

## Science-Policy-Society interface for Food Safety in Europe

The **European Food Safety Platform** acts as a Science-Policy-Society interface fostering continuous dialogue on Food Safety in Europe by connecting diverse actors including researchers, food authorities, industry, consumer organizations, and young innovators, addressing emerging challenges. It promotes collaboration, innovation, and knowledge-sharing and co-creation processes by keeping the multi-actor approach in all the activities.

### Our journey: from vision to reality

#### 2021: FoodSafety4EU Project kick-off and network formation

Launch of FoodSafety4EU project funded by Horizon 2020 programme (European Commission), involving 23 partners and uniting around ~80 stakeholders efforts in food safety

- **Building a vision for Europe's food safety systems**

#### 2023: Platform Launch and EU Food Safety Forum | Brussels

Platform launched in 2023 on World Food Safety Day at Bari with key EU representatives and formalized in Brussels through the signature of Terms of Reference by 23 founding organizations. EU Food Safety Forum inaugural edition | 120+ participants Participation in the FOOD2030 EU conference

- **Foundation of a long term multi-stakeholder dialogue**

#### 2024: Legal Entity established and EU Food Safety Forum | Rome

EU Food Safety Platform Association registered in Bari, Italy as EU Center for Food Safety & Sustainability, according to the FoodSafety4EU exploitation plan, management and governance structures implemented.

Growing membership, synergies with EU initiatives and projects. Key Exploitable Results applied in 3+ EU projects EU Food Safety Forum second edition | 100+ participants |

- **Feeding the multi-stakeholder dialogue**

#### 2025: Expanded collaboration & EU Food Safety Forum | Rome

Ensuring continuity and consolidating the network in the EU scenario Network growth, synergies with EU/international initiatives, active stakeholder engagement Key Exploitable Results updated and applied in 6+ EU projects EU Food Safety Forum third edition | 100+ participants |

- **Enlarging the multi-stakeholder dialogue**



**43 members**  
**80+ Stakeholders**

**+ 20%**  
**Membership**  
**annual growth**

**+24 EU**  
**Member States**

**+4500**  
**LinkedIn**  
**Followers**

### Core Competencies & Assets

The Platform is expert in co-creation, engaging diverse stakeholders in structured workshops, multi-actor task forces, stakeholders' input collection, and living labs to collaboratively design and implement food safety strategies.

- **Research priorities:** emerging risk assessment, climate change impacts, sustainability and circular economy integration, novel foods, AI and One Health
- Regular update of the **Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA)**, co-created with over 100 stakeholders to direct research priorities and policy in EU and provide input for **Regulatory Pathways**
- **Funding channels:** Horizon Europe, EFSA, Interreg, national programmes
- **Governance structure:** Management Board of 40+ leading experts across sectors, supported by a Steering Committee composed of recognized EU food safety specialists, ensuring strategic direction, operational management, and stakeholder inclusivity
- **Methodology:** Participatory process, active **co-creation cycles**, evidence-based co-design approach for joint research, task forces for continuous co-creation and **policy co-design** (Food2030 Pathways for action)
- **Knowledge Center:** Digital resource platform, open catalogues, 100+ resources, Expert Finder app, real-time updates, and extensive food safety information
- **Food Safety Operational Labs (FSOLabs):** collaborative spaces for systemic research and solution testing, embedded in **four virtual Hubs** in different EU regions for contextual food safety discussions, ensuring inclusive & transparent participation
- **EU Food Safety Forum:** flagship annual event for platform activities, knowledge exchange, valuable connections and policy dialogue
- **Youth Engagement** via pitch stages, podcast contests, and cross-generation mutual learning.

*Include, shape, act!*



### Strategic Partnerships

• Active liasons and synergies with 5+ **EU projects** addressing emerging food safety hazards, innovation, and sustainability, including:

- **UpRise:** exploitation of digital toolkit for Risk Assessment and UpRise Accelerator Platform
- **MyMatch:** co-creation cycles tackling mycotoxin risks under climate change scenarios
- **HOLiFOOD:** cross-fertilization workshops for multi-stakeholder input to holistic food safety solutions
- **Purple4Life:** expert group empowering novel food safety assessments, regulatory questions
- **FoodSafeR:** potential digital resoruces integration
- **SeniorFood:** supporting Consumer Engagement Labs

- **Links and collaborations with:** EC DG R&I • EFSA • FAO • JRC • EIT Food
- FutureFoodS • Major Universities & Research Centers in food safety

- **43 Platform members** and **80+ stakeholders** from Food Safety Authorities & National Agencies Research Institutions & Universities across Europe Food Industry Leaders & SMEs, Consumer Organizations & Public Health Bodies Young Innovators & Next-Gen Researchers

