

"Trends Overview: strategic plans and analysis report. Circular Bioeconomy, Agriculture and Digitization»

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Bioeconomy since 2005

The Bioeconomy of the last 15 years draws on two main pillars:

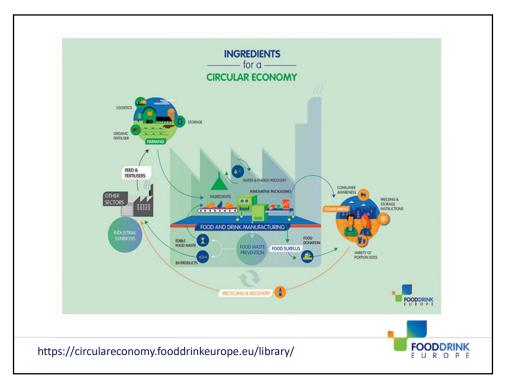
- The potential of biological resources
- The integration of new knowledge stemming from various disciplines, linking it with biotechnologies and life Sciences

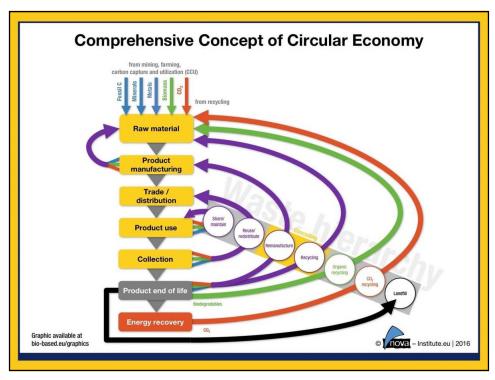
Features of biological resources

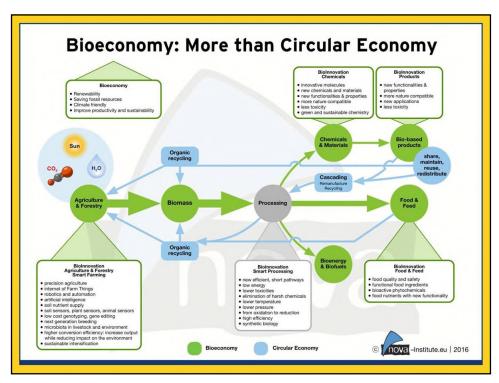
The uniqueness of some remarkable features of biological resources makes them attractive for becoming the possible fundament of an economy:

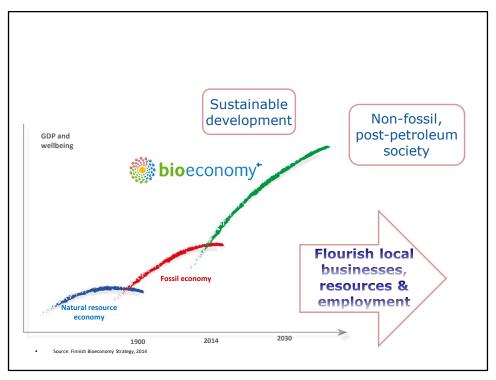
- Their Renewability
- Their CO₂ -" friendliness" or even sometimes carbon neutrality
- Their Re-use or multiuse , also in the format of cascades
- Their potentials for new, better functions in their products, like higher stability, longer life, stronger endurance, less or no toxicity, less water, more convenient haptic surfaces for users etc.

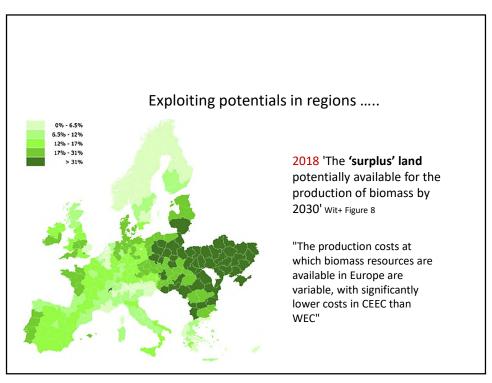
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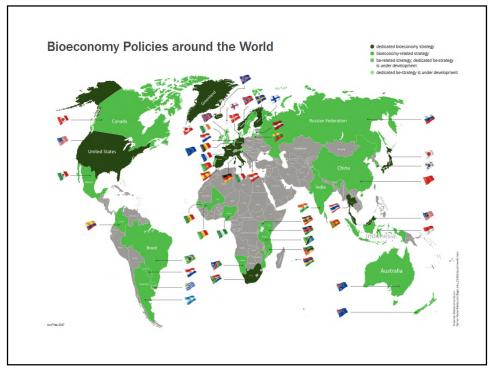


