

## Introduction



**FoodSafety4EU** is a collaborative action to support the European Commission in shaping the Food Safety System of the future and specifically in its endeavor in aligning research, policy and innovation with the societal needs and perspectives.

The project's aim is to design, develop and release a multi-stakeholder platform, used as a **long-term Science-Policy-Society interface** providing scientific advice and technical support for EU food safety future policies. This platform will enable stakeholders to access resources and data efficiently, synchronize food safety research strategies, share and exchange scientific knowledge and contribute to transparent communication.

## Methodology

The concept of the **"Social labs"** has been adapted and implemented in FoodSafety4EU to address complex food safety related topics on a systemic level.

The **Food Safety Operational labs (FSOLabs)** are organised in learning cycles; each of them is associated with a multi-actor workshop. The experts discuss and find new ways to tackle selected food safety challenges through a continuous process, from designing to implementing and evaluating pilot actions.



## Results

Starting from a detailed diagnosis of the current situation on specific food safety topics, the multi-actor workgroups proposed **relevant solutions** to the identified challenges and are now **testing them in real-life environment**, through the implementation of pilot actions.

### FSOLab 1



#### Topic #1:

Roadmaps for harmonization and integration through forecasting (focus on unregulated and emerging food safety hazards).

A pilot on **Food Contact Materials**: actors of the packing value chain identify elements and criteria from industry guidelines that can be adapted in regulation.

A pilot on **Mycotoxins**: experts define and include the data needed to include sustainability (f.i. climate change and consumption data) in current risk assessments.

A **Food Safety Knowledge Network** is being piloted to draft a strategy for the **alignment of transnational funding cycles and research priorities** as fundamental part for safe and sustainable food systems.

### FSOLab 3



#### Topic #3:

Food Safety Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA).

A process for achieving a **more coherent SRIA** will be experimented by piloting an **Alliance on Food Systems**. Its mission is to build up a common strategy to prioritize and address emerging risks and hazards.

### FSOLab 4



#### Topic #4:

Developing innovative approaches and models to inform civil society about food safety research and the risk assessment approach.

**Two tailored communication campaigns** to increase awareness about the science-based risk analysis processes will be implemented by national, innovative agri-food industries in Czech republic and by a newborn Food Safety Authority in Tunisia. Cartoon format and online/print dissemination channels will target the population of young adults.

## Conclusions

By engaging in a structured dialogue with society, FoodSafety4EU aims to support a better understanding of scientific evidence at the base of risk management decisions, thus **enhancing public confidence in the EU food safety system**.

Foodsafety4EU will launch the **EU Food Safety Forum** at the end of 2023: a **permanent, open space for discussion and collaboration among stakeholders** of the EU food sector, contributing to build **long-term Science-Policy-Society cooperation and trust**.

**Pre-forum events** are currently guiding stakeholders through the Forum co-creation. **Join the journey!**



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