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#### HISTORY OF CHANGES

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# **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

Table 2List of acronyms and abbreviations		
СоР	Community of Practice	
DEC	Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication	
EC	European Commission	
EU	European Union	
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	
GDP	Gross domestic product	
GHG	Greenhouse gas	
LL	Living Lab	
MAA	Multi Actor Approach	
NCD	Non-Communicable Disease	
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization	
OS	Open Science	
SME	Small and medium-sized enterprises	
USP	Unique Selling Point	
WP	Work Package	



## **Executive Summary**

This document provides an update to FEAST's DEC plan based on progress from M6-M17 of the project (the first version of FEAST's DEC plan is available on Zenodo (*https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8068519*). The updated DEC plan follows the same structure as the initial document and has been updated with concrete examples of the implementation of specific DEC activities, which is outlined in the table below:

Some key highlights include:

- 9782 visits, 22,855 page views and 144 downloads of content on FEAST's website
- 451 users following FEAST's activities and posts on LinkedIn (at least one post/week)
- 22 videos produced and published on FEAS's YouTube channel, which garnered 1,607 views and 13,158 impressions
- 8 interal knowledge exchange webinars were held on a variety of policy and non-policy related topics
- FEAST partners have presented the project's outputs at 22 European events and meetings
- 21 registrations, representing 14 unique city regions, for FEAST's Community of Practice



	Activity	Objective of activity	State of implementation & current status
	Website	To give FEAST web visibility, provide further background information and updates on project progress.	Started in July 2022 – Ongoing: Main FEAST pages include 7 distinct pages, linking to 42 subpages.
	Internal newsletter	To inform FEAST partners about updates within the WPs as well as updates on important external news.	First release January 2023 – Ongoing: Every quarter, four times per year.
	External newsletter	To inform FEAST newsletter subscribers about updates from FEAST.	First release April 2023 – Ongoing: Every six months, twice per year.
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COMMUNICATION	Brochures, booklets, flyer	To provide high-quality information about FEAST and its WPs through printed materials.	Started August 2022 – Ongoing: Frequency according to demand.
	Meetings, webinars, dialogs and workshops, podcasts	To inform and support FEAST partners and stakeholders regarding new developments in research, politics and co-design work in the FEAST living labs. To amplify the voices of those living and working in FEAST cities.	Started August 2022 – Ongoing: Frequency according to demand
	Social Media	To reach a wide, targeted audience, maximizing the impact and successfull exploitation of project results.	LinkedIn started in July 2022 – Ongoing: Weekly posting of current topics and project updates. X (Twitter) stared in March 2023 – On hold.
	Animation, animated infographics	To present a simplified, short and more accessible presentation of FEAST updates and messages.	Started in October 2022 – Ongoing: Frequency according to demand



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ATION	Hands-on workshops	To work together with external groups on relevant topics.	Ongoing
DISSEMINATION	Fairs, community talks and conferences	To inform external groups about FEAST subjects related to food, health and/or sustainability at specific events.	First conference participation in September 2022 - Ongoing: continuous review of relevant events and communication with FEAST partners about opportunities to participate.
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# Introduction

The Multi Actor Approach (MAA), as defined by the Horizon Europe - Work Programme 2023-2024<sup>1</sup>, is at the core of FEAST's approach to ensure that all food system actors are empowered to support the just transition to healthier and more sustainable dietary behaviour. Following a trans- and interdisciplinary logic of research and innovation, the project consortium leverages nested co-creation on multiple levels. This is achieved via collaboration with 35 partners from 15 European Countries with complementary skills, knowledge and competencies representing the food system. FEAST messages are visible during and beyond the lifetime of the project. The overall DEC framework provides guidance for partners communicating through various means including media, internet, and publications. The strategic plan for dissemination, exploitation and exploitation activities are designed to ensure that the results achieved meet FEAST's objectives and maximise the project's overall impact.