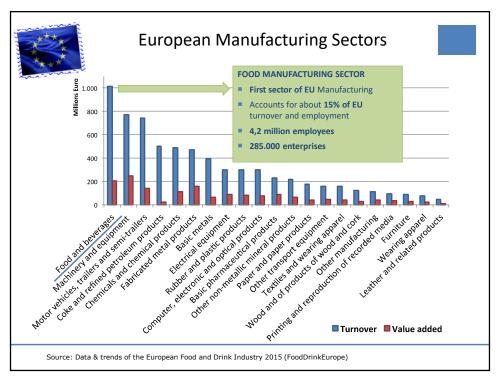


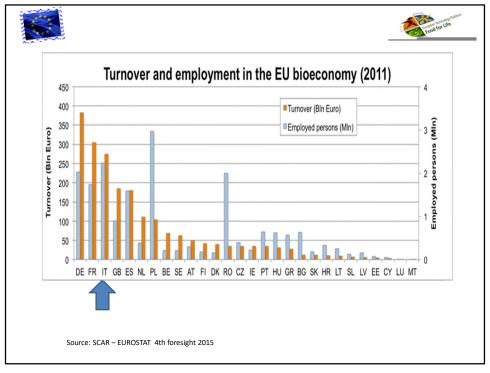
Present status of the bioeconomy

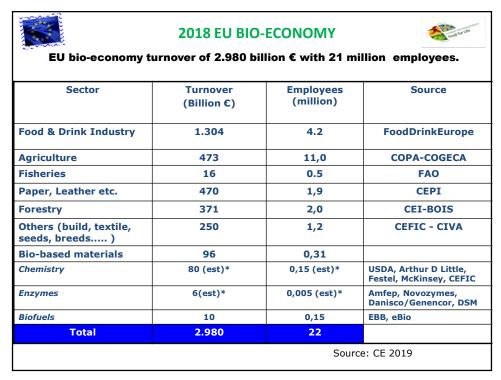
- About 50 states worldwide and half a dozen regions officially support the bioeconomy either via dedicated programmes, strategies, action plans, roadmaps etc. or via closely related political, programmatic and/ or strategic activities, the majority of them still in Europe.
- Many of these activities, however, are limited to biotechnology and/ or biofuels production and use.
- Today, almost 15 years after it's launch there is no more a single bioeconomy but there are many bioeconomies!
- This has an impact on the necessary frameworks, public funding, private investment and thematical content.

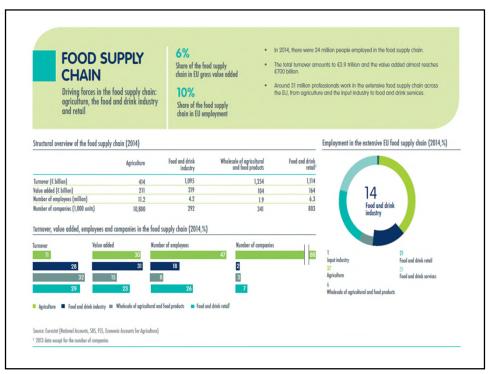
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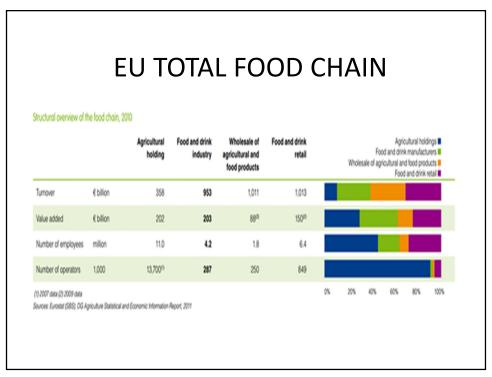


