

RIS RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK PROGRAMME

*EIT Food RIS Research Infrastructure Network supports aspiring public sector representatives from countries of the Southern and Eastern Europe, covered by EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS) (in 2021, the pilot implementation focuses on Italy, Poland, Romania, and Spain), to **enhance the commercial use and visibility** of their **publicly funded research infrastructure** relevant to the agrifood sector!*

*Join our 1st cohort, if you are eager to boost your professional competencies, entrepreneurial skills, and strengthen collaboration with **food & agriculture** eco-systems in your country and EU!*





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What is EIT Food RIS Research Infrastructure Network?

EIT Food RIS Research Infrastructure Network (RIS RIN) is a *capacity building* program that *supports scientific organisations* that *own agrifood research infrastructures*. It provides participants with *interactive training* and *dedicated support* based on best practices and real-life examples to *enhance the commercial use and visibility* of their *research infrastructure*. It helps *develop* the *research infrastructure commercialisation strategy*, *identify potential agrifood partners* and *promote the potential for science-industry collaboration*.

Key features

- *Training* based on highly interactive learning methods allows participants to understand the agrifood sector needs and demands relevant to their equipment and R&D infrastructure;
- *Lectures* offering insights on how to provide innovation support to stakeholders, build cross border collaboration, and draw the attention of the national and international key agrifood industry players to your research infrastructure capacities and opportunities;
- An opportunity to *develop profession-related competencies*;
- *Dedicated support* from leading experts in the agrifood research and innovation management;
- Possibility to *join the EIT Food HIVE*, the online community platform of EIT Food;
- Participants *do not pay tuition* and receive financial support of *up to 1,000€ gross/person*.
- *Be awarded a professional training certificate*.



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Who are we looking for?

The EIT Food RIS RIN is focused on supporting *public sector representative*, including *professionals working in science and technology parks or technology transfer/research support offices, regional authority, national agency or municipality* involved in publicly funded research infrastructure management and commercialisation. The *research infrastructure must fall under one of EIT Food's focus areas, including targeted nutrition, sustainable aquaculture, sustainable agriculture, alternative proteins, digital transformation of traceability, and circular food systems*. Furthermore, the host of the research infrastructure must represent one of selected EU Member States countries (or regions), covered by the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS) (in 2021, the pilot implementation focuses on: *Italy, Poland, Romania, and Spain*).

How EIT Food RIS RIN programme will be delivered?

The program is comprised of *multiple days of online classes, workshops and mentoring sessions spread across several weeks* and delivered by leading European experts in agrifood research and innovation management (EIT Food Partner), providing their expertise and experience in state-of-the-art research infrastructures commercialisation and innovation management relevant to the contemporary agrifood system. It is highly interactive and features various learning methods (e.g., lectures, presentations, team assignments, Q&A) incorporated with mentoring sessions. The program ends with each team presentation on their research infrastructure commercialisation strategy.

The EIT Food RIS RIN workshops and mentoring sessions will be run by educators, researchers and experts from the *University of Warsaw, Institute of Animal Reproduction and Food Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences, German Institute of Food Technologies, Maspex*, as well as guest speakers.



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Key dates

Applications open from the **20th of April till the 1st of June 2021**.

EIT Food RIS RIN will be delivered **ONLINE** on 7, 14, 21, 28 October and 4, 10 November 2021 with a final session on 30 November 2021 (TBC).

Partners



For more information, please visit our website at: [RIS Research Infrastructure Network | EIT Food](#)

Should you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Mansour Esmaeil Zaei (mez@wz.uw.edu.pl) at the University of Warsaw.



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