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The Food Systems Science Network (FoSSNet)

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Why Food Systems Science?

The current **K&I system** is limited in its potential to support transformative change

- Challenges of **fragmentation** and the **research-practice gap**
- Need for deeper analysis and development of a **K&I system for food**
- Lack of clarity of **what Food System Science is** and how it links to **disciplinary knowledge** and other knowledge forms
- **No holistic perspectives** to support food system transformation

6 objectives addressing these challenges

1. Establishing a **Common Language and Framework**
2. **Academic Bridge-Building** (creating the Food Systems Science Network)
3. Enhancing **Inclusivity** and **Power Balance**
4. Supporting **Inter- and Transdisciplinary Science**
5. Designing **Curricula** and Building **Competencies**
6. Ensuring FoSSNet's **Sustainability and Impact**



Network

- The Food Systems Science Network
- The FoSSNet Knowledge Hub



Food Systems Science (FSS)

- Food Systems conceptual framework
- Inclusivity in FSS
- Food Systems transformation
- Science-Policy dialogue
- Territorial labs and stakeholder engagement



Education

- Curricula analysis and development
- FoSSNet Academy
- Summer Schools

Territorial Labs

3 Territorial labs – multiactor and co-productive spaces- where academics collaborate with different food systems stakeholders to identify **high-priority research needs and develop collaborative responses to them.**

- The *Āgenskalns market in Riga* a multifunctional urban food hub.
- *Catalonia*: Multi-level food governance processes and innovation strategies.
- Poland: *Polish Food Systems LAB (national)* - a science – business - policy lab with an aim to include FSS perspective into national policy framework

1 Systemic lab – focus on inter & transdisciplinary challenges on **true pricing of food in practice**, with the **FOODCost** stakeholder network

Co-producing sustainable food systems transformation

Knowledge Hub

→ **connect** researchers from public organisations, private sector, civil society, and policy with the existing FSS Network.

→ **4 main topics of research** coming from FoSSNet territorial and systemic labs.

Hackathons (2026/7)

→ Each hackathon will focus on a **specific research topic for sustainable food systems**, fostering creativity and solutions for sustainability challenges.

→ **Young people, women, citizens, and start-ups in science** will be particularly encouraged to participate.

FoSSNet conferences

Oxford 2025 Setting the stage.

Defining a common language, exploring the existing landscape of Food Systems Science and refining a proposition for the Food Systems Science network.

Lund : 9-11 June 2026 Mobilizing food systems transformation.

Enhancing capabilities in Research, Education, and Practice.

Brussels 2027 Consolidating insights.

Translating insights from Oxford and Lund into actionable recommendations for policymakers and other stakeholders.

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