



NEW COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES
Accelerating agrifood innovation in Europe

15

6 universities

10 innovation hubs

8 business organisations

New EIT Food Country Representatives

Across Europe, regional ecosystems play a critical role in shaping how innovation is developed, adopted, and scaled.

To strengthen these connections, EIT Food is welcoming 15 new Country Representatives who will act as key links between local agrifood communities and our wider European network.

Their role is to:

- ✦ Support local innovators and entrepreneurs
- 🌱 Strengthen collaboration across the value chain
- 🌐 Connect regional ecosystems to European opportunities

By working at the intersection of local insight and European collaboration, they help ensure that innovation reaches the people, places and markets where it can create real impact.

This is how EIT Food continues to build a more connected, inclusive and resilient food system across Europe.

👉 [Read more here](#)







Green & Agri-Food Innovation Spotlight

Join us

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with researchers, startups, corporates and ecosystem stakeholders, while gaining insights into EIT Food initiatives, funding opportunities and emerging innovation trends across the green, agri-food, agritech and foodtech sectors.

Below you can find useful information regarding the event.

Event details

-  Wednesday, 13 May 2026
-  10:00 - 17:00
-  Eugenides Foundation
387, Syggrou Ave.17564, P. Faliro, Greece ([Google Maps](#))
-  Registration remains open.

Doors open at 09:30 and participants are encouraged to arrive early for registration and networking.

 [Check the Agenda](#)

 [Register here](#)

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EIT Jumpstarter

Innovating in food and agriculture? **EIT Jumpstarter** can help you turn your ideas into a start-up. Applications are now open for the **Food & Agritech cohort** of EIT Jumpstarter 2026, powered by EIT Food.

This European pre-acceleration programme **supports early-stage innovators in transforming promising ideas into viable businesses**. Participants gain practical entrepreneurial training, mentorship from industry experts, and support to develop a validated business plan.

The Food & Agritech category welcomes ideas related to:

- Sustainable agriculture
- Food innovation and food tech
- Alternative proteins
- Circular food systems
- Agri-digital solutions

Participants also gain access to the EIT Food innovation ecosystem, Europe's leading community for transforming the food system.

Applications are open until **17 May 2026**.

[Read more here](#)



Seedbed TeamUp

 EIT Food's **Seedbed TeamUp** is officially looking for its 2026 cohort. TeamUp is recruiting two profiles for this unique venture-building programme:

1. **Technical Co-founders:** Experts in science or engineering with an agrifood solution.
2. **Business Co-founders:** Experienced entrepreneurs ready to lead commercial strategy.

The Journey:

- **Matchmaking (6 Weeks):** Find your ideal partner via our curated platform.
- **Exploration (12 Weeks):** Receive a €3,000 individual stipend to validate your business model.
- **Graduation:** Pitch for prizes ranging from €10,000 to €40,000 to launch your legal entity.

Webinars:

1. Webinar for tech applicants: 15th May – [Register here](#)
2. Webinar for business applicants: 18th May – [Register here](#)

 Applications are open until **28 May 2026**.

 [Read more here](#)



Master in Food Systems

The **Master in Food Systems** is a dynamic postgraduate programme designed to combine **business and entrepreneurial skills**, as well as **technical knowledge** tailored to your career goals.

Delivered by leading academic institutions and industry partners, the programme gives you the opportunity to:

- collaborate with experts across the agrifood sector
- gain real-world experience
- actively contribute to transforming the future of food systems

[Read more here](#)

Global Food Venture Programme

The **Global Food Venture Programme (GFVP)** supports **PhD students** who want to turn scientific knowledge into real-world impact across agrifood, biotechnology, sustainability, nutrition, and food-tech innovation. Participants gain **entrepreneurial training, industry exposure, mentorship, and access to Europe’s leading agrifood innovation ecosystem.**


The programme includes:

- Online and in-person innovation training
- Venture-building and commercialization workshops
- Networking with startups, corporates, and investors
- Industry internships and mentoring opportunities

[Read more here](#)



EIT Label accreditation

 The **EIT Label accreditation** is designed for organisations delivering high-quality agrifood training that demonstrates strong industry relevance, clear learning outcomes, and innovation in education.

The accreditation helps to:

- validate the quality and impact of your training
- strengthen credibility and visibility across Europe's food innovation ecosystem


Accredited programmes benefit from:

- independent expert recognition
- inclusion in the EIT Food Course Catalogue
- access to a pan-European network of learners, educators, and industry leaders

 [Read more here](#)



EU Skills Academies

 The **EU Skills Academies** are designed to bridge critical skills gaps in the agrifood sector, equip professionals and organisations for rapid industry change and strengthen Europe's food system from farm to fork.

They bring together:

- industry leaders, employers & innovators
- education providers and researchers
- policymakers and ecosystem partners

With initial focus areas including **Biotechnology** and **Resilient Agriculture**, the EU Skills Academies aim to drive innovation, sustainability, and long-term competitiveness in the sector.

 [Read more here](#)



About EIT Food



[EIT Food](#) is growing Europe's food innovation ecosystem to build a healthy, sustainable and resilient food system. We empower innovators and entrepreneurs, invest in ideas and talent, and we create space for science, research, industry, and policymakers to accelerate systemic change across the food sector.

Supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of the European Union, EIT Food has been at the forefront of food system innovation in Europe since 2016.




About EIT

The [European Institute of Innovation and Technology \(EIT\)](#) is an EU body and an integral part of [Horizon Europe](#), the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The Institute supports dynamic pan-European partnerships, EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities, among leading companies, research labs and universities. Currently ten EIT Knowledge & Innovation Communities are supported: [Climate KIC](#) (formerly EIT Climate-KIC), [28DIGITAL](#) (formerly EIT Digital), [InnoEnergy](#) (formerly EIT InnoEnergy), [EIT Health](#), [EIT RawMaterials](#), [EIT Food](#), [EIT Manufacturing](#), [EIT Urban Mobility](#), [EIT Culture & Creativity](#) and [EIT Water](#). Together with its leading partners, the EIT Community offers a wide range of innovation and entrepreneurship activities across Europe: entrepreneurial education courses, business creation and acceleration services and innovation driven research projects.

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EIT Food Country Representative Greece

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About EIT Food Country Representatives

EIT Food Country Representatives are members of the EIT Community Hubs in their respective countries. They are independent organisations appointed to connect national agrifood ecosystems in Southern and Eastern Europe with EIT Food's ecosystem, activities, and opportunities. A central part of their role is to build strong pipelines of agrifood startups for EIT Food's entrepreneurship programmes by scouting promising ventures, engaging incubators and accelerators, and providing hands-on support during application processes.

They also attract learners to EIT Food's education initiatives, including the EIT Food Master in Food Systems and the EU Skills Academies in Biotechnology and Resilient Agriculture. In addition, EIT Food Country Representatives help strengthen national innovation networks by facilitating collaboration, sharing information about relevant opportunities, and delivering activities that build innovation and entrepreneurship capacity within the agrifood sector.

This appointment is part of the [EIT Regional Innovation Scheme](#) (EIT RIS), one of EIT's key measures to broaden participation in the EIT Community and address regional disparities in innovation capacity.

In Greece, the EIT Food Country Representative is a consortium coordinated by [Democritus University of Thrace](#) and implemented in collaboration with [Mantis Beyond Innovation](#).



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