



EuroDISH

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1. EuroDISH outcomes show that there is a **need** for one European research infrastructure that is specific for the food in relation to nutrition and health and that overarches the aspects of determinants, intake, status and health (DISH disciplines):
  - a) Researchers need an overarching research infrastructure that fills important gaps and overcomes fragmentation by linking existing research to enable cutting edge research.
  - b) Policy makers need more scientific insights on how to change the food environment and stimulate consumers towards a more healthy diet in order to improve health and prevent further cost increases of diet related diseases.
  - c) Food industry needs scientific insights to foster product innovation and strengthen its competitive position.
  - d) Societal organisations and practice professionals need a solid evidence base for their strategies and advice.
  
2. The European food, nutrition, and health research field will **benefit** from:
  - a) Access to public and private data, at larger (European) scale, and across disciplines.
  - b) Access to innovative and standardised research tools.
  - c) Participation in a research community across DISH disciplines and wider participation across countries.
  - d) More efficient use of funding and resources by collaboration between Member States which enables alignment and avoids duplication.
  
3. The **requirements** to build this research infrastructure are:
  - a) A platform that facilitates connection of future and exiting initiatives and stimulates participation of researchers by a well governed E-infrastructure.
  - b) Support in national roadmaps and strategic agenda's.
  - c) Political and financial commitment at Member State level to build national hubs.
  - d) Political and financial commitment at European level to guarantee a sustainable research infrastructure with an ERIC status that is aligned with global initiatives.
  
4. The overarching European research infrastructure accommodates the different interests of public and private stakeholders involved:
  - a) In their role of providers of data and as users of the services of the research infrastructure.
  - b) In the business model and governance structure of the research infrastructure.

