

– Introduction –

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Authent-Net Strategic Objective:

To facilitate sustainable cooperation between national and international research funding bodies in the area of food authenticity, to improve competitiveness of the food supply chain and the consumer confidence in it, by means of better coordinated, cost effective R&D.

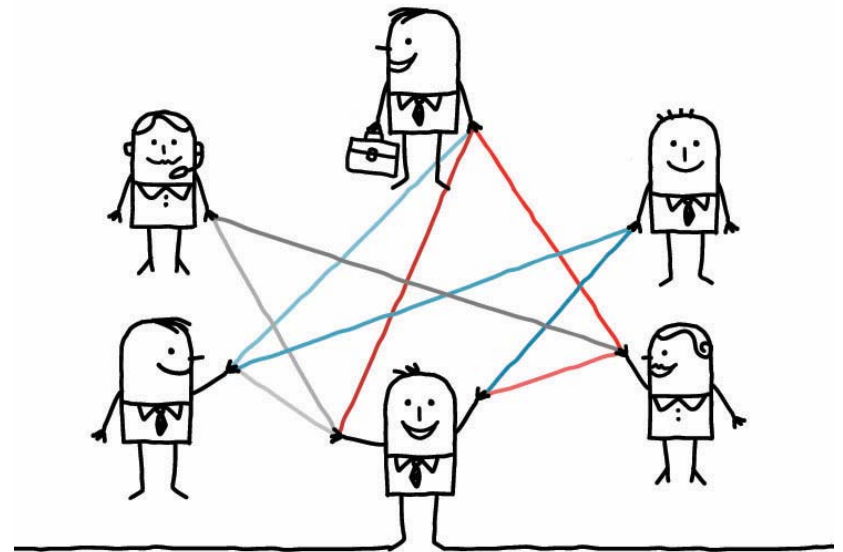
What are the problems we are trying to solve?

- Lack of cohesion of research activities between Member States.
- Lack of knowledge of the work of other Member States → duplication of effort and time
- Diminishing budgets
- Need for leverage funding



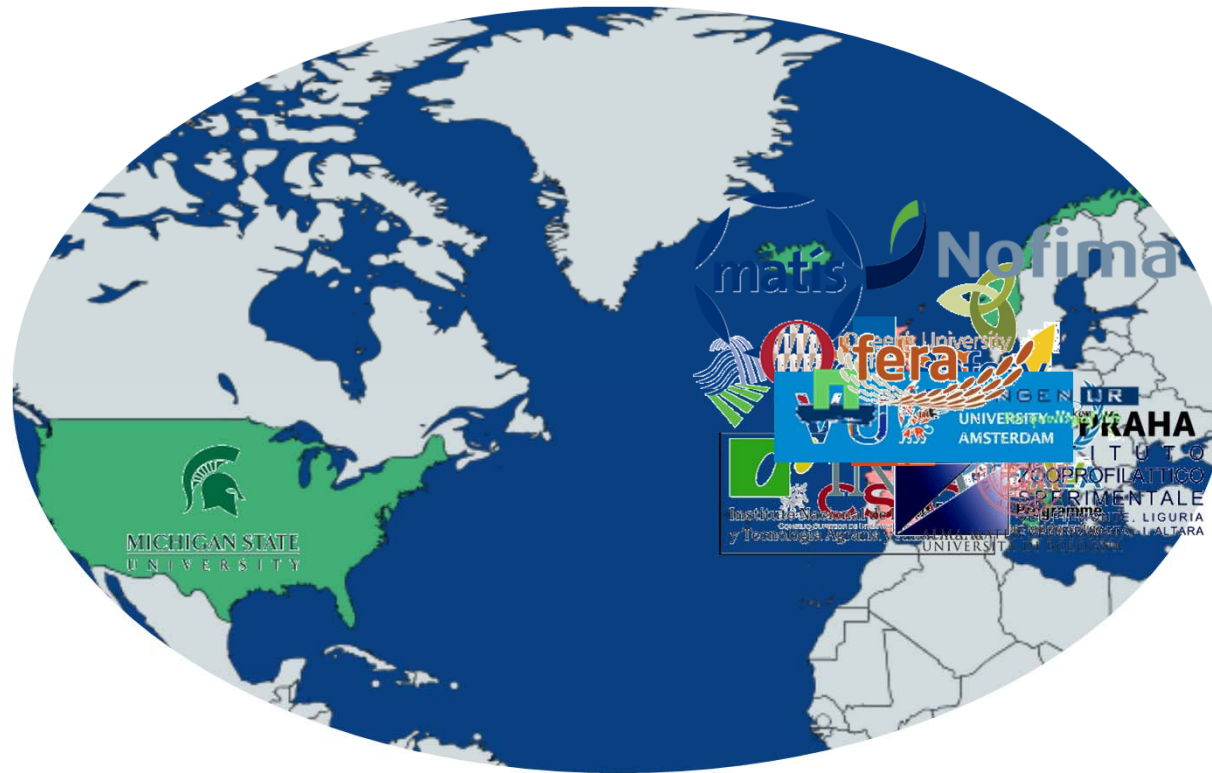
How can Authent-Net help?



