

"Do you have appetite for change?"
(European Commission, *Farm2Fork*, 2020)

The Future of Food Law

Call for Abstract

This year's annual 'Law for the living environment' - conference of the WUR Law Group will bring together researchers working on issues related to "The Future of Food Law". The conference will be held on 25 and 26 May 2023 at Wageningen University & Research (WUR).

The 'The Future of Food Law' conference reflects on EU food law beyond the Farm to Fork Strategy. By the end of 2023, the proposal of the European Commission's Framework for a Sustainable Food System will be published, marking the end of the Farm to Fork Strategy policy process. The details of the proposal are – as of yet – unknown.

The upcoming publication of the Framework provides an opportunity to consider the successes and limitations of the Farm to Fork policy process thus far; to ask how best to 'futureproof' the Farm to Fork Strategy; and to reflect on what is to come.

This call for abstracts invites researchers and practitioners to submit work related, but not restricted, to:

- Ideas on how to shape the Framework for a Sustainable Food System, and the future of EU food law beyond the Farm to Fork Strategy;
- The legal architecture of the EU food system, its constitutional foundation(s) and applicable legal frameworks;
- Engagement with, and critical appraisal of, the sustainability paradigm, as well as the implications of food systems thinking;
- Novel approaches and perspectives, such as the One Health principle, and new methods, such as futurecasting and scenario-based analysis;
- Legal theoretical analysis related to food law, including justice and rights-based approaches;
- Interactions between food systems and other areas of EU, international and national law.

Submission Information

Researchers and practitioners interested in participating are invited to submit their abstracts (300-400 words) by email with the title "Future of Food Law" to: food.law@wur.nl.

Submissions should include the researcher's full name, affiliation, and contact details.

Early career researchers (< 7 years post-PhD defense) and PhD students are strongly encouraged to apply. A number of presentation slots are reserved for these groups of researchers in each session. Limited financial support in the form of fee waivers is available.

For any questions, feel free to contact Dr. Mirta Alessandrini via food.law@wur.nl.

Deadline for submission is 1 April 2023.

Deadline for registration for speakers is 15 April 2023.

