



Food Systems
Science Network

Edition #2: November 2025

Welcome to the second edition of the FoSSNet Newsletter!

Dear FoSSNet Community,

Welcome to the latest FoSSNet newsletter, packed with crucial opportunities to engage, collaborate, and contribute to the advancement of Food Systems Science (FSS) across Europe!

In this edition, we highlight the upcoming **Lund 2026 Conference** and the open call for experts in **the new FoSSNet Knowledge Hub**. We also invite early-career researchers to apply for the **FoSSNet Winter School 2026** and share the initial insights from our recent Social Network Analysis of the Food Systems Science community and the outcomes from the FOOD 2030 joint webinar.

Read on to find out how you can mobilize your research, expertise, and networks for food systems transformation.

**Mark your calendar!
The Second European Food
Systems Science Conference is
coming soon.**

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

Second European Food Systems Science Conference



Lund, Sweden
9–11 June 2026

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About the Lund 2026 Conference

With the ambition to mobilize food systems transformation, the [Lund 2026 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: research papers, discussion papers, workshops, posters, and discussions contributing to the design of the Conference programme.

"The Lund 2026 Conference is unique because it will bring together the critical perspectives of food system transformation (from research, education, and practice) all in one intimate space, allowing genuine cross-fertilization of skills and competencies. By submitting a session proposal, you seize a great opportunity to raise awareness of your most important food systems concerns. I hope every participant leaves with a wider and deepened network, new insights, and, as a local host, a wonderful experience of Lund during its most beautiful, flowering season, fostering optimism for the future of food systems science."

1st Call for sessions: Open

Submission of proposals for workshops, roundtables and panel discussions under the three streams:

1. **Food systems science for Food systems transformation**
2. **Transformative actions – learning from best and ‘worst’ practices**
3. **Advancing food systems literacy**

Deadline to submit: 1 December 2025.

**Submit your proposal
here**

FoSSNet Knowledge Hub: call for experts open

The [Knowledge Hub on Food Systems Science](#) aims to expand the existing Food Systems Science network, address shortcomings in its composition and bridge identified research gaps. It will be composed of 20 experts with diverse expertise working on 4 topics developed by the different labs of FoSSNet research questions and gaps.

We are seeking members who are:

- Familiar with food systems science, from academia, the private sector, civil society, or government/non-academic organisations.
- Interested in contributing to shaping research and collaboration across Europe.
- Especially early-career researchers, experts from Eastern and Southern Europe, and professionals with interdisciplinary backgrounds.

Deadline to submit: 28 November (15.00 CET).

[More details and how to
apply here](#)

FoSSNet Winter School

The FoSSNet Winter School "***Applying research-based solutions for complex food system challenges***" offers a collaborative learning experience for early-career researchers from academia, industry, and applied research turn their work into real-world solutions for today's complex food system challenges.

Who can apply:

- PhD candidates, postdocs, and R&D staff (with ≤ 7 years of experience).
- Individuals working on food systems topics in academia, research institutes, start-ups, public institutions or industry.
- Individuals interested in applying systems and entrepreneurial methods to real-world challenges.

Industrial doctorates and other practice-oriented researchers are especially encouraged to apply.

Deadline to register: 10 December 2025.

12 - 30 January, 2026 | Online

FoSSNet Winter School: Applying research-based solutions for complex food system challenges

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register here**

FoSSNet Social Network Analysis: what's next?

Over the past year and a half, FoSSNet has been conducting a comprehensive **Social Network Analysis (SNA)**. The core aim is to map and analyze the relationships among individuals, institutions, and networks involved in FoSSNet to identify key areas where collaboration and capacity can be strengthened.

Initial SNA Results: Six Gaps Identified:

- Gap 1: Lack of bridges between and within communities
- Gap 2: Vulnerable Hub-driven Network
- Gap 3: Lack of Collaboration beyond Research
- Gap 4: Limited Engagement beyond Academia
- Gap 5: Limited role of earlier career researchers
- Gap 6: Uneven geographical coverage

Feedback Workshops: A Participatory Approach

Following the initial findings, FoSSNet partners organized 12 national feedback workshops designed for participatory reflection. These workshops served several key purposes: they aimed to validate the initial EU-level Social Network

Analysis results while simultaneously collecting national perspectives, gaining insights into national Food Systems Science Network structures, and gathering additional data to enhance the robustness of the overall SNA. Furthermore, these sessions provided a valuable opportunity for national-level networking.

What's Next? Informing Network Strengthening

We are currently analyzing the workshop reports to develop detailed national-level SNA data and partner-specific situational analyses. Insights from this analysis will be shared soon.

Read the SNA initial results

Building Networks for Food Systems Education

Last 10 October, FoSSNet participated in the webinar "Building Networks for Food System Thinking in Higher Education," organized under the FOOD 2030 initiative.

This event brought together four key European projects—Cleverfood, FoodCLIC, FoodPaths and FoSSNet—to share findings and define a path forward. Discussions highlighted a critical need to overcome disciplinary silos and close major curriculum gaps, specifically the lack of interdisciplinary systems thinking, stakeholder engagement, and educator training.

We will be sharing the recording and key insights very soon. This webinar was just one of the first steps in building stronger connections between researchers, educators and others working to improve food systems learning. Stay tuned on FoSSNet and the other projects' channels to keep the conversation going and get involved in future activities!

Building networks for food system thinking in higher education

A FOOD 2030 collaborative webinar

🕒 10 October 2025 | 9:30-12:00 CEST

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