



Authent-Net: Food Authenticity Research Network

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What Authent-Net delivers?

The aim of Authent-Net is to build cohesion between National Funding Bodies within Europe to align research priorities for food authenticity. The network also aims to promote collaborative working, thus leveraging budgets, reducing duplication and thinking more strategically to tackle common challenges by funding joint initiatives.



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Gap Analysis and Prioritisation

The current situation in food authenticity research in the various member states was inventoried and gaps in member states research needs identified in order to consolidate resources, maximise impact and avoid duplication.

Information on (i) recent and current projects, research domains (e.g. analytical methods) and commodities (e.g. meat), and (ii) future trends have been collated from 12 member states.

The current and future common interests and regional diversities of the member states were mapped and analysed.

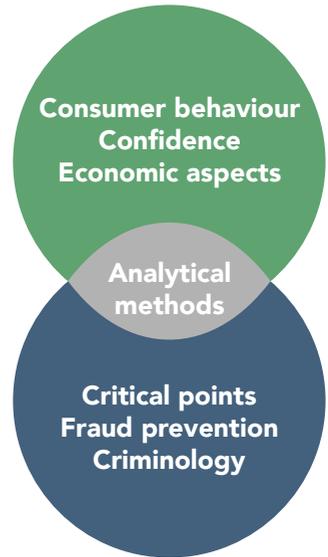
Nearly all member states indicated **interest in development of analytical methods**, whereas one group of member states indicated **interest in research on critical points/fraud prevention/criminology** and another group appeared **interested in consumer behaviour/confidence studies and economic aspects**.

With regard to **commodities animal products ranked high**: e.g. meat, dairy, fish/seafood, and honey. **Organic foods** were also ranked high.

Key research domains were identified as (A) fraud prevention (including critical points, criminology and economic drivers), (B) (analytical) methodology and (C) consumer aspects.

These research domains will provide direction to the high level EU transnational research strategy.

Member States Cluster 1



Member States Cluster 2

Funders, Policy Makers and Stakeholders Network

A number of workshops have been hosted by Authent-Net to bring the funding bodies from across Europe together and to establish a European funding body network for food authenticity.

These workshops focused on identifying research needs and priorities, and to determine the best way forward for funding of food authenticity research in Europe.

For more information about these workshops, please visit Authent-Net website at www.authent-net.eu.

The **Funders Networking forum** has been established that could allow the funders to hold discussions (at <http://forum.authent.cra.wallonie.be/>).

The network provides a secure platform that funders can use to discuss current and future needs, and to identify gaps within national research programs, and areas of overlap.

Are you interested in joining the Funders Network?

Please contact us at authent-net@fera.co.uk



What funding bodies said on the FARNHub?

"... The FARNHub is an extremely valuable information resource for research funders and policy makers. For the first time it brings together information about national research activities taking place in the EU into one place. Access to this information will help support the development of authenticity policy and research and also help build an EU wide network for this area."

"... I think the FARNHub is a comprehensive, valuable and very informative website providing a unique mixture of information on issues of food fraud, authenticity and integrity; it provides access to current and published research, information and contact details of agencies funding research and work on the prevention of food fraud in all Member States, news stories, links to other relevant sites and more. Well done to all involve a truly excellent 'one stop shop' site."

A Low-level European voluntary standard (CWA) "Authenticity and fraud in the feed and food chain – Concepts, terms, and definitions"

Authent-Net has produced a low-level, voluntary, European standard, CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA), where terms and concepts related to food fraud are defined (at <https://www.cen.eu/News/Workshops/Pages/WS-2017-004.aspx>).

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