

European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT)

EIT Food

Overview

EIT Food is the world's largest and most dynamic food innovation community. Collaboration spans the whole food value chain and is vital to meet the big challenges faced. The EIT Food together with its community, build an innovative and resilient food system that in turn creates a healthier society and planet.

EIT Food is a consortium of more than 83 partners from leading businesses, research centres and universities from 44 countries. By today the EIT Food has supported 533 start-ups, approx. 14k learners benefitting from (non-degree) education and training and 55 innovations have been launched on the market.

EIT Food operates through a Mission-based approach which puts improving outcomes for people and planet as the starting point. The **three missions** of EIT Food are:

- **Healthier Lives Through Food**
- **A Net Zero Food System**
- **Reducing Risk for a Fair and Resilient Food System**

Further Details/ Contact

EIT Food website

The EIT Food Collocation Centres for Switzerland:

EIT Food West
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EIT FoodHive

EIT Food's community platform for the Network partners, however the News and Events sections are open for everyone.

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Other links:

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT):
<https://eit.europa.eu/who-we-are/eit-glance>

Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI):
www.horizon-europe.ch

The realization of the EIT Food mission is achieved by:

EIT Food Calls for innovative projects within six focus areas including protein diversification, circular food systems, digital traceability, sustainable agriculture, sustainable aquaculture and targeted nutrition.

EIT Food Education offers a mix of online learning and in-person courses at different locations across Europe.

EIT Food Entrepreneurship supports innovative, researchers, entrepreneurs, and impactful Agri-FoodTech startups, every step of the way - from business propositions, market validation, business acceleration, tech validation to commercial upscaling via three programmes:

- Launch – EIT Food Seedbed Incubator
- Accelerate – EIT Food Accelerator Network
- Scale – EIT Food RisingFoodStars.

Eligibility

Swiss-based participants are generally welcome to join EIT initiatives.

Financial Support

Each programme within EIT Food has different budget rules, for EIT collaborative projects financial support for participation from Switzerland can be provided by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). SERI has a financial guarantee letter available on their website. Funding rates vary and should be checked for specific call.