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REGIONAL INNOVATION SCHEME

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EIT Food - Defining the problem

Our Food System is broken

10 billion people by 2050

1/3

Food waste

2 billion

800 million



Greenhouse gases, water withdrawal

Trust & Transparency

Fragmented supply chain

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EIT Food Mission

To build a more trusted food system that is better for people´s health and better for the environment

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EIT FOOD - Unique Innovation Instrument

Contributes to H2020 by addressing societal challenges via the integration of the knowledge triangle

- Funding
- Training
- Partnerships.
- Co-creation
- Communication with citizens
- Additional support for modest innovator regions in Europe (RIS)

INNOVATION

Promoting innovative reseach activities



EDUCATION

Transforming the food education system

BUSINESS CREATION

Supporting agrifood entrepreneurs to disrupt the food system

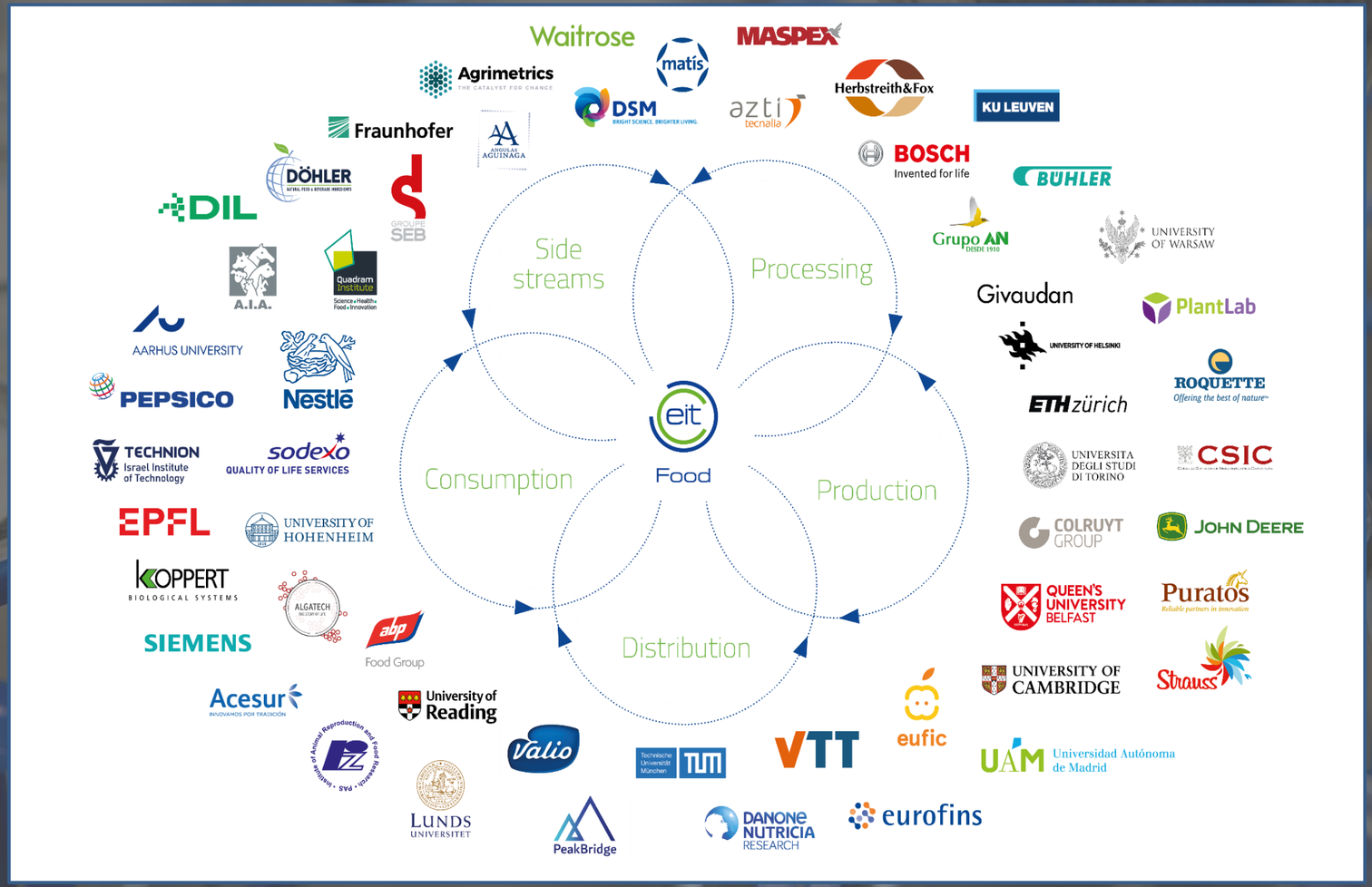
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EIT Food Network

We have strong, pan-European relationships with partners along the food supply chain.