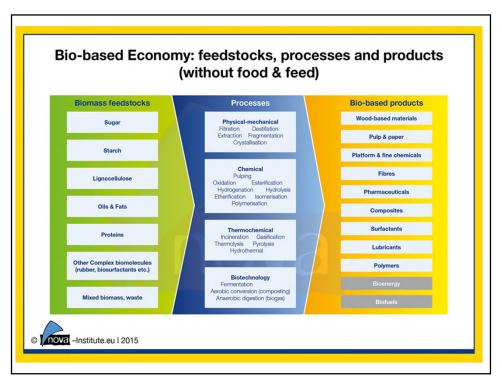


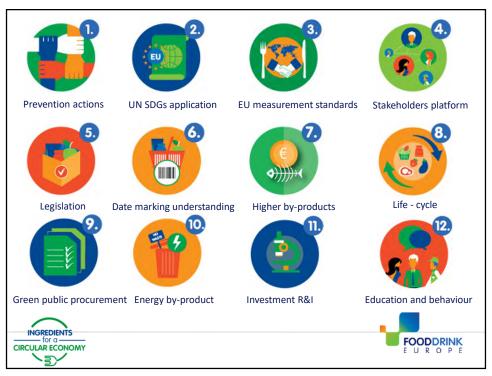












New trends and business fields in Bioeconomy

- Industries broaden their portfolio of application more and more also to daily consumer goods, health care articles, cosmetics, cloths and garments. Examples go from biobased PET and PEF-bottles, shirts, eye-wear, shoeshine articles, rollers of longboards, hulls of ballpoints, toothbrushes, rubber tires and coatings for automotives and train coaches to biobased mortar and heat-damming, non flammable foams.
- Strong trend to interesting cross-border cooperation and industrial take-overs, where Japan, ROC and Canada get more and more active.

What can be concluded from these recent industrial developments inside and outside Europe?

- There is a growing number of biobased production lines for intermediates and platform molecules, all focused around the renewable "C"!
- There is a shift from science and research activities on the content of biological resources to more optimization of industrialized processes (hydrothermal, biological or combination of both).
- There is a shift from the cell factory to the real factory with the necessary growing attention on economics. This requires stronger attention also on elements of the back-end of value chains like norms, standards, marketing and consumer acceptance.

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What can be concluded from these recent industrial developments inside and outside Europe ? (cont.)

- In addition CO₂ turns out more and more to become a potential resource, as well as waste and proteins become important objects of the bioeconomy.
- The frontiers among chemical products, biofuels, proteins for food and other purposes as well as for the concrete attribution to diverse industrial application fields start to become "blurred"!
- This might reach a new dimension by a stronger use of big data in the future.

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 There are strong private and sometimes private-public industrial investments in the U.S., in Canada (provinces of Alberta and Ontario, Australia with the provinces of Victoria and Queensland), China, but also in Europe (Bioproducts Mill by METSÄ Fibre in Änäkosti, Finland for 1,2 Mill. €).

An additional recent example: strong financial investments into production facilities for biobased PHA's (Polyhydroxialkanoate) to replace hydro-carbonbased Polymeres as base for Bioplastics between Italian and French companies, (Bio-on, CristalUnion, Novamont and Eridiana Sodana) as well as the recent cooperation between BASF and Avantium on biobased PEF bottles plus.

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Societal impacts

- Within societal strategic discussions on future and how to cope with global challenges, the bioeconomy only after 10 years has become a serious partner for dialogue with supporters of the Global Sustainability Development to achieve their goals and also with the followers of a circular economy.
- Growing awareness that achievement of GSD goals and also of implementation of the circular economy will only be possible by an increased use of biological resources. But how to do this scientificly based and evidenced?
- Bioeconomy is the biological power engine of the circular economy, not just an integral part of it! There is more and more talk about the sustainable circular Bioeconomy!
- And the EU Green Deal is coming!

