



Food Systems
Science Network

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Welcome to the third edition of the FoSSNet Newsletter!

Dear FoSSNet Community,

Welcome to the latest FoSSNet newsletter! In this edition, we highlight the main insights from the **Lund 2026 Conference**, the launch of the new **Network for Food Systems Transformation Research**, the work of the **FoSSNet Knowledge Hub** and our new **Zenodo FoSSNet community**.

FoSSNet Conference 2026:



From 9 to 11 of June, FoSSNet hosted the 2nd European Food Systems Science Conference in Lund, Sweden, bringing together more than 100 participants for three inspiring days of exchange, reflection and collaboration.

Reflections throughout the event pointed to the need to build resonance across disciplines and sectors while embracing diverse viewpoints, as well as the importance of strengthening food systems literacy to support transformation.

A sincere thank you to all the participants that joined us in Lund! You will hear from us for FoSSNet next events, including the 3rd European Food Systems Science Conference!

"Speaking with participants from diverse backgrounds helped me understand how collaboration and shared knowledge can strengthen communities and create more sustainable food systems. I also learned a lot about how power operates within local food systems, particularly how decision-making, access to resources, and community voices influence outcomes. This gave me a deeper understanding of the challenges around equity and inclusion, and the need to ensure that local communities are actively involved in shaping food policies and practices. Another key takeaway was learning about participatory methods and how they can be used to engage communities more effectively. I found it valuable to see how involving people directly in discussions, planning, and decision-making can lead to more meaningful and lasting solutions."

Feedback from a participant

**Resources and
highlights from the
conference**

Network for Food Systems Transformation Research

The Lund conference marked the soft launch of the Network for Food Systems Transformation Research. Born from the need to bring people together across disciplines, regions, and career stages, its vision is simple but ambitious: a connected European community capable of imagining and driving transformation.

By linking professionals in science, policy, and practice, the Network wants to offer the structures and opportunities that make collaboration possible — and meaningful.

Join the Network

FoSSNet Knowledge Hub: meet our experts and explore topics!

The [FoSSNet Knowledge Hub](#) is composed of 20 experts, early-career and senior professionals from across Europe, representing research groups in different disciplines of the Food Systems Science.

With diverse backgrounds in research, civil society, public administration, and the private sector the KH experts are working on the topics developed by the FoSSNet territorial and systemic labs, providing complementary contributions and solutions to the scientific challenges and knowledge gaps identified so far.

**Riga Territorial Lab and the FoSSNet
research task on inclusion**

Leverage points for an inclusive food-
oriented knowledge and innovation (K&I) system



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Catalan Territorial Lab

Scalability of agroecological initiatives
for Food System Transformation (FST)



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Polish Territorial Lab

Sustainable food systems in Central-Eastern Europe:
exploring the role of intermediaries



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Systemic Lab

Using pricing and rewarding guided by True Cost
Accounting to manage hidden social and environmental
sustainability impacts in the food system



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[More about the experts](#)

Next FoSSNet Winter School coming soon! (early 2027)

[Read about the first
Winter School
outcomes](#)

New FoSSNet community in Zenodo

We are excited to announce the launch of the FoSSNet community on Zenodo, a dedicated open-access repository for our project's research outputs.

As part of our commitment to open science and the FAIR principles, this hub will host the projects' resources.

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