

Partners NEwsletter # 1

EIT Food CLC North-East, October 2018



Dear Partners, after our fruitful meeting in Wieliczka I am happy to present to you our first CLC NE's Partners Newsletter. I'm looking forward to our collaboration!

Marja-Liisa Meurice, Director of EIT Food CLC North-East



Our Partners

EIT Food CLC North-East is currently composed of 8 Partners: 4 from Poland, 3 from Finland and one joining us recently from Denmark. Let's start with a closer look at our partners.



Aarhus University has recently joined EIT Food consortium. It performs world class research and innovation in support of education, entrepreneurship and business development in sustainable food and agriculture including consumer studies and it is found top-ten in several global ranking lists for food and agriculture.



Institute
of Animal Reproduction and Food Research
Polish Academy of Sciences
in Olsztyn

Institute of Animal Reproduction and Food Research of Polish Academy of Science is a leading life sciences centre carrying out interdisciplinary basic and applied research, explaining the mechanisms of environmental impact on the wellbeing of humans and animals.



The Maspex Wadowice Group is one of the biggest food producers in Central and Eastern Europe, which operates on the food market for over 25 years.



Raben Group is an experienced Third Party Logistics operator present in Western, Central, and Eastern Europe with its own logistic network. It is providing services to companies which have decided to outsource their logistics processes.



University of Helsinki - established in 1640, with an annual budget of 750 million euros and a scientific community of 40,000 students and researchers it is the largest institution of academic education in Finland.



University of Warsaw is the largest and top-ranked university in Poland, Polish leader in implementing R&D projects, it has scientific expertise in multiple fields including the sustainability of the food system .



Valio Ltd - established in 1905, with the net turnover of € 1.7 billion in 2015 and 4000 employees it is Finland's leading dairy cooperative owned by Finnish family farms. Valio has production in Finland, Estonia and Russia and subsidiaries in Sweden, Denmark, Baltic countries, Russia, USA and China.



VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd is the leading research and technology company in the Nordic countries. Active in many fields VTT creates new businesses also for the food and beverage sectors.

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Our activities

2018 has so far been a very fruitful year for our Warsaw office (or CLC North-East). We have not only become fully operational but we also engaged in a number of activities. Our team was in place already in June while our management, Timo Haapalehto and Danuta Ciechańska, ensured a successful transition for Marja-Liisa Meurice taking the lead as the CLC NE Director in September.

Most of our operations is focused on specific projects like Food R&D Experts community, RIS Fellowships or RIS Innovation Grants. Another interesting project called [Business Idea Competition](#) is aimed at improving cross-sectoral innovation by the means of collaboration with other EIT innovation communities: EIT Health and EIT RawMaterials. All our activities will contribute to the success of our organization, building up the growth potential including in some more “remote” areas of Europe which are the focus of many of our projects realized within the scope of EIT Food Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS). RIS plays an important role in our region so in this first newsletter let us give you an overview on what it is all about.



EIT Food RIS strengthens innovation in agri-food sector by providing support to students, researchers and start-ups mostly in central and southern Europe. It is supporting those regions which are modest and moderate in terms of innovation and it is open to innovators that are not partners of EIT Food.

Within RIS we have selected our regional/local “contact points” in EIT RIS targeted countries called **EIT Food HUBs**. They are recognized as important players in the local innovation eco-systems with strong regional outreach, experienced in supporting entrepreneurs and capable of organising local events.

13 targeted RIS countries

Find out more



There is already a part of EIT Food website dedicated to RIS so in order to get more information on all **our RIS projects** and **EIT Food Hubs** please see eitfood.eu/ris



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Upcoming events

Here's a list of selected events taking place in the following months.

Place (Date)	Event	Description
Ljubljana (15.10), Olsztyn (16.10) Budapest (16.10), Osiek (Oct.) Czech Rep. (Oct.), Tartu (22.11)	RIS Awareness Days	Local events raising awareness of EIT Food in RIS countries
Leuven (18-19.10)	EIT Food Housewarming	Housewarming event for all EIT Food staff
Helsinki (5-6.11)	CLC NE matchmaking event for partners	Project match-making event with „Personalising food offer” theme, you can register here
Warsaw (5-9.11)	Government Executive Academy	Training program for government representatives, more info here
Warsaw (8.11)	KTI Dialogue (Food)	Knowledge Triangle Dialogue event focused on food sector
Warsaw (8.11), Budapest (9.11) Ljubljana (11.11), Galati (12.11) Zagreb (14.11), Kaunas (14.11) Tallinn (18.11), Prague (21.11)	RIS Demo Days	Networking days for agri-food entrepreneurs and award ceremony for the best business ideas from 2018 EIT Food Innovation Grants competition
Budapest (15.11), Bilbao (4.12)	xKIC Bootcamp finals	Finals of cross-KIC Business Idea Competition
Bilbao (4.12)	EIT Food Hubs meeting	A meeting for all EIT Food Hubs

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