Changes and lessons learnt in the last 15 years with relevance to strategies and policies

- Biomass remains the primary natural resource of the bioeconomy, be it a carrier for energy or a modular part for chemicals, biochemicals, proteins or nutrients, etc..
- Recently, CO₂ is added to the portfolio of primary natural resources of the bioeconomy.
- Biorefineries will be the central production facilities of the bioeconomy. Their primary but not exhaustive feedstock will be biological waste resources and biomass: both of renewable nature.
- Carbonate processing facilities physically, hydrothermatically or biologicaly, like BIG-C (Germany, Belgium, Netherlands).

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Changes and lessons learnt (cont.)

- Recycability and/ or multiple reuse of biomass in diverse forms including cascades, will be a prime function along new value chains like "from fork to farm" oder "farm to fork", "gate to plate" etc. . Recently, the potentials of resilience of biological resources are added to this discussion.
- Biotechnologies, in particular industrial biotechnology and focused new knowledge stemming from converted technologies, like nano-, info- or cognitive sciences will remain the technology drivers of this new form of economy.
- CRISPR Cas (genoma sequence) and NBTs will also play an important role in this context.

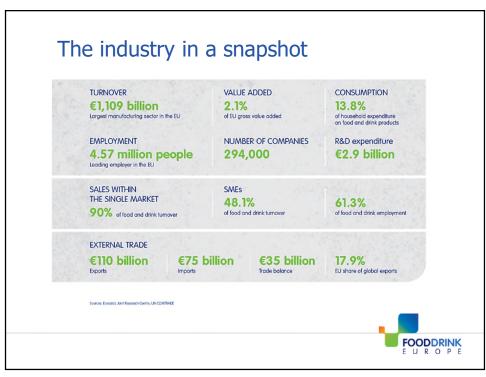
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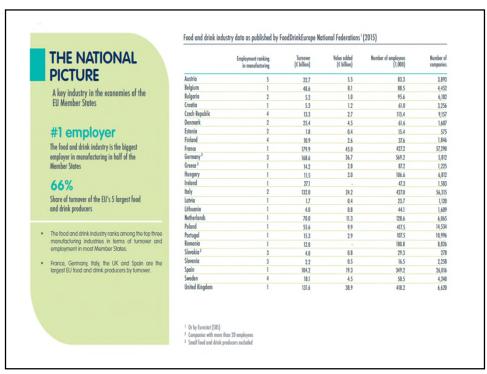
- The joint potentials, but also joint interfaces and touching points among the digitalisation and the biologisation of our economy must be quickly further examined, made publicly aware to pressure groups and decision makers and, if possible, be translated into joined action plans and activities!
- This is not easy as digitalisation is more visible, less complex and less expensive than biologisation!
- There are other new trends emerging we must take into account:
 - potentials of resilience of biological resources,
 - -aspects on health ("one health") and
 - last but not least big data.

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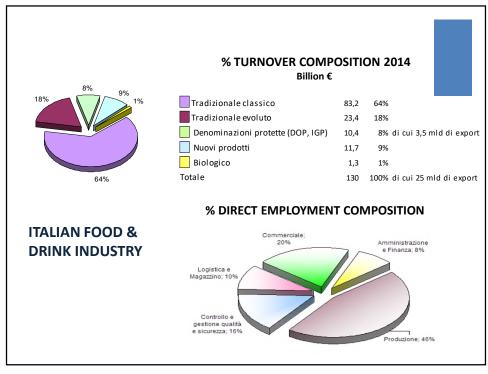
BioEconomy: Cascade Principle The European AgriFood Matrix

