, panel discussions, research papers and posters presentations. Two calls for participants to submit their proposals are planned. **This document refers to the 1st Call.** The 2nd Call will be announced in mid-December.

Conference streams

The content of the conference is organised under three main streams:

1. Food systems science for food systems transformation

This stream explores innovative food systems science approaches, frameworks, conceptualizations, theories and tools that enable a shift toward more sustainable, equitable, and resilient food systems. Sessions will highlight cutting-edge research, practical methodologies, and participatory research designs that drive systemic change, from production and distribution to consumption and policy.

2. Transformative actions – learning from best and worst practices

This stream examines real-world examples of transformative actions in food systems, showcasing both successful initiatives and lessons learned from efforts that fell short, as well as methods for aggregation and amplification of local/case-based experiences and monitoring for systemic change.

3. Advancing food systems literacy

This stream highlights skills and competences for enabling the transition to more sustainable, resilient, and just food systems. Sessions will present innovative curricula, participatory teaching approaches, and cross-disciplinary

collaborations that connect classrooms, research, and practice. The stream will also engage in discussions of pathways to enable education as a driver of food systems transformation.

Session formats: Workshops, Roundtables, Panels

We invite you to submit proposals for sessions in one of the following formats: **Workshops, Roundtables** and **Panels**. Alternative formats may also be considered if clearly described in your proposal.

Submission of proposals

To submit your proposals, please complete the [submission form](https://forms.office.com/e/9nDzEAcdXC) (<https://forms.office.com/e/9nDzEAcdXC>) by **1 December 2025 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)**.

Proposals should align with one of the three Conference streams and include the following information:

- draft title and short description of the proposed session;
- suggestion of a convenor and co-convenor (may be from different organisations);
- if relevant, a chair for the session;
- target audience, expected number of participants and potential speakers (if applicable).

The form also allows you to provide additional information and clarify your session idea.

Practical information

All sessions will be held **in person** and conducted in **English**.

Each session is expected to last approximately **80 minutes**, though adaptations may be possible if required.

The venue is equipped with standard conference equipment (projectors, flip charts, etc.). In case you need any special equipment, please indicate this in your proposal.

Review and communication of decisions

Proposals will be reviewed and decisions will be made by the Conference Committee. Decisions will be communicated via email by **mid-December**.

Submitted proposals will be assessed based on the following main criteria:

- Connection with the selected Conference stream;
- Relevance and alignment with other sessions and the overall Conference programme;
- Clarity of the session description.

If you have any questions about the conference or the session submission process, please contact us at info@fossnet.eu.