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About FOSC

FOSC is the European Research Area Network (ERA-Net) Cofund action on Food Systems and Climate. The consortium consists of 28 partners from Europe, Africa and Latin America. FOSC pulls together resources for a joint research programme and is supported by the European Commission (EC) through an ERA-Net Cofund grant.
FOSC addresses one of our world's major challenges: How to feed 10 billion people by 2050. FOSC aims to sustainably contribute to food and nutrition security in the long-term while containing global warming within 1.5 or 2°C.

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Activities of FOSC

FOSC initiates and organises additional activities to foster collaborations and enhance impact of research on food systems and climate in Europe and beyond:

- the preparation and implementation of a joint call for proposals (FOSC call 2019);
- the deployment of innovative instruments for alignment and collaboration in R&D&I;
- a second call or alternative research funding activity (2021 joint call with SUSFOOD2);
- capacity strengthening;
- stakeholder engagement;
- support to policy making;
- infrastructure development;
- organize trainings for researchers; and
- communication and dissemination of results emerging from activities.

FOSC Consortium

FOSC Consortium and additional funders, FOSC Call 2019

FOSC 2019 call

FOSC launched a trans-continental call for proposals in 2019:
"Assessing the consequences of climate change on agri-food markets and developing sustainable and resilient food value chains in the context of changing food need and patterns (diets)."
The call had a funding budget of approximately **16 million euros**, including the EC-cofunding. The call was launched in 2019 and used a two-step procedure. **17 Projects** were selected for funding.
Consortia consist of teams from a minimum of 4 countries from 2 continents, with at least 2 European countries and 2 countries from Africa and/or Latin America. The projects have a maximum duration of 3 years and started in 2021.

WUR is involved in 2 FOSC projects:
BLUE-CYCLING, Integrated aquaculture and agriculture, by Biometris; and CRRISP, Climate Resilient Innovations in Potato, by chair group - Knowledge Technology and Innovation

2021 Joint call of FOSC and SUSFOOD2

The 14 partners of the Joint Call Board from the ERA-NETs FOSC and SUSFOOD2 (SUStainable FOOD production and consumption) launched on May 17 2021 the Joint Call for Proposals on:
"Innovative solutions for resilient, climate-smart and sustainable food systems"
The joint network consists of partners from 13 countries and they committed **7,8 million euros** for transnational research. **Five projects** were selected for funding and start from December 2021 – March 2022. The projects have a maximum duration of 3 years.

WUR is a Consortium Partner in FOSC

WUR (CSA), is a consortium partner in FOSC. WUR is Work Package leader of the Communication, Exploitation and Dissemination of the results. And WUR is a contribution partner in the Work Package for Additional Activities which includes contributions to the organization of a Knowledge Platform.

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