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Call to select 7 organisations to collaborate with the project FIT4FOOD2030 on building competences on food systems R&I and RRI

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At a glance

FIT4FOOD2030 seeks to involve 7 science engagement organisations to participate as *Food Labs* in the project activities and build competences on food systems Research and Innovation (R&I) and Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in their local communities. Selected organisations will first be trained on methodologies and resources for food system transformation through R&I developed by the FIT4FOOD2030 project, towards the [FOOD 2030](#) policy goals. Equipped with these tools and their existing expertise, they will open a dialogue with citizens and stakeholders in their local area around future-proofing the local food system and deliver competence-building specific to their communities’ needs, experimenting with existing FIT4FOOD2030 educational modules. Finally, *Food Labs* will have the opportunity to share their experiences and lessons learned with a variety of European-level stakeholders in the project’s final conference.

More information about the FIT4FOOD2030 project and its objectives can be found in Annex 2. Please note that the role of *Food Labs* corresponds to that of City Labs in the project description. This new term has been proposed as the call is not limited to urban areas: organisations that come from non-urban or rural areas are also encouraged to apply.

What’s in it for the *Food Labs*?

- Connect with local communities on the key issue of getting food systems ready for the future through Research and Innovation
- Build on existing events and actions to deliver competence building for their community
- Train with innovative methodologies for transformation and capturing learning
- Connect with [partner institutions](#) working on food system transformation through Research & Innovation towards FOOD 2030
- Receive visibility at the EU level via in-person and online opportunities

Status of the selected organisations

The organisations will join the project in the capacity of ‘subcontractors’¹ of beneficiary Ecsite.

¹ In line with Article 13 – Implementation of Action Tasks by Subcontractors, [H2020 Annotated Grant Agreement](#), p. 141.





Activities to be delivered

Food Labs will carry out, at a minimum, the following tasks:

Participation in two project meetings

One *Food Lab* coordinator is expected to prepare for, attend and actively participate in two meetings organised by the FIT4FOOD2030 project:

- a) A two-day training with other lab coordinators in Brussels, October 2019

This training opportunity will present the project, its methodologies and educational modules, and support the *Food Lab* coordinators in planning their actions for the future months.

- b) The FIT4FOOD2030 final conference in Brussels, October 2020 (tbc).

At this two-day meeting, the *Food Lab* coordinators will have the opportunity to present their activities and share lessons learned with external stakeholders such as European policy makers.

Organisation of a workshop with citizens and consumer organisations on the citizens' mandate for change in the food system

Food Labs will be invited to bring together a diverse audience from all walks of life to discuss pathways for change and the citizens' mandate for change. The workshop will be based on the project methodology shared at the Training in October 2019. Reach: minimum 15 participants.

Delivery of one FIT4FOOD2030 educational module in their local context

FIT4FOOD2030 has produced educational modules for various audiences and using a variety of formats (e.g. hands-on workshops, short or long courses, blended-learning modules). Following a presentation at the Training in October 2019, *Food Labs* will choose a module² to deliver based on the needs of their local audiences. The chosen module can be further adapted to the local context and its delivery can be organised in the framework of existing events. Reach: minimum 20 participants.

Documentation and Reporting

Food Labs will maintain a regular communication flow with the project about their activities and produce a report on their activities, including provide proof of attendance for participants. The report will be in English. The administrative workload as a Subcontractor consists only in issuing two invoices to Ecsite (i.e. pre-financing, and final invoice; for more details see section on budget).

² For implementation purposes, some materials might need to be translated from English to the local language by each *Food Lab*. Some modules will be available in one or more of the following languages: Bulgarian, Catalan, Dutch, Estonian, Greek, Hungarian Italian and Spanish.





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Optional activities

Moreover, outside of the scope of the subcontracting agreement and depending on their individual interest, *Food Labs* can organise or label other activities as FIT4FOOD2030 project activities (based on whether such activities pursue goals shared by FIT4FOOD2030). The project will provide methodological support and dissemination across its platforms to support such actions as far as possible. Moreover, interested *Food Labs* can also take part in project teleconference calls and other exchange and learning moments.

Timeline

The project started on 1 November 2017 and will last until 31 October 2020.

Food Labs will be involved in the project between 1 October 2019 and 31 October 2020. All activities shall be delivered by 3 September 2020. All activity reports shall be delivered by 10 October 2020.

Budget

A maximum budget of € 2,500 will be allocated to each *Food Lab* without any restriction on its allocation (personnel costs, travel, other costs).

Pre-financing of 70% of the total allocation will be provided by Ecsite after signing of the subcontracting agreement. The remaining 30% will be reimbursed following the delivery of the tasks, the approval and acceptance of the deliverable by the European Commission and a transfer of interim payments to Ecsite (up to several months after the project end date, 31 October 2020). All payments will be made against invoices in EUR issued by the Subcontractor.

Selection of the Food Labs

The selection will be carried out by Ecsite and the project coordinator. Applicants will be notified of the decision by **26 July 2019**.