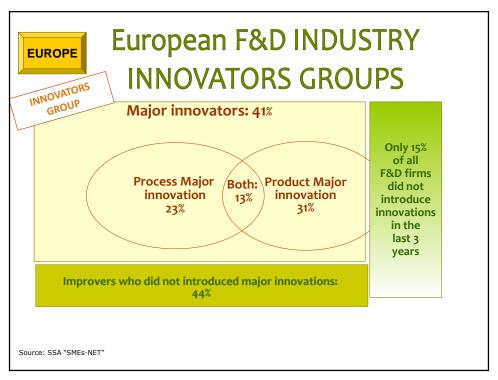
	Food	By products	Micro-Macro Ingredients	Feed	BioMaterials Non Food	Compost Fertilizers	BioGas	BioFuels
Meat industry	х	х		х	-		х	
Feed industry		х		х	х	х	х	
Milk & dairy	х	х	х	х	х			
Vegetable processing	х	х	х	Х		х	х	
Bread & bakery	х	х		х	х			х
Sweets & Candies	х		х				х	
Juices & concentrates	х	х	х	х			х	
Analcoholic beverage	х		х		х			
Alcoholic beverage	х	х	х	х	х			х

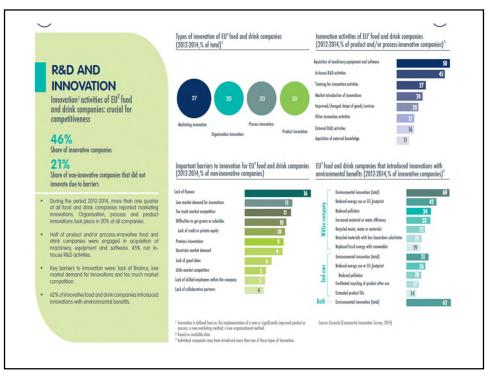


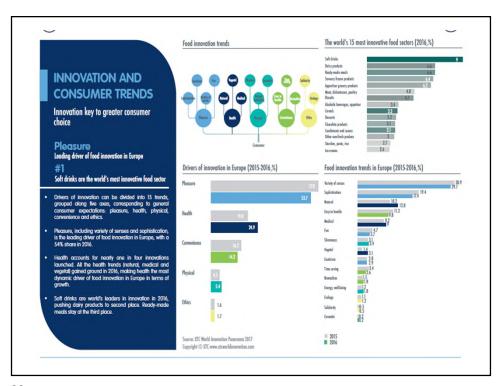


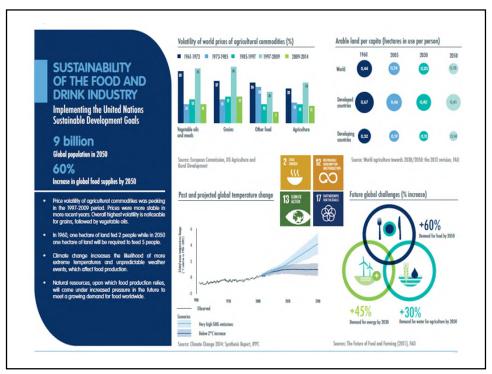
Italian Food Industry: 2011-2019 turnover							
	2011 (Bil €)	2015 (Bil €)	2019 (Bil €)				
FATTURATO (Valore)	124 (+2,3%)	133 (+2,4%)	144 (+2,5%)				
PRODUZIONE (Quantità)	-0,3%	-0,9%	+0.5%				
NUMERO IMPRESE INDUSTRIALI	6.957 (con oltre 9 addetti)	6.860 (con oltre 9 addetti)	6.810 (con oltre 9 addetti)				
NUMERO ADDETTI	408.000	405.000	402.000				
EXPORT	21,1 (+10,0%)	27,1 (+6,9%)	33,2 (+3,5%)				
IMPORT	17,5 (+9,8%)	20,4 (+4,5%)	23,4 (+1,8%)				
SALDO	4,6 (+7,0%)	6,7 (+19,7%)	9,8 (+26,2%)				
TOTALE CONSUMI ALIMENTARI	206 (Variaz. Reale + 1,0%)	208 (Variaz. Reale -3%)	210 (Variaz. Reale + 0,3%)				
POSIZIONE NELL'INDUSTRIA MANIFATTURIERA ITALIANA	2° posto (12%) dopo settore metalmeccanico	2° posto (14%) dopo settore metalmeccanico	2° posto (15%) dopo settore metalmeccanico				











