

# Preliminary Conference Programme

**People's Food – People's Health. Towards healthy and sustainable European Food Systems**

A conference organized in the context of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 22 and 23 November 2018

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*The European Food System is challenged in several ways: Health awareness and healthy lifestyles are playing an increasingly important role in Western societies. At the same time however, the prevalence of non-communicable diseases, often influenced by nutrition, is rising. In Europe alone, 60 million people suffer from diabetes and 55% of the adult population is overweight or obese. These figures clearly reflect the urgent need to find new solutions for the benefit of people, societies and the wider economy.*

*This calls for an open innovation approach in the food system. Cooperation across boundaries will create co-benefits for all stakeholders. With a view to addressing the challenges confronting the European food system, the Austrian Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection is organising a high-level, cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary EU conference that brings together stakeholders from the entire food system.*

*Target audience: Representatives from different sectors from each Member State and important stakeholders from the four main domains (economy, civil society, health and environment) of the food system.*

*Together with change makers and innovators from various sectors across the EU Member States who have broad-based experience in boundary spanning projects, they will address the topic of “people's food – people's health”. The goal pursued by the conference is to mark a milestone on the way towards healthier and more sustainable European food systems.*

*This interdisciplinary, multilevel and highly interactive European conference thus seeks to:*

- *facilitate an active dialogue between all relevant stakeholders in the EU Member States,*
- *share best practice examples from the EU Member States, demonstrating how cross-collaboration can work,*
- *find novel ways to innovate and foster healthy nutrition and successfully tackle public health challenges by developing and launching concrete measures,*
- *present a strategic plan (“Roadmap towards healthy and sustainable European food systems”) aimed at facilitating and supporting multi-stakeholder actions with a view to promoting change in European food systems. The activities outlined in this plan will focus on the next three years.*

*If this brief overview has aroused your interest and you wish to participate in the conference, please send your contact details (name, first name and email address) to [eu-foodsystems@bmgf.gv.at](mailto:eu-foodsystems@bmgf.gv.at). We will then send you the registration link. For the updated programme please see: <https://www.eu2018.at/calendar-events/political-events/BMASGK-2018-11-22-EU-Food-Systems.html>*

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