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Strengthening the pillars for the EU FOOD SAFETY FORUM: a step forward

Opening by CNR
and EU FOOD SAFETY PLATFORM Coordinator
Veronica Lattanzio, Silvano Fares, Antonio Moretti
10.00 - 10.10

Opening Session 1
10.10 - 11.00

Setting the scene: the EU Food Safety System transitioning towards Food2040

Welcome
Marcello Gemmato, Undersecretary of State
Ministry of Health, IT invited –tbc
Andrea Lenzi, CNR President

#Policy

- Michele Picaro, Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety ENVI, IT
- Giovanni Leonardi, Director of One Health Department, Ministry of Health, IT

#Science

- Stef Bronzwaer, One Health & Research Coordinator, EFSA, IT
- Alessandro Gallina, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG-RTDB2 Unit for "Bioeconomy and Food Systems", BE

#Society

- Serena Borgna, Head of Institutional Department, APRE, IT
- Alejandro Rodarte, Director of Food Safety, Food Drink Europe, BE
- Marta Ponghellini, European Legislation on Food Chain and Animal Health Consultant, IT

Chairs:
Veronica Lattanzio (CNR) and
Nastasia Belc (IBA Bucharest)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break & networking

Session 2
11.30 - 13.00

Updating the SRIA in the Food2040 framework: a multi-stakeholder vision

#1 Relevant topics and R&I directions from EU initiatives:

Which directions should R&I take towards the Food 2040 framework to strengthen the food safety dimension?

- FutureFoodS, European partnership for a sustainable Future of Food Systems Representative, tbc
- Paola Pittia, Professor, Teramo University, GEEK4FOOD Coordinator, IT

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The EU FOOD SAFETY PLATFORM at work: cooperation for the future!

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Antonio Moretti
and Nicola Fantini
9.30 - 9.45

Session 5
9.45 - 11.00

Networking space for the EU FOOD SAFETY PLATFORM

Pitches
from *Platform members* to open rooms for cooperation on future challenges and technologies

#Companies

- Judith Salvador, PMO Manager, IRIS Technology Solutions, ES
- Stef Kusper, Segment Manager – Biobanks and Applied Markets, Illumina Inc., BE
- David Steiner, Territory Manager Germany-Austria, EnviroLogix GmbH, AT

#Infrastructures / Research centers

- Centre of Excellence on nutritional security by innovative strategies for boosting sustainable protein resources exploitation, Gabi Mustatea, Head Of Laboratory, IBA Bucarest, RO

#Projects

- Marco Camardo Leggeri, Associate Professor, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, IT- MyMATCH

#Networks

- Carla Rosa, President of the Food Engineering College, Portuguese Order of Technical Engineers, PT
- Barbara Tiozzo –MedFoodNet, Mediterranean Network for Risk Communication Coordinator, IZS Ve, IT

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Mari Eskola (MEDFILES) and
Monika Tomaniova (UCT Prague)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break & networking

Session 6
11.30 - 13.00

Youths in action for the future of Food Safety in the EU

#Poster pitches by young researchers on Food Safety Research & Innovation

- Franz Berthiller, PhD, Boku, BIOTOXDoc Coordinator, AT

Pitches:

- Beatrice Aiuto, CNR-ISPA, IT
- M. Vittoria Barbieri, Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research -IDAEA-CSIC, ES
- Stefano Di Nola, Italian Ministry of Health, IT

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- Dimitra Lambropoulou, Professor, Chemist AUTH, Trust4Impact & SPECTRA Coordinator, GR
- Eleni Chatzidimitriou, Project Manager, Reframe.Food, Defensefood Communications Manager, GR
- Concepción Medrano Padial, Postdoctoral MSCA, CIIMAR-University of Porto, CyaSafe Principal Investigator, PT
- Paolo Satta, COO, Harmonic Innovation Accelerator, IT

#2 Engaging with the audience

1. Public, Keynote speakers and EU projects representatives discussing on the position and future of Food Safety in Europe

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Nunzia Cito (EU Food Safety Platform)

Photo group
13.00 – 13.30

Lunch break
and
networking

Session 3
Feeding the participatory multi-actor process to update the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda SRIA
14.30 – 16.00

Collaborative exercise to update the SRIA
Food Safety challenges and future research and innovation needs
critical technologies & food safety (biotech – digital)

Introduction
Group work
Presenting and underpinning the proposals
Critical friends
Analysis and summary

Chairs:
Giorgiana Catunescu (Wageningen University & Research)
and Nastasia Belc (IBA Bucharest)

Session 4
Crossing exchange: identifying interlinks and common needs across the challenges
16.00 – 16.30

Open discussion
Networking with a coffee

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and Nastasia Belc (IBA Bucharest)

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The EU FOOD SAFETY PLATFORM at work: cooperation for the future!

- Lidija Kenjeric, EURL for Processing Contaminants – hosted by National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark, DK
- Tommaso Pacini, IZSUM, IT
- Pim Schaasberg, ProteoT, NL

Interactive discussion: questions from Youths to experts

EU Food Safety Platform Award: from pitch to video series

Food Safety and Risk Journal Award

Chairs:
Martina Loi (CNR ISPA) and
David Steiner

Session 7
13.00 - 13.30

Closing
Towards the EU Food Safety Forum 2027:
insights from the Platform Steering Committee

Chairs:
Antonio Moretti, CNR and Michele Suman, Barilla
EU Food Safety Platform Steering Committee



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