Core partners (55)
- Economic Actors
- Higher education
- Research & Technology Org.

RisingFoodStars (52)
- Startups

Network partners
- Civil society
- Regional and public authorities

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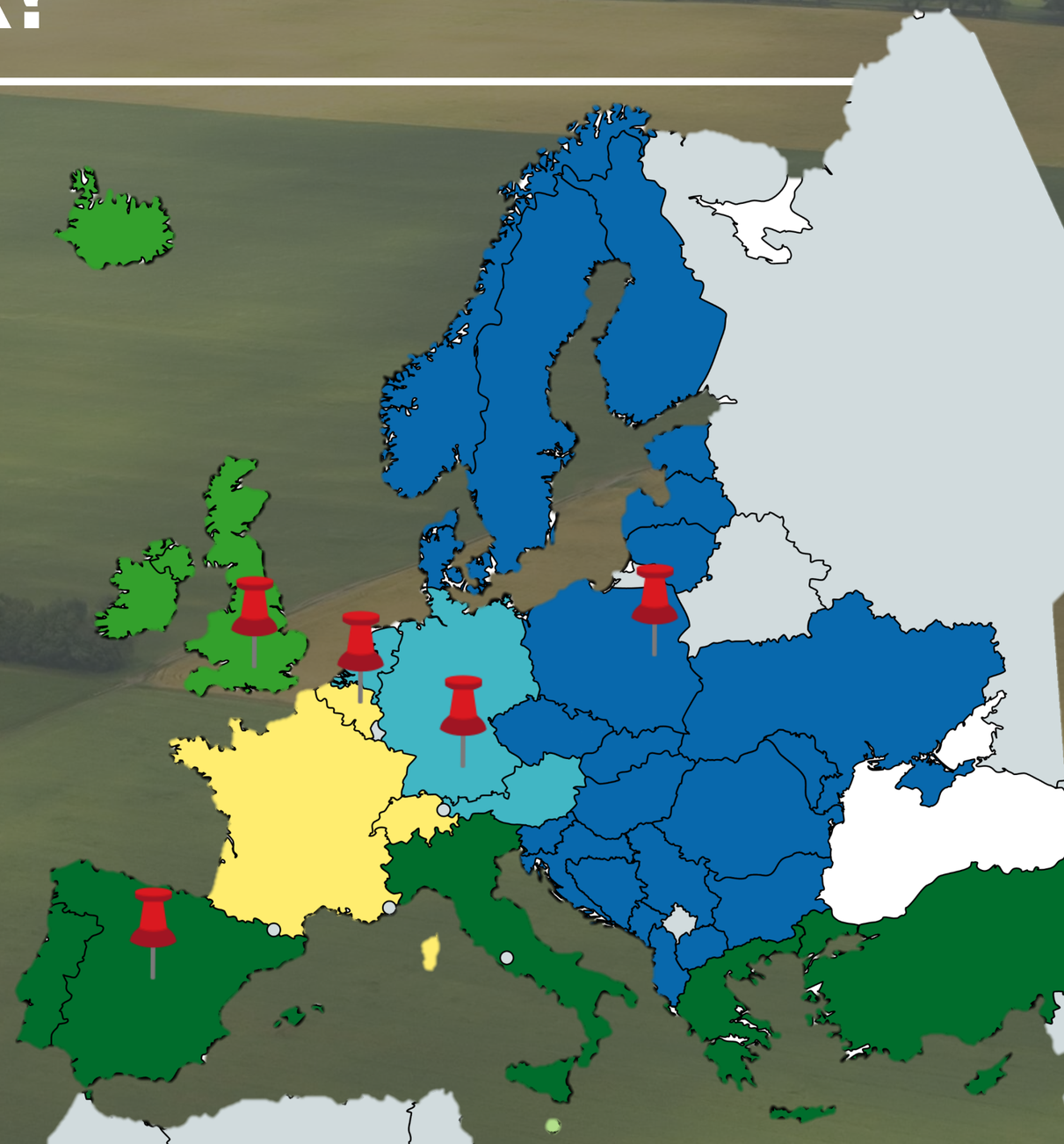
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Where does EIT Food Work?

EIT Food works with all the EU member countries, as well as Israel, Switzerland and Turkey.

