

Boosting The Role of Academia in Transition to Sustainable Food Systems

12th of September, 2022 at 13:00 – 16:00 CET. [Link](#) to the event page and [contact](#).

The message from Brussels

13:00 Welcome by the chair, **Sara Roversi**, Founder of the Future Food Institute, Bologna, Italy

13:00 – 13:10 *A short intervention on Una Europa and the Seed Funding Initiative* - **Melissa Cleassens**, Una Europa Secretariat, Belgium

13:10 – 13:25 *Framework legislation for an EU sustainable food system: how to accelerate the transition to sustainability while ensuring the contribution from all food systems actors* - **Rada Chehlarova**, team leader “Farm to Fork” in DG SANTE, unit D1 “Farm to Fork Strategy”, European Commission, Belgium

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13:25 – 14:05 Moderated panel discussion (**prof. S. Kurki**, (Ruralia Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland) **prof. C. Dreher** (Free University Berlin, Germany), **Dr. F. Borthwick** (University of Edinburgh, UK), **Dr. P. Corona** (Complutense University of Madrid, Spain)

14:05-14:15 Short break

Voices from Europe and beyond

14:15-14:30 *The role of biodiversity and mindful consumption for sustainable food systems* - **Dr. Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst**, Head International Nature Conservation at the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Germany

14:30-14:45 *The Spanish approach in science and innovation towards a healthier food system* - **Dr. Alberto Merchante González**, Vocal Advisor in the Cabinet of the Minister at the Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain

14:45 – 15:00 *The role of the research and civil society in the new Italian Bioeconomy strategy in the context of National Smart Specialisation Strategy* - **Leonardo Piccineeti**, Managing Director, Sustainable Innovation Technology Services Ltd, Ireland

15:00 – 15:15 *Public – private partnership in food ecosystems; focus in sustainability, innovation, transparency and healthiness* - **Esa Wrang**, Head of Food from Finland Program, Business Finland, Finland

15:15 – 15:30: *Economic development through a sustainable agricultural system - the role of universities and research* - **Dr. Enkeleda Lulaj**, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Management in Tourism, Hospitality and Environment, University “Haxhi Zeka” Peja-State of Kosovo, Kosovo

15:30 – 15:45: *Sustainability starts with peasant farming* - **Dr. Nátali Maidl de Souza**, Research Assistant and Lecturer at the State University of Ponta Grossa, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Engineering, Laboratory of Agricultural Mechanization (Lama), Brazil

15:45 – 16:00 Q&A and closing the event



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