

Authent-Net Funder Workshop 6-7th Oct

Funders Discussion

High-level messages

- All in a different place (CAs, OCL, researchers)
(about half new to this, most do fund research)
- Need to go 'back to basics' to make sure on same foundations
(does it sound useful what, what will it do, what are priorities)
- Need to know what is the 'offer' for funders, what is purpose of participating and impact
- In clear simple terms so can discuss with funding bodies/colleagues
- How does it support policy

What's in it for us

- All liked the concept of a network and see value in collaboration and building a network
(currently lack of organisation/structure – quick answers – Knowledge base ?)
- 'can't see a reason not to be in it'
- But what does that look like in practice (how)
- Like idea of having a common agenda and working together

Common agenda- priorities and scope

- Not too prescriptive
- Flexible- evolving to fit funders needs
- Too early to pin down details – needs to be broad for funders to be interested (flexibility)
- But some areas where could look in more detail and some areas of common ground – origin, PDO, PGIs, honey, drivers for fraud, horizon scanning
- Interested in method development and KE to support food law enforcement

What we don't want

- Not too ambitious (all in different places)
- For funders to put money in want breadth as increases scope of what they can fund
- Intel sharing FIIN – as long term end point can see benefit but too ambitious for this project at this stage
- Not sure we want an era-net – already lost of era-nets – challenging to justify putting less money into more pots
- Look at other EU instruments to support collaborative research, add to an existing era-net, can SCAR help here?

Breakout Group session

- **Status reports** – help to understand project aims, information sought – same level of understanding
- **How can we collaborate – what does it look like** (joint projects, conferences, meetings to share info, strategies) what existing activities can we use
- **What's in it for funders** – what are the issues we need to address, how can I use the FARNH, what kind of questions would I ask it
- **Use this time to get us all into the same space**

Suggestions

- Probably need another funders workshop to look at priorities – need time to prepare for it, good background info and specific questions to answer
- Need really clear steer on goals of sessions for funders to engage
- Need to be clear on how links to Food Integrity, what is the overlap, why should we engage with both
- More interaction with funders as project progresses on outputs of WPs – need a mechanism for communicating now.
- Clear on scope, food fraud, food authenticity, food safety – terms and definitions important
- ANYTHING TO ADD ?