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**Dear All,**

*the first year of FoodSafety4EU is almost gone and we thank all of you that joined our community platform! Now is time to start designing together the EU Food Safety Forum, our permanent collaborative space to shape the EU Food Safety System of the future!*

*Do you wish to know how? Register to the first [FoodSafety4EU pre-forum!](#)*

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FoodSafety4EU launches the “pre-forums” as events to pave the way to the **EU Food Safety Forum**, to be held in Brussels at the end of 2023.

The **EU Food Safety Forum** will be a permanent and open space to set a pathway for the future Food Safety System in Europe, hosting discussion and collaboration among food safety stakeholders, and contributing to building long-term trusted cooperation among the society, the researchers and policymakers.

The first Pre-Forum will be held on **15th December 2021** (10.00-12.00 CET, online) on the topic “**Sustainable food: how to keep it safe?**”

After the introduction, keynote speakers from EFSA and the European Commission will provide insights on the main topic of the day, which will be then analysed by all participants in the interactive discussion foreseen in the second session of the event. Sharing opinions and different perspectives among all stakeholders will contribute to the creation of a trustful and open environment in the food safety domain.

Moreover selected speakers will pitch their position papers, publications, best practices, cooperation opportunities relevant to the main topic of the pre-forum. This session will encourage the exchange of knowledge and will address the ambition of the Pre-Forum to be a resource for strengthening the cooperation among stakeholders.

If you are interested in participating as a speaker during this session, please, submit your proposal abstract by filling in the dedicated form by the 2nd of December!

Read and download the [full version of the agenda](#) of 2021 Pre-Forum here!

Don't wait: become an active participant of our Pre-Forum filling in the [registration form here!](#)



## NEWS

### EIT Food online course: Improving Food Production with Agricultural Technology and Plant Biotechnology

Are you inspired to join the next generation of scientists and tackle challenges in food security? On this course, you will get access to innovative research solutions that address some of the biggest issues in food, agriculture, and plant biotechnology.

The course focuses on:

- Plant biotechnology;
- Agricultural technology;
- Food science;

*Who should join the course?*

This course is designed for 16-19 year olds studying biology related STEM subjects at A level or undergraduate level. It will also appeal to adults interested in the technology behind food production.

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### A long-term vision for the EU's rural areas

A vibrant tapestry of life and landscapes, Europe's rural areas provide us with our food, homes, jobs, and essential ecosystems services.

To ensure that rural areas can continue to play these essential roles, a European Commission communication sets out a **long-term vision for the EU's rural areas up to 2040**. It identifies areas of action towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas and communities.

A **Rural Pact** will mobilise public authorities, and stakeholders to act on the needs and aspirations of rural residents. The accompanying **EU Rural Action Plan** will foster territorial cohesion and create new opportunities to attract innovative businesses, provide access to quality jobs, promote new and improved skills, ensure better infrastructure and services, and leverage the role of sustainable agriculture and diversified economic activities.

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## ETP 'Food for Life': Priorities for the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-2024

The ETP 'Food for Life' has analysed the Horizon Europe work programme 2021-2022 in the light of its own strategic documents and has identified many shared R&I priorities. These include alternative food sources, sustainable packaging, food safety, microbiome and the prevention of non-communicable diseases. However, there are still important R&I gaps that need to be addressed for the next Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-2024 if the EU wants to achieve the ambitious policy goals set out in the Farm to Fork strategy, the Digital strategy, the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability and the Food2030 vision, among others.

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## One Health and food safety are intertwined and indivisible

*"The causes of today's most pressing problems - such as the climate crisis, hunger, poverty and pandemic disease - are extremely complex, and interrelated".*

An explanation of the relation between the One Health approach and food safety has been released by Jeffrey LeJeune, FAO Food Safety Officer. One Health is an integrated approach for preventing and mitigating health threats at the animal-human-plant-environment interfaces. Food safety has a significant impact on human health, and food, which is essential for human survival, comes from plants and animals. Food safety is a core tenet of One Health that provides an opportunity for people of different sectors and disciplines to join together to promote better health for people, the planet and animals.

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## EVENTS



### EFSA Webinar on food contact materials | 25 Nov 2021

The implementation of the Transparency Regulation introduced new services, processes and provisions that have strongly impacted the lifecycle and renewal procedure for applications.

To better respond to recurring questions from applicants in the field of food contact materials, EFSA is holding a dedicated public webinar to explain the specific steps of the application procedure.

EFSA will publish a recording of this webinar on its website.

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#### Food contact materials

Collaborative dialogue to identify elements and criteria from 'packaging' industry guidelines to be adapted in regulation

*And, what about challenges in FCM risk assessment?*

One of the [FoodSafety4EU operational labs](#) is contributing to this issue by building a dialogue between Member States and enforcement authorities together with actors of the packing value chain to identify elements and criteria from industry guidelines that can be adapted for risk assessments, for identification of migrating substances, gaps in analytics and harmonisation of methods, transparency rules, and the Documents of Compliance.

### Organic Innovation Days 2021: Better inputs for organic farming | 30<sup>th</sup> November - 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

The Organic Innovation Days 2021, TP Organics annual public event and the only EU event on research & innovation for organic, will take place on 30 November – 1 December 2021, under the title '**Better inputs for organic farming**'. Due to the many remaining unknowns of the Covid-19 situation, it will once more be an online event.

For this year's edition of the Organic Innovation Days, TP Organics will partner with the European research projects [RELACS](#) and [Organic-PLUS](#). These two Horizon 2020-funded EU projects aim at reducing the use of contentious inputs in organic farming systems. The Organic Innovation Days provide a unique opportunity to meet members of TP Organics, network with EU stakeholders and decision-makers, as well as discuss and exchange with the RELACS and Organic-PLUS project partners.

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## Symposium - Animals without disease: the future of the animal production chain?

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

The aim of the symposium is not so much to focus on the classical themes of prevention and control of animal diseases, but rather to try to give an image of the challenges facing animal food production. Themes such as food safety, sustainability, economy and the digital revolution are all addressed. This symposium is challenging and future-oriented and fits within the broad context of preserving and safeguarding the health of food producing animals and thus of the consumer (One Health) while taking into account the societal challenges faced by operators, sectors and government. The theme creates both the opportunity to draw lessons from past (animal) health crises and to present new insights into animal production methods and the challenges associated with them.

The symposium is intended for an (inter)national audience of risk assessors, risk managers, policy makers, researchers, stakeholders, producers, consumers and students.

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