

The landscape of knowledge platforms on agri-food systems and climate change. An overview on existing and forthcoming experiences

Online workshop in the frame of FNSSA Stakeholder Engagement Week

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FOSC is the ERA-Net on Food Systems and Climate. FOSC is built upon and supported by the experience from the Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security & Climate Change (FACCE-JPI) and the ERA-Net Cofund LEAP-Agri. The ambition of FOSC is to implement a range of joint activities to contribute to the creation of a strong and effective trans-national research and innovation network between Europe, Africa, and Latin America. FOSC aims as well to contribute to the coordination and synergism between national and international research programmes that are relevant to food security under climate change.

The FOSC Knowledge Platform aims at being an opportunity to valorise research outcomes and to increase networking between researchers, also including different experts and stakeholders. FOSC remit, food systems and climate, and its geographical coverage (European, African and Latin American countries) create a link with the activities and the objectives of FNSSA. Thus, the idea of joining the FNSSA Stakeholder Engagement Week with a session dedicated to an exchange of visions and ideas focused on pros and cons of existing knowledge platforms and on the role of new similar tools.

Short abstract

Since the last years, many knowledge platforms, knowledge networks and other similar initiatives have been established, whether in cofunded actions or in other contexts. A clear and agreed definition is key to build a coherent narrative and a committed community around it. In the plethora of online platforms, FOSC Knowledge Platform strongly aspires to act synergically with the already existing initiatives, avoiding duplication and redundancy. To face this challenge, the most significant and impacting missing needs should be recognized and solved at a very early stage. Together with valuable speakers reporting their experiences, we will firstly present consolidated or forthcoming international initiatives in the remit of food systems and climate change. We will then open a dialogue with the participants guided by some key questions, such as:

- Are you aware of other useful knowledge platform-like tools in the food systems and climate change fields?
- Which are the main benefits and lacks of existing platforms you are familiar with?
- What would make a new knowledge platform attractive to you?

Through this debate, we aim at i) increasing the awareness of participants in available knowledge platforms in the above fields, and ii) carrying out a gap analysis on the strengths and weaknesses of these initiatives. Besides, the gathered feedbacks will be strongly taken into consideration for the set-up and launch of the FOSC Knowledge Platform.

Speakers and Agenda

Introduction to the workshop and presentation of ERANET FOSC

- Stefano Grando MIPAAF (Introduction)
- Maurice Heral ANR (ERANET FOSC)
- Martine Vernooij WUR (ERANET FOSC Collaborative activities)

The FOSC Knowledge Platform and other initiatives

- Alice Albertini MIPAAF (FOSC Knowledge Platform)
- Annia Domenech INRAE (FACCE- JPI Project Wheel)
- Stefan Lampel JUELICH (FACCE JPI Green ERA-Hub)

Open debate moderated by Stefano Grando

• Gianluca Brunori – University of Pisa (Research perspective)

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