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RIS RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

# EIT Food RIS Research Infrastructure Network

Connecting publicly funded agrifood research infrastructure to the market.



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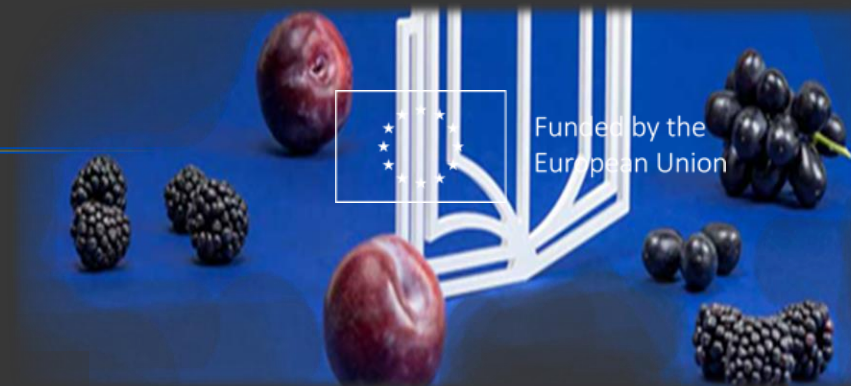


# WHO WE ARE?

**EIT Food RIS Research Infrastructure Network (RIS RIN)** is a part of EIT Food RIS Public Sector Representatives Activity Line (RIS PSRAL) funded by the European Institute of Innovation & Technology and implemented by a science-industry consortium coordinated by the University of Warsaw.

EIT Food RIS PSRAL delivers capacity building and professional education to representatives of the public sector in EIT Regional Innovation Scheme countries in Southern and Eastern Europe. It provides insights into new agri-food technologies, mission-oriented innovation policies for the food system, and best practices in leveraging publicly funded research infrastructures for industrially oriented R&D and entrepreneurship.

The University of Warsaw works closely in RIS RIN with activity partners, including the German Institute of Food Technologies, Institute of Animal Reproduction and Food Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences, EIT Food CLC North-East, EIT Food CLC South and the network of EIT Hubs in RIS countries.



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The EIT Food RIS Public Sector Representatives Activity Line also includes the **Government Executive Academy**, an executive-level training program for public sector representatives from Southern and Eastern European countries, deepening their knowledge of agri-food innovations and sectoral regulation, and helping address societal challenges across Europe through mission-based policies and Smart Specialization Strategies.

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# WHAT'S RIS RIN?

EIT Food RIS Research Infrastructure Network (RIS RIN) is a *capacity building program* that *supports scientific organizations* that own *agrifood research infrastructures*. It provides participants with *interactive training* and *dedicated support* based on best practices and real-life examples to *enhance the commercial use and visibility* of their research infrastructure. It helps develop the *research infrastructure commercialisation strategy*, identify potential agrifood partners and promote the potential for science-industry collaboration.



Aspiring public sector representatives  
from universities & research institutions

Southern and Eastern European  
countries, covered by EIT Regional  
Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS)

