



Regione Toscana



Thematic S3 Platform on Agri-Food
Working Committee Semi-annual Meeting
Working Towards the Long-Term Sustainability

27 March 2019

[Congress Palace, Piazza Adua, 1](#)
Florence, Italy

08:30 – 09:00 *Registration*

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome and Opening**

- **Roberto Scalacci**, Director for Agriculture and Rural Development, Tuscany Region
- **Katerina Ciampi Stancova**, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

09:15 – 10:30 **Developments in the EU policy (2021-2027)**

- **Valentina Pinna**, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- **Alexia Rouby**, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
- **Wim Haentjens**, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Guest Presentations

- **Arnold Verbeek**, European Investment Bank, Innovation Finance Advisory, 'Access-to-finance conditions for innovative companies along the agri-food value chain'
- **Stef Bronzwaer**, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), 'Horizons for Food Safety Research'

10:30 – 10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45 – 11:50 Achievements, benefits and concerns over the long-term sustainability

Pitches on financial instruments, achievements attained in terms of projects and financial support, and planned activities that they would not have achieved otherwise.

- Consumer Involvement in Agri-food Innovation (**Thomas Högman**, Region Östergötland)
- High Technology Farming (**Fabio Boscaleri**, Tuscany)
- Nutritional Ingredients (**Sophie Bourez**, Wallonia)
- Smart Sensors for Agri-food (**Veerle Rijckaert**, Flanders)
- Traceability and Big Data (**Judit Anda Ugarte**, Andalusia)

Guest Presentation

- Examples of partnership that was successful in securing a viable business plan and long-term sustainability: VI Pilot 'De-and Remanufacturing' by **Marcello Colledani**

11:50 – 12:50 Discussion improving the long-term sustainability of the partnerships (post-2020)

Participants will be invited to discuss ways to ensure the long-term sustainability of the thematic S3 partnerships in the period post 2020:

- Are the expected EU policy developments after 2020 sufficiently aligned with the needs of the existing partnerships? To what extent do these proposed developments respond to their concerns? What kind of support do the existing partnerships need in order to secure their long-term sustainability after 2020?
- What difficulties do the existing Agri-Food partnerships encounter when combining different funds and programmes to support their ongoing activities?
- What precludes these partnerships from benefitting from such opportunities?

12:50 – 13:00 Conclusions and closing

13:00 – 14:00 *Networking lunch*

This event is organised and moderated by JRC-Seville (European Commission):

Dr Katerina Ciampi Stancova and Dr Ruslan Rakhmatullin