- ❑ Bringing funding organisations together
- ❑ Getting an inventory of the current state of the art in terms on Member State funded R&D in food authenticity
- ❑ Maximising budgets by leveraging → more strategic approach to programmes
- ❑ Expanding the network to achieve best results



Authent-Net Core-Partners

19 Partners from 12 Countries



-  Funding Organisation
-  Research Organisation
-  Both

Authent-Net Overall Approach

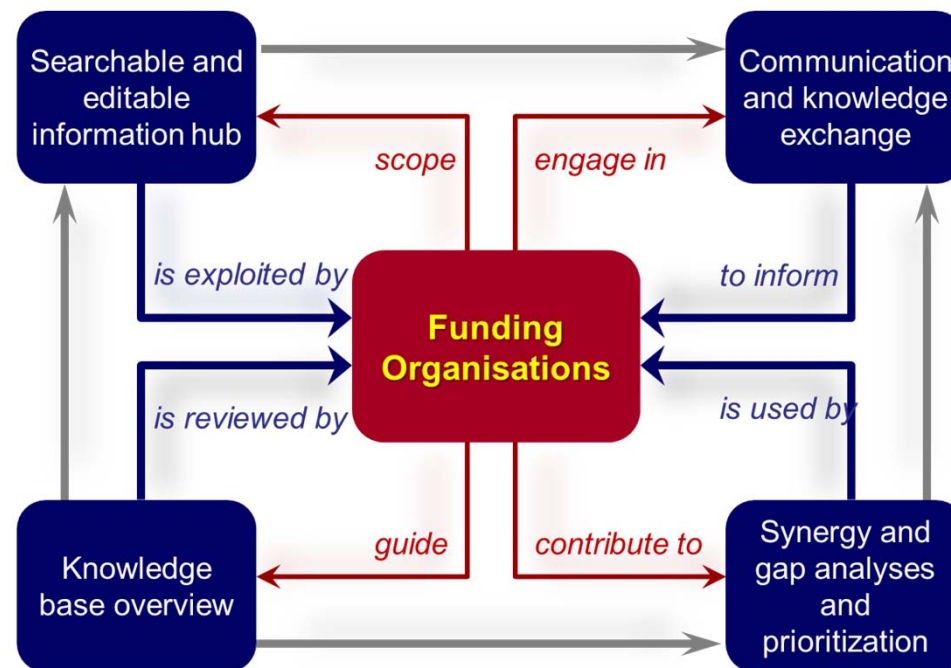
National Funding Bodies = CUSTOMERS

Exploitation of existing projects and resources

Non-funder partners of this project are the engine for the activities

Four Step Process:

1. Build Network
2. Information Gathering
3. Cohesion & common funding strategies
4. Transnational Cooperation



Authent-net Work Packages

WP1: State of the Art and Consolidation (CRA-W)

- ❖ Current State-of-the-art will be found from:
 - ❖ National Status Reports
 - ❖ Commodity Status Reports
- ❖ Funders Online Forum
- ❖ Legal Framework



WP2: GAP Analysis and Prioritisation (RIKILT)