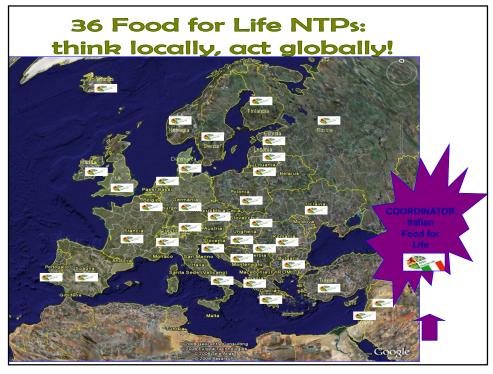


European long-term priorities of The European Technology Platform

Food for Life

- A more competitive agri-food industry and chain in Europe;
- More innovation in farming and food processing:
- Farm for Tomorrow Food Factory of the Future;
- **Resource efficiency** in the Circular Bioeconomy
- Improving added value of high quality foods, traditional and PGI;
- Dietary needs of the **elderly**, in **pregnancy**, in others target groups;
- Early detection of chemical and microbiological hazards;
- Low cost and low scale processing, tech transfer and networks for SMEs;
- Impact of food and drink **policies** in Europe (VAT, excise, access, comm.).

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F&D INDUSTRY FUTURE TRENDS 2030

- Wide variety of products, diversity.
- Convenience, ready to eat.
- Authenticity, Origin, Territory, Landscape, Narrative.
- Attention to specific nutritional needs.
- Tasty products, texture, density, colour, portion, pack.
- Products affordable in price/quality ratio, ingred. quality.
- Attention to specific needs: religious / ethnic / ethical .
- Attention to environment, sustainability, organic, no chem, naturalness, no waste, recovery, recycling.
- New occasions: brunches, aperos, happy hours, street food, catering, slow food, grazing, gastros.

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Challenges and responses for copa * cogeca Food Manufacturers

- Scarcity in raw materials;
- Globalization to manage;
- Local food chains and markets enhanced;
- Buyers and Retailers concentration;
- New ways of consumption;
- High stratification of consumption;
- New glocal values: ethics, envi, ethnic, authentic, natural ...;
- New nutritional and diet values;
- New policies on food&drink: neo protect, neo prohibi, neo info;
- New trade policies: Europe, Efta, Nafta, Asian, Ttip, Med, Mercosur.

- Precision tarming and sustainability;
- Raw materials diversity; nutritional values
- Low cost technologies and downscaling
- Resource and manufacturing efficiency to improve;
- Horizontal Innovation to be incorporated: new mats., ICT, process, pack, low scale technologies
- From old to young generation of entrepreneurs:
- Food Supply Chain and Collaborative Networks;
- New distribution systems and business models;
- Flexibility and differentiation to face new ways of consumption;



Fonte: Elaboration and forecast Federalimentare on "Italian Food for Life" NTP data







- Implementing a Food System Approach
- Strengthening R & I Policy Coherence and Coordination
- Reinforcing R & I Member States Policy Alignment
- Boosting R & I Investment and Market Uptake
- Improving R & I Take Up of Emerging Technologies and new Ways of doing Science
- Improving Data Gathering and Monitoring in Member States
- Measuring Food and Nutrition Security R & I Output and Impact