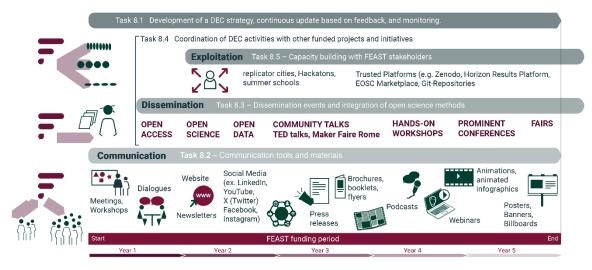


Figure 1 Strategic plan for dissemination, exploitation, and communication activities in FEAST

Dissemination, exploitation and communication are distinct but interlinked concepts. FEAST's DEC activities are designed based on the European Commission's templates<sup>2</sup> to support a paradigm shift to food systems that are fairer, healthier, and more environmentally friendly for all actors (primary production to consumption), particularly vulnerable groups. All DEC activities are being designed in an inclusive and evidence-based way to support FEAST's pathways to impact.

The overarching objective of FEAST's DEC activities is to raise levels of awareness of food system actors, including citizens, about transitions towards healthier and more sustainable dietary behaviour.

More specific objectives include:

• To create and **communicate** content to boost the visibility and support engagement of food and health system stakeholders (including media and public) with FEAST objectives and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-9-food-bioeconomy-natural-resources-agriculture-and-environment\_horizon-2023-2024\_en.pdf#page=21 (page 21 – 23, accessed on 28.12.2023)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://rea.ec.europa.eu/horizon-europe-dissemination-and-exploitation\_en and https://rea.ec.europa.eu/communicating-about-your-eu-funded-project\_en (both accessed on 5.11.2022)



activities, for both traditional media (brochures, booklets, etc.) and digital media (i.e., website, electronic newsletters, podcasts).

- To **disseminate** project results to internal and external target audiences through scientific and other channels (i.e., community talks, workshops) at European and local levels.
- To utilise project results and improve the transfer of technical and scientific knowledge outside the core consortium to facilitate **exploitation** of results.

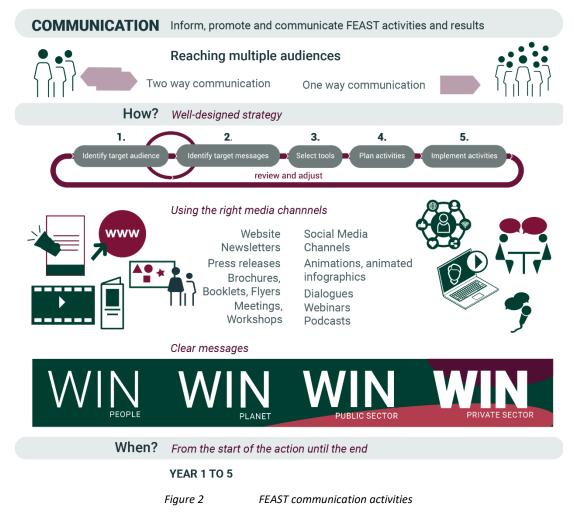
These objectives will be delivered through a wide range of activities as outlined in Figure 2, Figure 3, and Figure 4 in section 1.

## **1** Overview of FEAST's DEC Activities

The following section provides an overview of the planned and ongoing DEC activities in FEAST. Section 2.3 provides more concrete information and details of the activities and outputs FEAST has achieved between M6-M17.

#### **1.1.1 FEAST Communication Activities**

FEAST's communication activities aim to inform, promote and communicate FEAST activities and results to relevant actors across the food system (Figure 2):





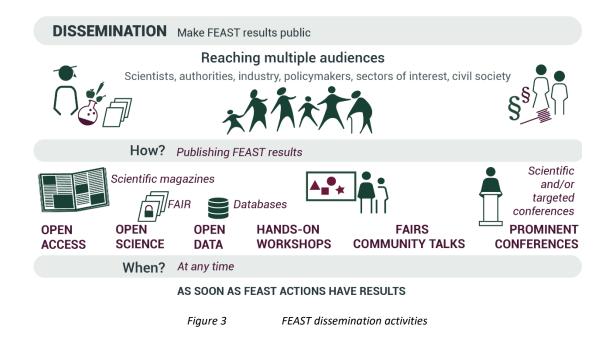
#### Table 3 State of implementation of FEAST's communication activities

