

Title: FOOD 2030 High Level Event

Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU Flagship Conference 2nd FOOD 2030 High Level Event "Research & Innovation for Food and Nutrition Security – Transforming our food systems" The Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of EU is organising a Flagship Conference dedicated to Research and Innovation (R&I) as a driver of sustainable food systems transformation. Such a transformation requires a new way of doing science, research and innovation that puts the food system at the centre as a means to ensure food and nutrition security in a changing world affected by the combined effects of climate change, resource scarcity, biodiversity decline, malnutrition, shifting demographics and migration. The systemic approach, as called for by FOOD 2030, requires linking land and sea; connecting producers to consumers - and back, towards achieving four overarching priorities: nutrition for healthy and sustainable diets, climate and environmental sustainability, circularity and resource efficiency, innovation and empowering communities. During this event the European Commission will present an update of the FOOD 2030 process and vision towards shaping tomorrow's nutrition and food systems with respect to sustainability, resilience, responsibility, diversity, competitiveness and inclusiveness, to deliver on the four FOOD 2030 priorities and Sustainable Development Goals. The event will provide a platform for dialogue, feedback and recommendations towards: Understanding the complexity of food systems and implications for R&I Building R&I ecosystems and place-based solutions to support food systems transformation, Strengthening R&I alignment and investments through better governance Boosting future investments in R&I in Europe, leverage private investments and increase synergies with public funding. Identifying how, who and what R&I is needed to transform our food systems The conference program will feature plenaries with keynote speakers, parallel breakout sessions with interactive panel debates, a cultural performance and an exhibition space showcasing innovative research initiatives, networks, start-ups and sustainable food technologies. Additional side events may take place on the day before (13th June, still to be confirmed). Learn more at eu2018bg.bg or send your inquiries to k.mutavchiev@mon.bg

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