

## **DEAR COLLEAGUES,**

The Agricultural University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria has the pleasure to invite you to attend the webinar on 9 February 2021 at 11:00 AM local time in Sofia (10:00 AM CET) on:

### **Research and Innovation in Agri-food systems ERA Agenda 2021-2027 and opportunities for Universities**

#### **The Event**

SOFIA, BRUSSELS, 12 JANUARY 2021: The Agricultural University of Plovdiv in collaboration with ISC will organise a virtual seminar on 9 February 2021 entitled "Research and Innovation in Agri-food systems ERA Agenda 2021-2027 and opportunities for industry-academia collaborations".

#### **Objectives of the seminar:**

- Discuss Agrifood and related research policy priorities at EU member state and international level;
- Explore synergies between Horizon Europe, the EU semester the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;
- Consider related Portuguese Council Presidency priorities;
- The soon to be launched UCD-Wageningen-Agriculture University of Plovdiv research collaboration in Agrifood sciences as a platform for a more extensive European network;
- Advance industry involvement in cooperation in research initiatives including the Living Labs groupings;
- Consider synergies between European union research infrastructures and Agrifood research initiatives, in particular with the LifeWatch Eric biodiversity research infrastructure in Spain;
- Examine synergies regarding Agrifood sciences the Horizon Europe programme and the neighbourhood, international cooperation and development instrument (NDICI).

#### **Topics:**

- Bio-economy and Agrifood systems
- Role of food systems and delivering the United Nations Sustainable development goals,SDGs
- LifeWatched ERIC biodiversity research infrastructure
  - Space Systems for Agrifood Systems
  - Living Labs: Bulgaria as regional hub combining science, industry and education
  - The European AgroEcology Living Lab and Research Infrastructure Network
  - A Skills Agenda for Agri-Food An enabling policy framework

## **Invited Speakers**

- **Prof. Hristina Yancheva**, Rector, Agricultural University of Plovdiv
- **Karina Angelieva**, Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Bulgaria
- **Prof. Vladislav Popov**, Vice-rector of Science and Projects, AU – Plovdiv
- **John Bell**, Director Healthy Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
- **Fionnuala Murphy**, School of Biosystems & Food Engineering University College Dublin
- **Vanya Simeonova**, Wageningen University and research, Netherlands
- **Juan Miguel Gonzalez Aranda**, CTO, LifeWatch ERIC, Spain
- **Astrid-Christina Koch**, Copernicus and Galileo, DG Defence Industry and Space (DEFIS), European Commission, Belgium
- **Martin Heydon** TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Research and Development, Farm Safety and New Market Development at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Ireland
- **Andy Zynga**, CEO EIT Food

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**SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2021, 10.00 (CET)  
PARTICIPATION IS FREE OF CHARGE**

Declan KIRRANE is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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