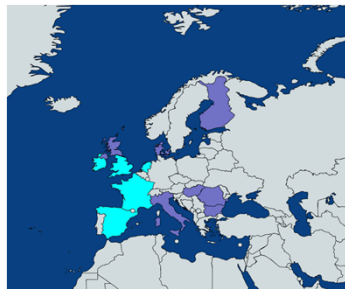
- ❖ Current common research needs and regional diversity of MSs with the remit of funding food authenticity R&D
- ❖ Common and MS specific current research strategy, future research needs, prioritised gaps, and the requirements for future transnational food authenticity research in MSs



WP3: Driving implementation and integration of the Authent-Net (QUB)

- Authent-Net Network (Funders / Regulators / Policy Makers / Stakeholders)

- Roadmap
- Dublin Workshop – October 2016
- Geel Workshop – March 2017
- Parma Annual Meeting – May 2017
- Funders workshop, Brussels – November 2018
- Stakeholders workshop, Brussels, February 2018
- **Funders workshop, Brussels, February 2018**
- **Final meeting, Brussels, March 2018**



BSF – Bulgaria
DVFA – Denmark
EVIRA – Finland
SCL – France
NEBIH – Hungary
FSAI – Ireland
MIPAAF – Italy
MINEZ – The Netherlands
UEFISCDI – Romania
INIA – Spain
DEFRA – UK
FSA – UK

11 MS now represented (from 5)



- Low-level European voluntary standard (CWA) “Authenticity in the Feed and Food Chain”



WP4: FARNH (Nofima)



❖ The Food Authenticity Research NetworkHub

❖ Hosted by CRAW



❖ Open user friendly portal that consolidates information from Authent-net and other EU activities

WP5: Dissemination (VSCHT)

The screenshot shows the Authent-Net website with a navigation menu (Home, Project overview, Work plan description, Project partners, Dissemination materials, Events) and a 'Latest Project News' section. It includes a 'FARNHub' sign-up form, a Twitter feed, and an 'ABOUT Authent-Net: Food Authenticity Research Network' section. A 'FOOD FRAUD' logo is overlaid on the bottom right of the screenshot.



A screenshot of the Authent-Net Facebook page, showing the profile picture, cover photo, and several posts about workshops and conferences.

A screenshot of the Authent-Net Twitter profile, showing the profile picture, bio, and a list of tweets related to food authenticity research.

<http://www.authent-net.eu/>

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WP6: Management (Fera Science Ltd.)

Management and Coordination

- Coordination
- Financial management
- Contract management
- Project management



Key Outputs & Expected Impacts

1. Bring together relevant MS R&D budget holders to coordinate interdisciplinary research effort and build a cohesive and sustainable network
2. Undertake stocktaking of existing national research and assess against the international landscape
3. Establish transnational mechanisms and instruments for collating and exchanging information on food authenticity research
4. Develop a high level research and innovation strategy for transnational research and a rationale for a potential ERANET on food authenticity

The two year project will have the following expected impacts:

- ✓ improved coordination and communication between relevant MS research budget holders
- ✓ enhanced cognisance of existing national research;
- ✓ joint strategy for food fraud R&D;
- ✓ Agreed priorities and capability to deliver transnational European research on food fraud.

Proposal for Horizon2020, SC2 Work Programme 2018 – 2020: Protecting Europe from food fraud (ERA-NET Co-Fund)

Scope

The proposed ERA-NET Co-Fund will provide a platform for commissioning transnational projects on a range of food fraud and authenticity issues, focussing on commodities of importance, including:

- ✓ developing innovative cutting edge methods to detect emerging food fraud issues
- ✓ simplification of existing methods to allow for rapid, point of use screening
- ✓ transnational method validation studies
- ✓ harmonisation of methods and approaches
- ✓ surveillance/pilot studies to scope out scale of fraud issues

ERA-NET Co-Fund would:

- provide a framework for delivering collaborative research that aligns with the strategic research agenda for transnational priorities.
- strengthen the links between relevant European Research infrastructures including the proposed European Reference Centre(s)
- directly address aspects of Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Work Programme 2018-2020 Scoping Paper concerned with “Functional ecosystems, sustainable food systems, healthy lifestyles”
- **NOT NOW GOING FORWARD – FRAMEWORK 9?**

Strategic Research Agenda

- How the funding bodies intend to work together in the future and what are their key priorities
- To be presented and discussed at this meeting for your comment
- Final version to be completed by 31/3/18



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