5 Innovation Centers

- **Leuven** (BE-FR-CH)
- **Reading** (UK-IE-IS)
- **Madrid & Bilbao** (ES-IT-IS-GR-P)
- **Freising** (Munich) (DE-NL-A)
- **Warsaw** (Eastern & Nordic EU)



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RIS – Regional Innovation Scheme

Regional Innovation Scheme:

Contribute to enhancing of the innovation capacity in **moderate and modest innovators***

*EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries



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RIS HUBS

Ambitious and resourceful local entities act as EIT Hubs

EIT INNOVATION COMMUNITY → EIT HUB ← LOCAL ACTORS

15 HUBS

2 CLCs lead RIS programme:

- CLC North-East (Poland)
- CLC South (Spain)



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RIS Instruments in 2020

Start-ups

- Scouting
- Demo days
- Innovation Prizes
- EIT JUMPSTARTER
- Legal/accounting support
- Challenge Labs
- Test farms
- **Building Entrepreneur Women**

Students

- Fellowships
- Summer School
- Venturing School

Researchers

- R&D Expert Community
- Talents
- Venturing School

Governments

- Government Executive Academy

SMEs/ primary sector

- Summer School on NPD
- SUDAPS: dairy production
- New technologies implementation for healthier olive oil extraction
- Engage precision irrigation to a next level
- RIS Regenerative agriculture

Consumers

- Consumer Engagement Labs

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INNOVATION 2020

NEW TECHNOLOGIES IMPLEMENTATION FOR HEALTHIER OLIVE OIL EXTRACTION

- Project implemented in 4 RIS regions (Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece)
- Local olive oil producers from RIS regions will be able to improve the extraction process of olive oil, and to achieve a healthier and higher value-added oil.
- Selected producers will be educated in the advantages and uses of the new technology, they will have access to toolset, training methodology and expert support

PROFESSIONALS

ENGAGE PRECISION IRRIGATION TO A NEXT LEVEL

- Engages local partners in Spain and Turkey for the understanding, implementation and development of water saving technology, based on variable rate irrigation (VRI)
- Specialized workshops for farmers will increase opportunities to conceptualize, innovate and compete on the approach.

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EDUCATION 2020

RIS FELLOWSHIPS & Talents



Paid internships for graduates and young post docs with different educational backgrounds
3-6 months working with EIT Food partners

POSTDOCS STUDENTS

RIS REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE



Help farmers to learn about and transition to more regenerative methods of agriculture

PROFFESIONALS

Summer School on NPD



One-week summer study program
Learn methodologies and techniques to develop new products
Professionals, students and researchers

STUDENTS PROFFESIONALS

SUDAPS - Support for Dairy Production Sector in RIS Regions



Support the regional development on sustainable dairy industry.
4 pilot SME workshops with qualified specialists from partner institutions in Poland and Italy, based on needs and challenges identified by SMEs

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BUILDING ENTREPRENEUR WOMEN

FIRST EVENT 2019



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COMMUNICATION 2020

Consumer Engagement Labs



- Co-creation sessions carried out by senior consumers (Age >60)
- Focused on ideation/ development of new product concepts that cover their needs and demands
- Run in 6 countries
- **30 NON EIT Food partners** will be involved.
  - 6 consortia in EU formed by:
    - Scientific organisation
    - Food retailer
    - Food producer
    - Startup company
    - Non-governmental organisation

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Business Creation Programmes 2020

RIS Programmes

Innovation Prizes

Students
Early entrepreneurs

Seedbed
Incubator

Business Ideas
Early Start-ups

FoodSparks

Start-ups
Scale-ups

Business Services

Growth

eit Food ACCELERATOR NETWORK

eit Food RISINGFOODSTARS

eit Food VENTURE SUMMIT

eit JUMPSTARTER

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Early Stage Startups

What does EIT Food offer?

Startup Guide



An encyclopedia of knowledge written by agrifood entrepreneurs to help guide your startup.

Legal & Accounting Support



Low-cost and free legal and accounting support to help new businesses get registered and establish accounting practices.

Challenge Labs



A network of events across Europe to help aspiring entrepreneurs find solutions to pressing challenges in the food system and meet others.

Jumpstarter

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Turn your food related idea into a successful business concept. You only need an idea and a team.

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Mid-Stage Startups

What does EIT Food offer?

Innovation Grants



500k Euros distributed to new startups every year to get new products/services to market.

Working offices, farms and factories



Places to develop your business:in the city or in the country.

Demo Days



A calendar of events where startups can present to and meet possible investors/industry partners.

Seedbed



An international incubation programme of 10 weeks that gives early-stage entrepreneurs the tools, resources and network to test their business idea with 100 potential customers.

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Advanced Startup

What does EIT Food offer?

