

Cooperation with other European projects in Food Losses and waste

FOODRUS

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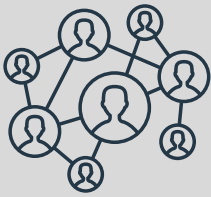
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The FOODRUS project has established an intense cooperation with European projects and related initiatives working in the topic of food losses and waste to create a networking environment within the same topic with the aim to maximize the project's impact and dissemination of results, as well as facilitating knowledge exchange and identifying synergies and complementarities.

Special attention was paid to the projects LOWINFOOD, FAIRCHAIN, CO-FRESH and PLOUTOS. These four projects and FOODRUS are commonly referred to as “Sister Projects”. In an agreed and coordinated manner, the five projects established a working system to meet on a regular basis to share and define cooperation activities. The collaboration within the Sister Projects was led by the “Sister Projects’ Cooperation Group”. Common databases were established, as well as rotating organisation of meetings and 6 themed working groups: Value Chain Assessment Methodologies

- Co-creation Methodologies
- Innovation Platform
- Communication & Dissemination
- Cooperation Plan & Workshops
- Policy Recommendations & Practices

This methodology has enabled efficient collaboration, high level cooperation that led to the implementation of multiple joint actions to maximise the impact of projects. One of the main results from this collaboration is the Sustainable Food System Innovation Platform, an online repository of case studies, innovative solutions and practice abstracts on sustainable food value chains with contributions from Sister Projects. During the Sister Projects' cooperation experience, more than 60 meetings have been held with more than 100 people involved, and after three years of cooperation, a joint event was organized to present and discuss the experience with the Project Officers.



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In addition to the close collaboration with the Sister Projects, the FOODRUS project has also built a Cooperation and Collaboration Network (CCN) with 39 projects and initiatives which have worked on or are currently working in the field of food losses and waste. The objective of this Network was to build a community of practice to share experiences, lessons learnt and identify gaps, barriers, and best practices for the transition towards a more sustainable food system. The CCN is composed of: A Networking body created with the Sister Projects to facilitate the management of the entire network.

The rest of the projects as members of the CCN that participate in a minor degree of cooperation by agreeing in the proposed common activities and implementing the activities they are interested in collaborating.

CCN members have participated in two joint webinars (in 2022 and in 2023) to enhance cooperation and knowledge sharing, and ELIKA monthly updates them on workshops organized by CCN projects.

About

Coordinated by the University of Deusto and comprising 27 partners from 10 different European countries, the EU-funded FOODRUS project aims to limit food losses and waste, and to promote resource efficiency across all stages of the agri-food value chain. FOODRUS is working to tackle the food waste and losses by creating resilient food systems across nine European regions. To achieve this, the project will test 23 circular solutions through diverse forms of collaborative innovation.

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