



With impactful **regional events**, new **ideas generated**, new **products developed**, **passions ignited** and **minds expanded** it has been a year of improving food together!



## Let's look back



**6** strategic objectives



**5** CLCs with presence in **15** EU Member States



**50** innovative partners



**50** enterprising RisingFoodStars startups from **16** EU member states



**50** projects running throughout the year



EIT Food Hubs in **10** EU Member States implementing EIT RIS



1 amazing network!

## Some of the impacts we're proud of this year

### CLC CENTRAL

200+

direct contacts made by CLC Central team at [TUM Open Day](#) in Munich

7

partners presented projects at CLC Central-led EIT Food Workshop at [5th international ISEKI Food Conference](#)

1st

Shareholder Workshop hosted by CLC Central to help deliver successful innovation projects within the EIT Food ecosystem

### CLC NORTH EAST

26

specialists from central and southern European Countries took part in the [EIT Government Executive Academy](#)

220

startups applied to the cross-KIC [Business Idea Competition 2018](#), with the 6 best teams pitching their concepts to investors

22

students from EIT RIS eligible countries awarded [3 month internships](#) with 16 EIT Food partners

### CLC NORTH WEST

20+

kitchen professionals trained to produce [100% food waste vegan lunch](#) for 50+ European thought leaders at Food Waste Event

16,000

visitors to [FoodMattersLive](#) event in London with 10 RisingFoodStars showcased alongside EIT Food's mission and activities

50%

of participants to CLC North West events welcomed from outside the EIT Food network alongside other CLC partners and KICs

### CLC SOUTH

300+

participants in five [Demo Days](#) in CLC South

11

countries represented in Barcelona for the [1st Food for Health](#) ideation event

10

students from southern countries awarded [RIS Fellowships](#)



**EDUCATION**

- **8,000+** learners enrolled on [EIT Food online education courses](#)
- **23** students successfully completed the [Global Food Venture Programme](#), generating **19** business ideas and receiving **5** prizes totalling **€75k**
- **10** innovative product prototypes co-created by Masters students during **3** [Food Solutions programmes](#)

**BUSINESS CREATION**

- **1st** [Venture Summit](#) in Paris, with **138** entrepreneurs, **21** external investors and **555** matchmaking speed-dates booked
- **90** startups supported, integrating **50** into [RisingFoodStars](#) in **16** EU Member States
- **17** [Innovation Grants](#) worth **€300,000** awarded

**INNOVATION**

- **€14.5m** invested in [Innovation projects in 2018](#), representing **42%** of all funding
- **37** innovation projects added to 2019 Business Plan, including **5** Grand Challenges
- **2** new innovative product formats developed as part of the [My Yoghurt project](#), an example Innovation project successfully completed in 2018

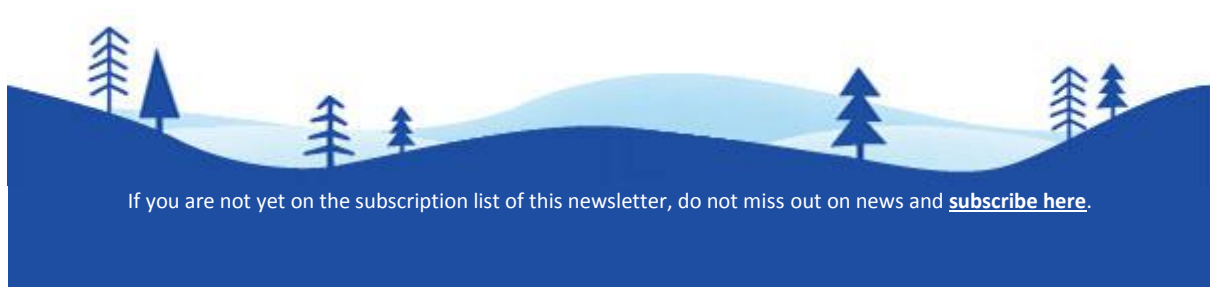
**COMMUNICATION**

- **3m+** impressions made on [Social Media](#) with **50,000** visitors to the EIT Food website
- **10,000+** consumers engaged, including **5,000** [trust measurement](#) participants and **10** [Citizen Participation Forums](#) (CPF) in **5** countries
- **100+** influencers engaged during **2** [Food Ambassadors](#) events

We're now looking forward to next year, and with **98%** of Partners participating in the [2019 Call](#) and **94%** being accepted in at least one activity, 2019 is shaping up to be another year of impact together!



We wish you all the very happiest of holidays from all of us at the EIT Food team



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