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#### 1.1.2 FEAST Dissemination Activities

FEAST's dissemination activities aim to make FEAST results public to ensure our results can be adopted by relevant food system actors (Figure 3):



Activity	Objective of activity	State of implementation & current status
Open access and open science	To make FEAST research outputs and results FAIR (findable, accessibile, interoperabile, and reusabile).	First publication published in November 2022 – Ongoing: As soon as they can be made public.
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Table 4	State of implementation of FEAST's dissemination activities



#### **1.1.3 FEAST Exploitation Activities**

FEAST's exploitation activities aim to support relevant actors to make concrete use of FEAST results (Figure 4):

EXPLOITATIO	Make concrete use of FEAST results - Commercial, Societal, Political Purposes	
<b>Only by researchers?</b> Not only but also: Industry including SMEs Those that can make good use of them.		
Macro	EU Commission & policymakers, National authorities	
	Food Environment, Provincial/Municipal/Local authorities, Large food industry, Hospitality/ Catering, Healthcare providers, Education system	
	EU citizens, diverse vulnerable groups, non-governmental consumer, community & patient organisations, SMEs, small farmers	
How?	Creating roadmaps, prototypes, softwares, Sharing knowledge, skills, data	
e.g. Ze EOS	Trusted Platforms nodo, Horizon Results Platform, C Marketplace, Git-Repositories	
When?	Towards the end and beyond	
	AS SOON AS THE ACTION HAS EXPLOITABLE RESULTS	
	Figure 4 FEAST exploitation activities	

Activity	Objective of activity	State of implementation & current statusStarted in June 2023 – Ongoing: Upload of documents as soon as they can be made public.	
Zenodo	To make FEAST's data and deliverables open and accessible		
EOSC Marketplace	To promote FEAST outputs	Not started yet	
Git-Repositories	it-Repositories To document the software developed within FEAST and make it open source.		
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Summer schools	To train and educate young people. (1) school pupils and (2) university students.	Not started yet	

#### Table 5 State of implementation of FEAST's exploitation activities



# 2 Methodology: Designing and implementing DEC activities

FEAST's methodology for DEC activities involves five steps (identify target audience and messages, select tools, plan and implement activities) in a continuous loop, including a subloop between steps 1 and 2, with updates planned yearly (Figure 5):

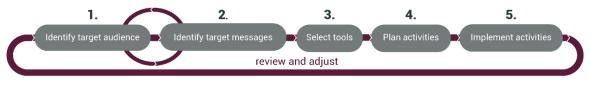


Figure 5

FEAST methodology for DEC activities

For each of the groups in the food supply chain, specific decisions must be made during the course of the project for which messages are being sent, with which tools, and when activities will take place. This is a continuous process with the individual activities being reviewed in terms of their effectiveness in reaching our intended audience and they are adjusted if necessary.

#### 2.1 Target Groups

Figure 6 illustrates how FEAST accounts for, works with and impacts Europe's food system and its actors. Here, the food system is defined as "all the elements (environment, people, inputs, processes, infrastructure, institutions) and activities that relate to the pre-production, production, processing, distribution, preparation and consumption of food and the outputs of these activities, including socioeconomic and environmental outcomes"<sup>3</sup> (see Annex 2 for a description of FEAST WPs).

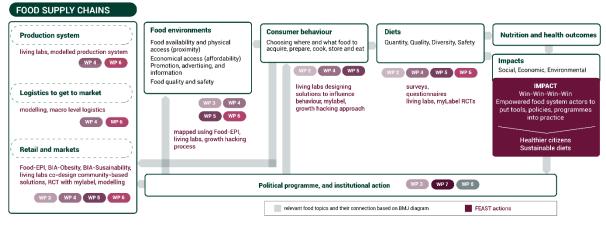


Figure 6

How FEAST will account for, work with and impact the food system and its actors.