Food Accelerator Network



A 4-month programme to help the best startups to grow and disrupt our food system. The programme includes investment, access to research centres, co working space, training curriculum with Mass Challenge, and professional coaches and mentors.

Business Services



A portfolio of tailored business services to help European agrifood startups to grow. Services include access to investors, customer testing, access to pilot plant facilities etc.

Rising Food Stars



A network of the best agrifood startups in Europe. Once a member, startups can access Innovation project funds with our big business partners.

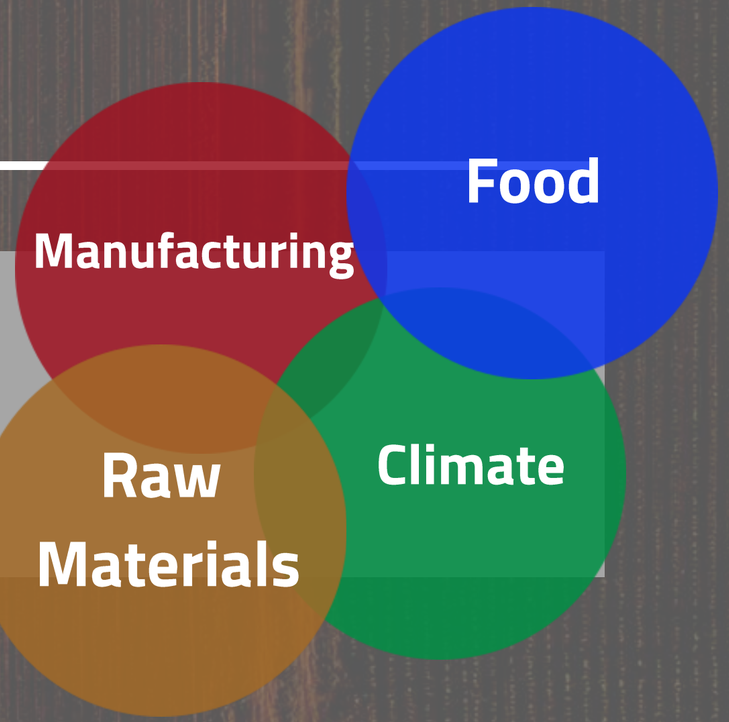
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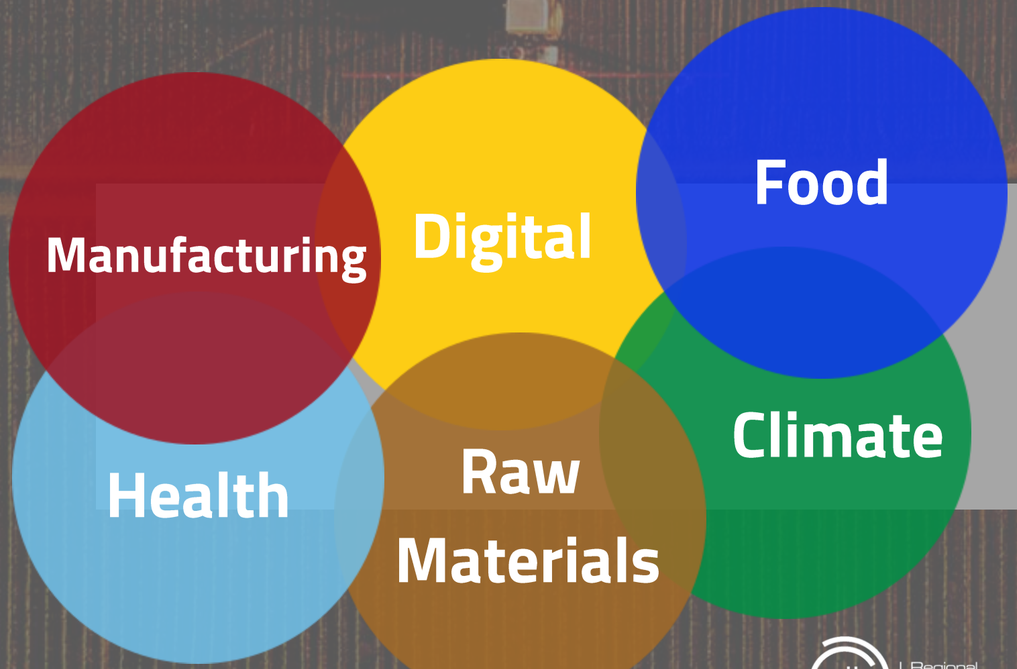
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X-KIC PROGRAMMES in 2020

Finding innovative solutions for Water Scarcity in Southern Europe





X-KIC Jumpstarter

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