



# RIS RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK PROGRAMME

*EIT Food RIS Research Infrastructure Network (RIS RIN) supports aspiring public sector representatives from countries of the Southern and Eastern Europe, covered by EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS), to **enhance the commercial use and visibility** of their **publicly funded research infrastructure** relevant to the agrifood sector!*

*Join our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 designed to *support aspiring managers and scientists* working in *scientific organisations* that *own publicly funded research infrastructure* related to *agrifood sector* as well as involve regional/national authorities who oversee such research infrastructure from the countries covered by the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS). It provides participants with highly *interactive training* and *dedicated support* by leading European experts in agrifood research and innovation management (EIT Food Partner) based on *best commercialisation practices, tools and techniques* to *enhance* their *research infrastructure's commercial use and visibility, identify potential agrifood partners* and *stimulate the 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 identify key technological assets and leverage research infrastructure for the use in commercially oriented activities, including contract R&D for the industry, joint R&D projects, specialized services or spinning off innovative companies.
- An opportunity to *develop profession-related competencies*;
- *Dedicated support* from leading experts in the agrifood research and innovation management;
- Participants *do not pay tuition*.
- *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 scientific organisations, 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 countries or regions, covered by the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS).

## How EIT Food RIS RIN programme will be delivered?

The program is comprised of *8 days of online classes, workshops and mentoring sessions followed by several assignments spread across eight months* and delivered by leading European experts in agrifood research and innovation management (EIT Food Partner), providing their expertise and experience in 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 plan in an open session to experts from European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT), EIT Food, EIT Food partners, and officials from Central, Southern and Eastern European countries via online video conference on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (to be confirmed).

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



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## Key dates

Applications open from the **1<sup>st</sup> of February till the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2022**. The organizers can extend the application deadline at their own discretion.

EIT Food RIS RIN will be delivered **ONLINE** on 7, 21 April, 12, 26 May, 9 June, 29 September, and 20 October with a final session on 29 November 2022 (TBC).

## Partners



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

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