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## UPDATES FROM FoodSafety4EU

### #EUChooseSafeFood: FS4EU is supporting the EFSA campaign

#EUChooseSafeFood is the key message of the communication campaign “[The European Union supports food safety](#)” promoted by the **European Union** and launched last summer by **EFSA** – the European Food Safety Agency in 21 countries of the Union. The goal of this initiative is to reduce the distance between citizens and scientists, to strengthen information by helping consumers to make responsible and safe food choices, guaranteed by solid scientific evidence.

“**FoodSafety4EU**” is supporting this action by sharing the key messages on its social channels and website through the network of 23 partners and 46 supporting international partners.

The project is promoting the campaign in ITALY in synergy with one of its active supporting partners: the **EFSA Focal point** set up at the Directorate General of Collegial Bodies for the Protection of Health (DGOCTS) of the Ministry of Health, coordinated by dr Bonati, while in Portugal it counts on the collaboration of another partner of the project – **ASAE**, Food Safety Authority.

The campaign background, press release, and social media content are available in the bottom below.



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### CONSUMERS AND SAFETY: perceptions, needs and behaviors about food safety / risk

Where do EU citizens go in order to find information about for example, food safety? And more importantly, who do they look up to and trust to deliver reliable, relevant information when they need it?

Active member of the FS4EU multi-stakeholder initiative to address priorities for the future European Food Safety System, Dr Hanna Leena Alakomi (VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, FI) answered these questions and more, in the session chaired by Prof. Lynn Frewer (Newcastle University, UK): **CONSUMERS AND SAFETY** – perceptions, needs and behaviours about food safety / risk.

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## NEWS

### Launch of EU mission: Soil Deal for Europe

The EU Commission has just launched [five new EU missions](#), one of them is the “Soil deal for Europe”. Missions are a new collaborative approach designed to tackle some of the main challenges of our times. They provide a mandate to achieve specific goals in a set timeframe.

The main objective of this particular mission on soil is to create 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils, as “Soil degradation in the EU currently costs more than €50 billion per year”.

Actions within this mission:

- €320 million in seed funding for projects relating to soil issues during the period 2021-23 (Horizon Europe programme).
- A first wave of living labs in regions all over Europe.
- An international research consortium on soil carbon sequestration and establish a coordination platform to oversee the network of 100 living labs and lighthouses.
- EIP-AGRI will run campaign on soil health with a focus on the farming and forestry sectors.

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### Funding and food safety research: updates from EFSA

EFSA selected over 60 funding opportunities to give an overview of upcoming calls related to food safety. This will allow researchers and stakeholders to quickly find funding opportunities.

The selection includes a wide range of topics and areas, all referring and contributing to the One Health approach, the European Green Deal and the Farm to Fork strategy.

In the [Research Platform](#) EFSA's online support area the food safety research community can also find access tools to funding programmes, knowledge centre, partner search, finally research projects and ideas.

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## Glyphosate: EFSA and ECHA launch consultations

EFSA and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) have started parallel consultations on the initial scientific evaluations of glyphosate. The consultations will run for 60 days and all interested parties are encouraged to contribute.

In the parallel consultations, [EFSA will gather feedback on the renewal assessment report](#) on glyphosate. [ECHA's consultation](#) is on the harmonised classification and labelling report.

Glyphosate currently has a harmonised classification as causing serious eye damage and as toxic to aquatic life with long-lasting effects, prior to and following the assessment by ECHA in 2017. Classification for germ cell mutagenicity, carcinogenicity or reproductive toxicity was not considered to be warranted. The initial scientific evaluation from the AGG does not recommend a change to the existing classification.

EFSA will take the outcome of ECHA's opinion on the classification of glyphosate into account in its peer review and is expected to finalise its work in the second half of 2022. The European Commission, together with risk managers from the 27 EU Member States, will then decide whether to renew the approval of glyphosate for use in the EU.

To take part in EFSA's consultation click on the button below:

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## EVENTS



### MycoTWIN-MycoKey International Conference “Integrated and innovative key actions for mycotoxin management in the food and feed chain” | 9-12 November 2021

The conference “[Integrated and innovative key actions for mycotoxin management in the food and feed chain](#)” is jointly organized by International Society of Mycotoxicology, Mycokey, and MycoTWIN H2020 projects in Bari, Italy on 9-12 November 2021. FoodSafety4EU will share ongoing activities and opportunities to enhance the food safety networking in EU and abroad, through the presentation “**FoodSafety4EU: towards a more engaged and co-operative Food Safety System in Europe**”, by the Coordinator in the opening session on Nov 10.

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### ISEKI E-conferences Food Texture, Quality Safety and Biosecurity in the Global Bioeconomy

The 4th edition of the **ISEKI E-conferences** Food Texture, Quality Safety and Biosecurity in the Global Bioeconomy will take place online from 10-12 November 2021.

The e-conference is organized in collaboration with the Banat University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine “King Michael I of Romania” from Timisoara, Romania, as the main organiser and the Special Interest Group (SIG) “Food Structure and Bionanotechnology”.

The e-conference will be focused on topics regarding the contribution of the food industry to a sustainable bioeconomy.

All students are welcome (PhD, Master and regular students) to present their research work. The best three student oral presentations as well as the best three posters will be awarded. The awards will be supported by ISEKI Food Association and the conference sponsors.



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## Future of Food 2021 | 30 November 2021

The Future of Food Conference is a high-level forum to discuss the most pressing challenges and solutions in the EU's agrifood sector and blaze a trail for future development. The event will see the participation of key stakeholders from diverse background, most notably a youth panel from Gen-Z, who will make their voice heard and communicate their vision for the food system they want to inherit and help to bring about.

Participants will discuss the role of **innovation** for addressing challenges in areas such as regenerative agriculture, aquaculture, circular food systems, and sustainable food labelling. Particular attention will be devoted also to the role of **education and training**, necessary for farmers to truly be the centre engine of the transition, **public engagement**, pivotal for informed consumers to create the market demand that will bring innovative solutions to scale and **entrepreneurship**, crucial for bringing innovation to scale.

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