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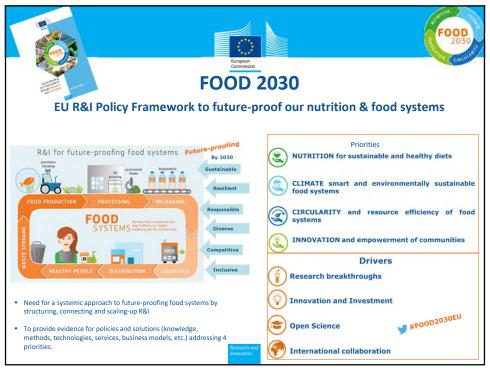
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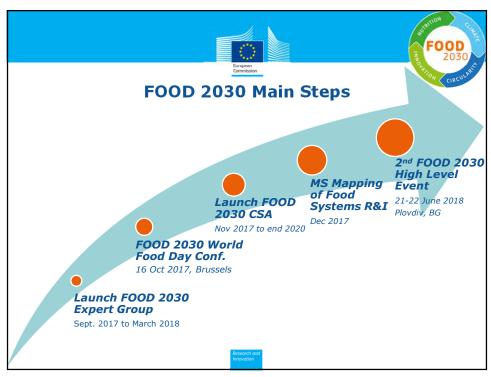
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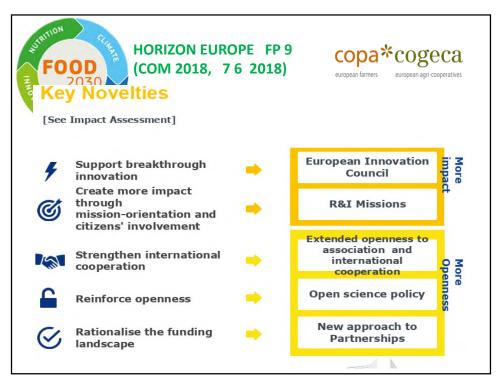
nutrition and food systems

Ecomondo, Rimini, 9 novembre 2017











HORIZON EUROPE FP 9 (COM 2018, 7 6 2018)



Budget

- Open Science:
- ERC 16,6 b;
- MSCA 6,8 b;
- research infrastructure 2,4 b.
- Global Challenges and Industrial Competitiveness:
- Health 7,7 b;
- Inclusive and Secure Society 2,8 b;
- Digital and Industry 15 b;
- Climate, Energy and Mobility 15 b;
- Food and Natural Resources 10 b;
- JRC 2,2 b;
- Missions (Artt. 7, 26) (10%).

- Open Innovation:
- EIC 10,5 b;
- European innovation ecos. 0,5 b;
- EIT 3 b.
- Strengthening the European Research Area:
- sharing excellence 1,7 b;
- reforming and enhancing the European R&I System 0,4 b.





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The European way – The Mind Map

INNOVATIVE FARMERS & AGRO-COOPERATIVES

- Enhanced Knowledge Exchange
- - Farmers learning from farmers
- Farmers leading Innovation
- Links between conventional and organic systems

Green Growth;

- · Efficient use of resources
- · Active management of natural resources
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Closing the yield gap
- Improved agrifood system productivity

• Fair and Competitive Value Chains

- - Collaboration across all sectors in the chain
- - New strategy for value chains and new business models
- Healthy Farming;
- Integrated pest management
- dealing with emerging pests and diseases
- Enhancing biosecurity in housed livestock
- - Plant and animal breeding for resilience and robustness











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Circ. economy:the European Way -Industry Hot Topics

- The food human axis: effect of ingredients, processing and way of consumption on human wellbeing;
- Low Scale Low Cost new technologies (ict, pilots, niches, efficiency ...)
- High quality stable and fresh food ready to eat with packaging extended shelf life;
- Consumer response to food price instability: from raw materials to retailers supplier;
- Valorization of genetic resources and technological improvements to increase the nutra-functional values of raw mat. and processed foods;
- New track systems and sustainable transportation and logistics, losses and waste reduction;
- Markers identification, integrity of varieties used in the production of traditional materials and food and DOP/IGP
- Sustainable production and new business models and value chains strategies
- Big data and digitization management







THE ITALIAN STRATEGY: ROADMAP FOR INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

- CL.A.N. has developed a Roadmap for Innovation and Research: this task involved universities, public and private research bodies, food companies, district representatives, industry associations and training organisations, to prepare a shared strategic vision of prospective technology scenarios in the Food Industry.
- The document is structured around six Technology Pillars which are true strategic development axes of the agrifood industry:
 - 1. Health and well-being throughout the entire lifecycle
 - 2. Food safety
 - 3. Production processes for improved food quality
 - 4. Sustainable and competitive food production
 - 5. Machinery for the food industry
 - 6. ICT in the agrifood industry and technology transfer tools



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