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General facts

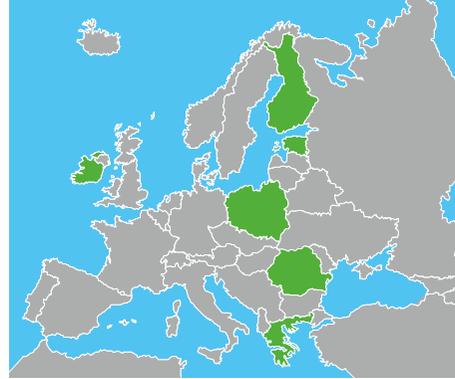
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*An interregional
cooperation project
for improving innovation
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Building innovative food value
chains in regions

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Pioneer an open innovation approach in the food sector bringing together all the relevant stakeholders under a quadruple helix model i.e. research centres, universities, enterprises, policy makers, innovation agencies, final consumers, etc, at both regional and interregional level, to propose actions based on a mutual learning exercise that will improve the regional policies supporting the introduction of innovation into the regional food value changes

Establish regional open innovation ecosystems to assure the perpetuation of a systemic support to the innovation applied to the food sector

Exchange and learn from experiences among regions sharing similar challenges, opportunities and areas of smart specialization

Explore new mechanisms to transfer and apply research and innovation for new food products, services or processes



The food sector as a whole is faced with major challenges that arise from changes in the sector's economic and non-economic environments. The availability of safe, sustainable and healthy food has taken a new and pressing dimension in the light of an ever-growing global population and increasing environmental and sustainability concerns.

NICHE aims at increasing the adoption of research and innovation solutions by food sector companies through an open innovation approach under a quadruple helix model and of new food products, services or processes.



About 85% of productivity growth in advanced economies is driven by innovation. Because of this, EU Policy concept is setting up to support sustainable growth that is increasingly related to the capacity of regional economies to innovate, transform and adapt.