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Turning plans into actions!

The 1st phase of FoodChains 4 EU project will end on 31st of December 2019, after 3 years of developing a fruitful inter-regional partnership and working together to improve the implementation of regional policies that stimulate the delivery of innovation to create sustainable food chains in the five regions of the project: Greater Manchester (UK), Varna (BG), Flevoland (NL), Maramures (RO) and Emilia-Romagna (IT).

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During 2017-2019, the project partners and experts from the project regions shared their expertise in food innovation through a series of peer reviews and inter-regional learning activities.

Four Inter-regional Workshops have been organized in [UK](#) (June 2019), [Romania](#) (November 2018), [Italy](#) (November 2017) and [Bulgaria](#) (May 2017), focusing on innovation and sustainability of the food chains, in order to promote and encourage the access to quality food all around Europe.

The food chains' evaluation in the project regions has been carried out through **Five Peer Reviews** held in [Emilia-Romagna](#) (IT) - February 2019, [Maramures](#) (RO) - November 2018, [Flevoland](#) (NL) - July 2018, [Varna](#) (BG) - May 2018 and [Greater Manchester](#) (UK) - Jan-Feb 2018.

In the 6th semester of the project, based on inter-regional exchange of experiences, peer review recommendations, knowledge gained during the learning workshops and stakeholder activities, each partner has developed an [Action Plan](#) that will enable regional businesses to deliver sustainable innovations in the food chain. The action plans will be implemented in the second phase of the FoodChains 4EU project, in the period 2020-2021.

For more details about the FC4EU project and our international partnership, you are invited to visit our project website:

[hp s://www.interregeurope.eu/foodchains4eu/](https://www.interregeurope.eu/foodchains4eu/)

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Core ACTIONS of the FC4EU Project, in the second Semester of 2019

- **[Conference "Feeding Regions: Turning Plans into Action"](#)**

On 23rd October 2019, the partners from Greater Manchester Region organized the Conference "Feeding Regions: Turning Plans into Action" to mark the end of Phase 1 of the Food Chains 4 EU project by highlighting the work of the project over the past 3 years and taking stock of recent developments in the region.

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• The sixth Monitoring Board Meeting

Representatives and politicians of the FoodChains 4 EU project met for the 6th Monitoring Board Meeting, in Manchester, on Thursday, 24th of October 2019, to discuss the regional actions plans of each partner,

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- **Development of the Regional Action Plans**

Five regional action plans are developed and ready to be submitted by the end of phase one of FC4EU project (31 December 2019), to be approved by Interreg Programme. The regional action plans will be implemented in the next two years, during the phase 2 of FC4EU project, in the period 2020-2021. [Keep Reading](#)

A hand holding a blue marker is shown in the bottom right corner, having just finished writing the words "ACTION PLAN" in large, blue, hand-drawn letters on a white surface. A thick blue underline is drawn beneath the text.

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Interreg Europe, as a capacity-building programme focused to policy learning and policy improvements, is dedicated to the inter-regional exchange and transfer of good practices in order to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies.

The good practices identified within Food Chains 4 Europe project are successful initiatives in innovating the food chains from the project regions which have potential interest to other regions.



- **SMARTPACK - Developing of active packages**

North University Center of Baia Mare, branch of UTCN Cluj Napoca (Romania), implemented the SMARTPACK project in international partnership from Romania and Poland, for developing active packages based on nanostructured materials. [Keep Reading](#)



- **ASSOC Social Restaurant**

The ASSOC Social Restaurant from Baia Mare (Romania), founded in 2010 through EU funding, is focusing on integrating people from vulnerable groups, healthy food and self-sustainability. [Keep Reading](#)

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- **Support the food chain innovation**

The RDP and ROP Managing Authorities from Italy have succeeded the coordination in the implementation of EARDF and ERDF funds concerning measures in R&D in the Food Chain. [Keep Reading](#)



- **Production of innovative food products**

A new category of healthy food products - fruit spreads – Chia Pearl Jelly has been developed in Bulgaria, through cooperation between Universities & Businesses in the food chain. [Keep Reading](#)



- **Monitoring food quality and safety**

Provisions of food quality and safety in the globalized food chain are harmonized in Bulgaria, through interaction of government, industry, academia, traders and consumers. [Keep Reading](#)

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- **'Recipe for Success' Project**

Recipe for Success (R4S) is an ERDF-funded business growth support programme for food businesses, running once a year over a three-month period, in Greater Manchester (UK).

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- **Real Junk Food Project**

Real Junk Food Project is a campaign that aims to intercept surplus edible food waste to feed "bellies not bins", in Greater Manchester (UK). [Keep Reading](#)



- **Smarter Green Retailing**

Greener Retailing was a project run by Manchester Metropolitan University and Robinsons Brewery to support pro-environmental actions in tenanted and leased pubs. [Keep Reading](#)

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