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*"Can we say something meaningful about food without considering the environment?"*

*The food environment in the core of the Partnership on Sustainable Food Systems*

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# What is the Partnership SFS about?



its Food System **actors collectively** strive to **achieve**

environmentally-friendly,

socially secure and fair,

economically viable,

healthy and safe food systems

in Europe, in order to help **realise its goals** of the Farm to Fork strategy,

*in line with the global ambitions of United Nations (UN) Sustainable Food Summit 2021.*

*The HorizonEurope Project 'FOODPathS' supports the development of this Partnership by **giving a voice & space to different actors (citizens in their different roles) in their divers environments***

**(European CSA Project no. 101059497, 17 partners representing 19 networks** (local, regional, national, European, global, public-private, philanthropic, research, education, innovation, communication, management)

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# What? > The Focus areas of the future



**P-SFS** (from a food systems lens; post farming & fishing oriented)

*The food environment, and citizens are in the core*

## Vertical

TF1 – Change the way (**what**) we eat

TF2 – Change the way we process and supply

TF3 – Change the way we connect (**act**) citizens and food production

TF4 – Change the way we govern the food systems

## Horizontal

TF5 – Co-funding and Programming

TF6 – FS observatory, data, methods

TF7 – FS knowledge hub of FS Labs

TF8 – Knowledge sharing and scaling

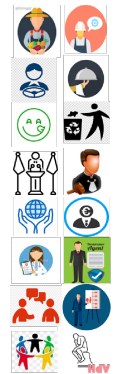
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# But, what is the food environment?

- The school canteen, restaurant,...?
- The food exhibition, fair,... ?
- The food valley, region, country, EU-wide, global?

# And, which roles play citizens?

- civilian, consumer, employee in food handling, politician, legislator, financier, medical doctor, philanthropist, scientist, educator, innovator, student, journalist, ....?



➤ (Interacting) playing fields and role(s) to play are crucial in all FS approaches



## 70+ case studies in FOODPathS:

- Milan **Food Waste Hubs**
- Szeged **carbon footprint initiative**
- Polish **Foodbank soup action** for elderly
- Italian **cultural Change 4 Inclusion**
- **Echt Schwarzwald** branding initiative
- **Circular economy** self assessment tool, UK
- **Ecotrophelia** ‘Student Innovation Award’
- **Food science festivals**
- ....

# Case 'Sustainable Food Systems Programme (SFSP) of One Planet Network (OPN), since 2015', *connecting cultures & citizens globally; learning from each other!*

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One planet  
handle with care



## Objective(s):

- Catalyzing transformation towards sustainable food systems inter-cultures (SDG strategy)
- Implementing the UN10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Passing the science-policy interfaces

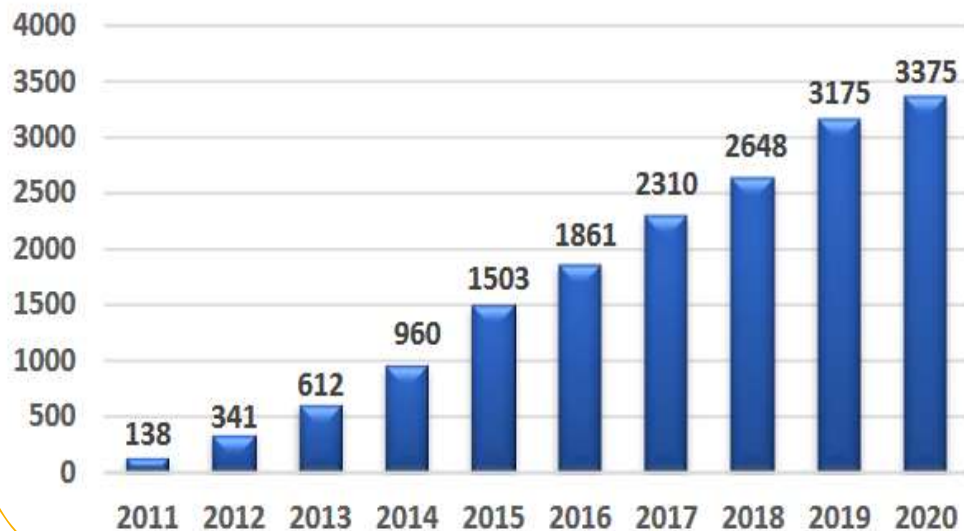
## Key characteristics (cluster or innovation or ..)

The network is a global multi-stakeholder initiative to:

1. Raising awareness;
2. Building enabling environments;
3. Increasing access to knowledge, information & tools;
4. Strengthening collaboration

# Case 'Organic Public Procurement, Denmark, food|paths since 2001'

Organic cuisine labels 2011-2020,  
Denmark



## Objective(s):

- 90% organic public procurement
- Staff undergoing a training in the House of Food (an independent, non – commercial foundation)
- causing a scaling effect on organic land
- stimulating scaling effects for organic product use in private contexts (restaurants, hotels etc. > 3300+ canteens today)

## Key characteristics (cluster or innovation or ..)

- Government intervention co-developed with non-public stakeholders
- Substantial influence on the local supply chain/private businesses through public spending
- Strong focus on diets for health and well-being of citizens and nature (ONE Health concept)

*Food is a right, a commons next to a commodity\*  
for all citizens, in al their different roles and environments*

**Thank you for your attention!**

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