FOOD 2030 Networks Conference in Ireland

Topic: Public engagement and impact

Programme for online participation

(Link to livestream and online workshop rooms will be sent to you in advance of the conference)

Day 1 - November 25th, 2026

13.00-14.30 **Plenary presentations and panel discussion (live streaming)**

Welcome address
Marin Rose, CLEVERFOOD Coordinator, Food & Bio Cluster Denmark

Presentation on Science Centers 2.0
Rachel Malloy, Head of Science, Explorium

Presentation on public engagement and citizen empowerment
Jacqueline Broerse, Director of Athena Institute, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Panel discussion on science centers, living labs and policy labs as venues for science communication and public engagement, and testbeds for innovation, interaction and co-creation.

Moderator: Jacqueline Broerse, Director of Athena Institute, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Panelists:
Catherine Franche, Executive Director of ECSITE, the European network of science centres and museums
Rosina Malagrida, Head of the Living Lab for Health, Irsi Caixa
Sarah Gundy, Programme Manager Manager Rinn Medical Devices, University of Galway
Nadia Tonoli, Food Policy Officer, Municipality of Bergamo

14.30-15.00 **Break**

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15.00-16.30 **Session I: Online Workshop**

Turning Research into Play: Behind the CoDiet Supermarket Sweep Escape Room How do you turn nutrition research into an immersive, hands-on experience? Join the CoDiet Communications Manager as they share the journey of creating Supermarket Sweep, an escape room designed to engage participants with the project's key themes through teamwork, play, and a healthy dose of competition.

Alexandra Halbish Rayner | CoDiet

Day 2 – November 26th, 2026

08.30-10.00 **Plenary presentations and panel discussion (live streaming)**

Panel discussion on Shaping Food Policy and Governance Through Public Engagement

Moderator: Chiara Roticiani, Project Coordinator, Eurocities

This panel session will explore how local initiatives such as Living Labs, Food Policy Labs, Food Policy Councils and food partnerships can translate citizen engagement into effective food governance and broader societal impact. Drawing on experiences from the CLEVERFOOD peer-learning programme and the FOOD 2030 Connected Lab Network, participants will discuss how participatory and place-based approaches can inform policymaking and strengthen food-system governance. The session will also examine how governance frameworks, funding mechanisms and collaborative approaches can better support public engagement and enable a systemic transformation of food systems.

Panelists:
Irene Ferrara, Advocacy Officer, Slow Food, Brussels Office
Kristiaan Kok, Assistant Professor of Politics and Governance of Sustainability Transitions, Athena - Research and Education Institute
Marion Maignan, Policy Analyst, European Commission, DG AGRI

10.00-10.30 **Break**

10.30-12.00 **Session II: Online Workshop**

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Scenario-based training to support reflection on participatory research practices (ILBR Framework) Working in groups you will explore fictional research scenarios using the **ILBR** framework to examine the balance of making requests/offers (**I**nitiation), carrying out **L**abour, receiving **B**enefits, and taking on **R**isks, see more here. A free toolkit is available so you could run the workshop in the future, see here.

Bramble Gardiner and Rebecca Sarah Ciarla | FoodSEqual

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