



***European Food Systems' Innovation for Resilience -
the short and long-term challenges
Beginning of October 2022, online event***

The 2022 EURAGRI conference is hosted by the Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops (IFVCNS), Novi Sad, Serbia.

The effects of climate change, the impacts of COVID-19 and more recently the Ukrainian invasion, challenge the resilience of food systems globally.

However, building food system resilience is a challenging task, as food systems are intrinsically complex and, as the recent years clearly showed, increasingly exposed to drivers of change, from natural disasters, resource degradation to economic and political crisis.

The food system depends on the combined and interactive resilience of all actors and processes in the chain, therefore a systemic approach is needed to ensure that food systems, in view of stresses and unpredictable shocks can maintain their functionality, recover from harmful events, and preferably improve to a better-off state. Interventions aiming to increase the resilience of food systems will have different impacts in different geographical contexts, depending on their agro-ecological and climatic setting, government policies, private sector engagement, community participation and institutional capacities. The intrinsic short- and long-term interests and potential trade-offs and feedback loops must be identified and addressed accordingly.

EURAGRI and IFVCNS invite you to participate in and contribute to the discussion on

1. What are the current and emerging research questions, innovations and dilemmas concerning food system resilience?
2. Do we have adequate and innovative methodologies in place to identify drivers of resilience in complex food systems and their interaction?
3. Do we have a common understanding of food system resilience? Are there relevant dimensions that are being neglected?

Programme (CEST)

Day 1 – 4th October

9:00-9:30 **Welcome** (EURAGRI, IFVCNS)

Moderator:

9:30 – 11:15 Key-note session 1: Food system flexibility in times of short and long-term changes

9:30 – 10:00 *Outcome UN Food System Summit*

Tom Arnold (confirmed)

10:00 – 10:30 *The European food policy strategy at a time of crisis – short- to mid-term*

Michael Niejahr, DG-AGRI (confirmed)

10:30 – 11:00 *BIOEAST*, Barna Kovasc (confirmed)

11:00 – 11:15 Q & A

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee

11:30 – 13:00 Key –note session 2: Research challenges and progress- long- and short-term approaches?

Moderator:

11:30 – 11:55 State of play and bottlenecks concerning European research efforts (SCAR SWG Food Systems Chair Monique Axelos, INRAE) tbc.

11:55 – 12:20 Navigate towards impact: evidence-based approaches to guide innovation and scaling pathways, Marc Schut CIRAD & WUR (confirmed)

12:20 – 12:45 Co-Fresh and the Intervention Research Approach, Susanne Braun, University Hohenheim (confirmed)

12.45 – 13.15 Q & A

13:00 -14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 EURAGRI General Assembly (members only)

Day 2 – 5th October

9:00 – 10:30 Session 3: Towards resilient food systems – innovative approaches

Moderator:

9:00 - 9:15 Rural transformation and development for resilient food systems

Dr. Alex Koutsouris, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece (confirmed)

9:15 - 9:30 Ensuring resilience of food systems through engagement of young people in agriculture

Serbian Young Farmers Association (SUMP) tbc.

9:30 – 9:45 Role of NGOs as link between different stakeholders for resilient food systems

Dori Pavloska – Gjorgjieska, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in SEE, North Macedonia tbc.

9:45 – 10:00 Resilient Food Systems – Retailer perspective

France Groupe Avriel (tbc.)

10:00 – 10:30 Q & A

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee

11:00 -12:30 Panel session: European Food systems - The way forward

all actors, Research organisations, EURAGRI, BIOEAST, stakeholders (up to 5)

Moderator:

13:00 End of conference/Survey topics ask and give options in advance

Outcome: one page document with recommendations