Research and innovation infrastructures  
related to food & agriculture sector

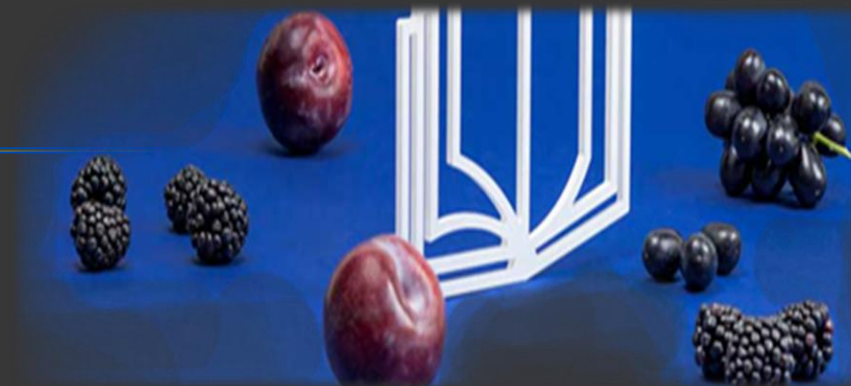


# WHAT'S RIS RIN FOCUS?

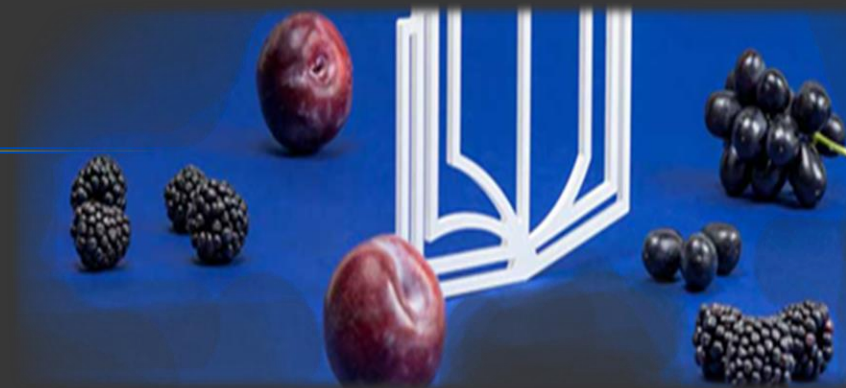
EIT Food RIS Research Infrastructure Network main focus is to *enhance the skills and knowledge* of managers and scientists dealing with *management and commercialisation of publicly funded research and innovation infrastructure* relevant to the contemporary agrifood system.

It aims to equip participants with the necessary skills to *provide innovation support* to local or regional stakeholder communities, notably startups and SMEs, build *cross border collaboration*, and *draw the attention* of the national and international *key agrifood industry players* to their research infrastructure capacities and opportunities.

*In most RIS countries, openness of and access to publicly funded agrifood research and innovation infrastructure, and building long-lasting, scalable and effective relationships and collaboration remain challenging for both 'sides' (academia-industry) due to different needs, lower readiness level, motivational drivers, and expectations.*



# WHY IT MATTERS?



## POLICY

- **Research & Innovation Smart Specialization Strategies (RIS3)** and **operational programs**
- **The European Green Deal** and **Farm to Fork** strategy



## COLLABORATION

- **Increase interregional and international collaboration** between science and industry
- **Increase entrepreneurial activities** of startups and research based spinoffs



## RESEARCH

- **Increase** industrially oriented research
- **Strengthens** the benefiting organisation's scientific excellence (e.g., publications, patents)



## MARKET

- Increase success rates of **new product launches**
- University or research institution **revenue streams diversification**
- **Increased Competitiveness** of industrial companies and local research organizations
- **Job creation**



## INNOVATION

- Less than **4%** of all EU startups are in the food industry
- Innovation in the agrifood sector is worth more than **US\$200 billion** across Europe if we are to meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals

# KEY FEATURES

EIT Food RIS Research Infrastructure Network provides participants' with *advanced skills and competencies* that can tackle challenges ahead to create a more sustainable agrifood system. It also *reduces the knowledge gap* between professional working in this field in RIS and non-RIS countries.

Here are some of the key features of the program:

1

**Training** based on highly interactive learning methods allows participants to understand the agrifood sector needs and demands relevant to their equipment and R&D infrastructure

2

**Lectures** offering insights on how to provide innovation support to different stakeholders and build cross border collaboration

3

An opportunity to **develop profession-related competencies**

4

**Dedicated support** from leading experts in the agrifood research and innovation management

5

Participants **do not pay tuition** and receive financial support of **up to 1,000€ gross/person**

6

Be awarded a **professional training certificate**

# HOW PROGRAMME WILL BE DELIVERED?



- *Multiple days of ONLINE activities* including classes, workshops and coaching sessions spread across several weeks (Sep-Nov 2021);
- *Deliver by leading European experts* in agrifood research and innovation management (EIT Food Partner);
- *Highly interactive and features various learning methods* (e.g., lectures, presentations, team assignments, Q&A);
- *Dedicated support* sessions;
- *Team presentation* on research infrastructure commercialisation strategy.



# ENTRY CRITERIA – WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Are you managing agrifood research and innovation infrastructure?

Are you wonder how to provide hands-on innovation support to local or regional stakeholder communities?

Or, maybe you are interested in how to build cross border collaboration and draw the attention of key agrifood industry players to your research infrastructure capacities and opportunities?