Criteria for selection: required

- Science museum, science centre, Science Shop, or other science engagement organisation committed to emboldening citizens to engage with science
- English-speaking project manager
- Demonstrable capacity to deliver the activities, including experience in setting up multi-stakeholder events
- Demonstrable interest in food and nutrition
- Institution carrying out its activities in one of the countries eligible for H2020 funding, and not nearby the other City Labs selected to participate in this project, already located in Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Budapest, Milan, Sofia and Tartu. (**Organisations located in Nordic and Eastern countries are specifically encouraged to apply.**)





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Criteria for selection: desirable

- If located in an urban area: being located in, or nearby, a city signatory of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact ([MUFPP](#)) or in a city willing to sign the pact
- If located in a non-urban or rural area: located in a region where primary food production is concentrated (**Despite the urban focus of the project's City Labs, please note that organisations located in non-urban or rural areas are encouraged to apply.**)
- Demonstrable link with stakeholders in the field of food and nutrition e.g. researchers, policy makers, industry
- Demonstrable knowledge or strong interest in RRI (Responsible Research and Innovation)
- Demonstrable link with communities not usually involved in Research & Innovation on Food and Nutrition Systems (e.g. civil society organisations, citizens and consumers, primary producers such as farmers, dairy and meat producers, fisheries, etc.)

How to apply

Please fill in Annex 1 below and send the form before **23:59 CET on 22 July 2019** by email to cfenollosa@ecsite.eu and cpaca@ecsite.eu. Calls received after the submission deadline are not eligible. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by **26 July 2019**.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ecsite at cpaca@ecsite.eu, or +32 2 649 7383.





Annex 1 Application form

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Whenever possible, provide concrete evidence to base your statements on.

Name of organisation	
Location (city or other, country)	
Website of organisation	
Contact person name	
Contact person job title	
Contact email	
Contact telephone	

Required criteria

1. **Please share a short description of your organisation, its activities and aims**

Click here to write text.

2. **Please share a short CV of your project manager who would coordinate the *Food Lab* (maximum 1,200 characters with spaces):**

Click here to write text.

3. **Why is your organisation interested in becoming a *Food Lab* in the FIT4FOOD2030 project?**

Click here to write text.

4. **What is your experience with food and nutrition topics?**

Click here to write text.

5. **What is your experience with running workshops and events (including multi-stakeholder events) and delivering training?**

Click here to write text.





- 6. How would you deliver the activities required of a *Food Lab*? Share some ideas with us. Would you also organise optional activities?**

Click here to write text.

Desirable criteria

- 7. For organisations located in urban-areas: Are you located in one of the signatory cities of the [MUFPP](#)? If not, are you nearby one of the signatory cities? If so, which one? If not, are you aware of interest on the part of your city to sign the pact?**

Click here to write text.

- 8. For organisations located in non-urban areas: Are you located in a geographical area where primary food production is concentrated? If so, which one and what kind of food production is carried out in your area?**

Click here to write text.

- 9. What is your track record with activities related with Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)?**

Click here to write text.

- 10. Please explain briefly your bonds with research institutions, policy makers and industry in your community and your experience in cooperating with these stakeholders.**

Click here to write text.

- 11. Do you have experience working with communities not usually involved in Research & Innovation on Food and Nutrition Systems (e.g. civil society organisations, citizens and consumers, primary producers such as farmers, dairy and meat producers, fisheries, etc.)? Please explain.**

Click here to write text.





Annex 2 About the FIT4FOOD2030 project

To support the European Commission in the development and implementation of the [FOOD 2030 policy framework](#) and its action plan, FIT4FOOD2030 aims to establish a sustainable multi-stakeholder, multi-level platform, mobilizing a wide variety of stakeholders at the level of cities, regions, countries, and Europe. The project will support the urgently needed transformation of research and innovation (R&I) on food and nutrition security (FNS) by providing a network and instruments for the adoption of a food system and Responsible Research and Innovation approach to R&I.

For this purpose, FIT4FOOD2030 built the 'FOOD2030 Platform' by developing three interlinked structures:

- 1) An '[EU Think Tank](#)' to act as linking pin between EC and Member States & Associated Countries;
- 2) '[Policy Labs](#)' to increase and align public/private R&I policies/programs on FNS, building on and expanding existing national/regional networks; and
- 3) '[City Labs](#)' to develop/pilot action-oriented trainings for students, consumers, researchers and professionals linking Science Centres/Science Shops to networks of Milan Urban Food Policy Pact cities.

These structures interact regularly, exchanging information (e.g. on food system trends, R&I policy frameworks, best practices, breakthroughs) and plan and execute actions to support FOOD 2030. The sustainability of the network is being pursued by using a Community of Practice (CoP) approach to network governance.

FIT4FOOD2030's activities comprise four phases:

- 1) actor identification/ mobilization and visioning/system analysis;
- 2) pathways development;
- 3) action planning and training; and
- 4) scaling up and continuity.

Cross-cutting components are: methodology development and transformative learning. For a sense of the first year of the project, consult the brief "[One year in: What has happened so far?](#)".

The activities will result in the following outcomes:

- 1) mobilizing a diversity of actors & experts;
- 2) structuring and aligning R&I policies and programs;
- 3) raising awareness; and
- 4) building competencies of students, researchers, entrepreneurs, policy-makers and society at large.

