

**MORE ABOUT PARALLEL SESSION:**

**FEEDING ON FUTURE. IMPROVING GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COHERENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS (LLEIDA UNIVERSITY, IRTA, CADS)**

**Chair:** Mr Arnau Queralt, Director of the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS) and chair of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils network (EEAC)

**Participants:**

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Feeding the population has been a concern of paramount importance for a majority of governments and the international community worldwide. However, still one in nine people in the world (815 million) are suffering from malnutrition, whilst 13% (600 million adults) are obese. Furthermore, the world population is foreseen to reach 9.8 billion by 2050, increasing by 60% the world demand for food at large.

In September 2015, the UN General Assembly approved the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which sets out 17 global goals and 169 associated targets to be met by 2030. Once again, the concern for guaranteeing food security continues to be present, with one clear aim: to end hunger, to achieve food security and improved nutrition and to promote sustainable agriculture (SDG 2).

In March 2018, the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS) concluded the report Feeding on Future with a aim to identify the challenges that our food system must address to ensure that 'all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient safe and nutritious food'.

The report presents a complete set of recommendations to ensure food security and promote sustainable agriculture that cover all Sustainable Development Goals. Thus, the Council concludes that food systems should be productive (SDG 2, 5, 8, 9), sustainable (SDG 6, 7, 14, 15), resilient (SDG 13), healthy (SDG 3), responsible (SDG 11, 12) and of universal access (SDG 1, 10), and that a comprehensive strategy of integrated policies is imperative as a lead to promote such transformation (SDG 16, 17).

As stated in the 2030 Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an integrated and indivisible pack. Thus, all SDGs and their targets must be addressed globally, enhancing synergies and managing trade-offs between them. Enhanced good governance and partnership between multiple actors are also expected to foster vertical and horizontal integration.

This parallel session will be structured as an open discussion with the participants on the role that governance has to play to achieve SDG 2 and on the mechanisms that may facilitate partnerships and the involvement of civil society agents and private actors.

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The session will start with a brief presentation of the CADS report *Feeding on Future. Towards a productive, sustainable, resilient, healthy and responsible food system with universal access in Catalonia*. This presentation will raise relevant issues to be introduced in the debate with the participants (which will have a global and European perspective).

**Program Outline**

<p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Arnau Queralt</b>, Director of the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS) and chair of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils network (EEAC)</li> </ul>	10'
<p><b>Case study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Feeding on Future. Towards a productive, sustainable, resilient, healthy and responsible food system with universal access in Catalonia.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Dr Montserrat Viladrich</b> PhD, Professor at the Business Administration and Economic Management of Natural Resources Department at Lleida University / <b>Dr Carles Ibáñez</b> PhD, Researcher at the Institute of Agrifood Research and Technology (IRTA)</p>	15'
<p><b>Discussion: Governance for sustainable food systems</b></p> <p>Chaired by <b>Mr Arnau Queralt</b></p>	55'
<p><b>Wrap-up and conclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Montserrat Viladrich / Dr Carles Ibáñez</b></li> </ul>	10'

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