**Then our EIT Food RIS Research Infrastructure Network program is for you!**

*Applicants must meet the following criteria:*

1

**Team of *three members*** working in science and technology parks or technology transfer/research support offices, including at least one representative of a regional authority, national agency or municipality

2

Team members must **reside** and **work** in one of countries/regions covered by the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS) and targeted by RIS RIN for the pilot in 2021: **Italy, Poland, Romania or Spain**

3

Team members must be available to **participate in full program** and **accept the terms and conditions** of EIT Food RIS RIN

4

A good **command of English** is required

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The research infrastructure must fall under one of EIT Food's focus areas, including:



**Alternative Proteins**



**Sustainable Aquaculture**



**Sustainable Agriculture**



**Digital Traceability**



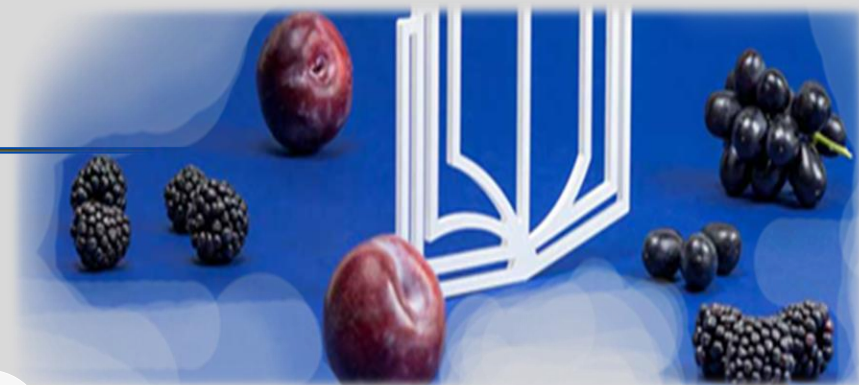
**Targeted Nutrition**



**Circular Food Systems**



# HOW TO APPLY?



1

Applications open 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Applications close on 1 June 2021.

2

Set up an account at <https://id.dreamapply.com/login>

3

Fill in the EIT Food RIS Research Infrastructure Network application form at <https://apply.eitfood.eu/courses/course/84-certificate-ris-research-infrastructure-network>

4

Applications are assessed against the following criteria:

**Formal Criteria** - country (or region) eligibility, beneficiary citizenship or residence, control over research infrastructure, command of English, acceptance of terms and conditions

**Technical Criteria** - commercial relevance of research infrastructure for agrifood sector, socioeconomic impacts, potential to strengthens the benefiting organisation's scientific excellence, credibility of the idea to leverage the research infrastructure, and training needs of the team

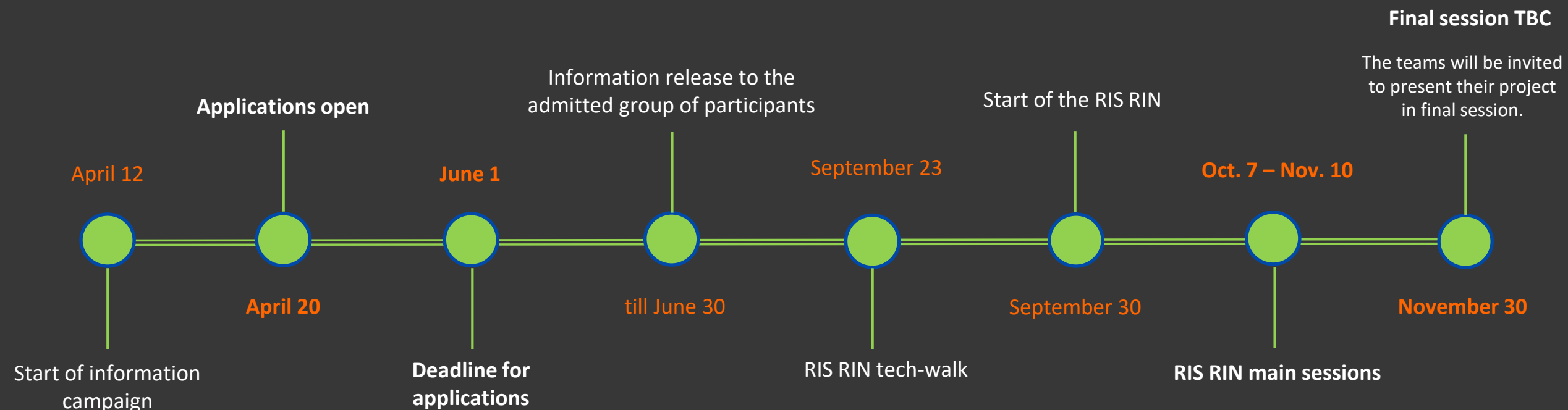
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Up to 4 teams\* from Italy, Poland, Romania or Spain will be confirmed end of June 2021 to take part in the EIT Food RIS RIN (Pilot 2021).

*\*For the purposes of the selection process, ONLY one team from each of the eligible countries will be selected, based on the highest overall score.*



# KEY TIMINGS: RIS RIN PILOT 2021



# GET IN TOUCH



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