FEAST partners can be broadly classified as being from higher education & research, nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), public bodies and private companies (see Table 6). Considering the size of the consortium, we have developed a DEC strategy that takes into account the different DEC needs of the different types of partners in the consortium so that they can effectively reach their intended audiences (e.g. ensuring that the materials are available in different languages, ensuring that different approaches are designed to communicate with different types of vulnerable groups). Additionally, given the size of our consortium, we also work to ensure effective communications to our partners. Moreover, the consortium size and the FEAST activities and



ambitions are already resulting in project-related partnerships that are leading to third-party stakeholders in the FEAST DEC strategy. In the following sections, the internal and external target groups are explained in more detail.

 Table 6
 FEAST's MAA approach – partner type and partner's name

Partner Type	Partners name	
Higher education & research – 14 in total	University of Heidelberg, NCSR "Demokritos", Roskilde University, Sciensano, University College Cork, Institut national de Recherche Pour L'Agriculture, Institut de Recherche Pour Le Development, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche, University of Graz, Instituto Politecnico de Viana de Castelo, University of Lodz, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Forschungsinstitut für biologischen Landbau	
NGOs – 10 in total	EuroHealthNet, EAT Foundation, Arete, Ökosoziales Forum Österreich & Europa, ICLEI Europe, Louis Bolk Institute, open science for open societies, Good Food Oxfordshire, Leuven2030, OpenDot	
Public bodies – 9 in total	Comunidade Intermunicipal do Alto Minho, Commune d'Avignon, Opshtina Prilep, Municipality of Sitia, LEADER-Region Weinviertel Donauraum, City of Gent, Azienda USL Toscana, City of Rotterdam, Guldborgsund	
Private companies – 2 in total	myLabel, Susmetro	

#### 2.1.1 Internal Target Groups

#### BOX Nr. 1 - Definition of internal target groups

By internal target group we mean the project team, employees at the project partners institutions and people that can directly be involved in FEAST research activities. Partner projects in which FEAST project partners are involved fall into the category of external groups.

FEAST has two broad categories of internal groups within our partner organisations:

Tier 1: individuals at FEAST partner organisations directly involved with FEAST

Tier 2: individuals at FEAST partner organisations not directly involved with FEAST

FEAST partners were asked which internal target groups/audiences were most important for them to effectively communicate FEAST outputs to and who could benefit from the project's insights; the results are highlighted in Table 7:



Partner Type	Summary of the answers	
Higher education & research	University researchers, academic staff, students, team colleagues, alumni, visiting professors, institutional climate change center, and trans- academic research manager	
NGOs	Farmer and Business Association, Politicians, Administration Officers, Universities, internal team members, partners from municipalities, tech people, health specialists, makers and designers	
Public bodies Management of the city, municipal and regional administration, n level (Ministries and government), politicians (to allocate money), schools, caretakers, the press, producers of local food and LLs from Gent, Oxfordshire, and Leuven		
Private companies	Engaged people in associations, people conscious of the planet, jobless people, independent NGOs, brands, labels, start-ups, and retailers	

Table 7 Internal target groups/audience mentioned by the FEASTs partne	ps/audience mentioned by the FEASTs partners
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#### 2.1.2 External Target Groups

#### BOX Nr. 2 – Definition of external target groups

External target groups of FEAST are those not falling within internal target groups.

Given FEAST's outreach to micro, meso and macro levels of the food system (Figure 6 and Table 7), there is a requirement to communicate with a variety of external audiences to ensure effective dissemination of the knowledge and insights coming from the project and facilitate the scaling of FEAST's outputs across Europe as highlighted in Table 8.

 Table 8
 FEAST External target groups of FEAST and their corresponding levels

Level	Target group categories and examples
Macro	Representative bodies (e.g. CGIAR, EU Food Policy Forum)
	Intergovernmental organisations (e.g. WHO, UN bodies)
	Policy makers (e.g. EU, national)
Meso	Healthcare professionals (e.g. pediatricians, those working on CVD/NCDs)
	Food producers (e.g. farmers (advocacy groups), companies producing processed foods)
	Food-related businesses (e.g. retailers, distributors LL communities, local food councils)
Micro	Food producers (e.g. farmers (individual))
	<b>Other entities</b> (e.g. Academics/Researchers, NGOs working with vulnerable groups)



Within the different levels of the food system, there are also certain external target groups that are a priority for FEAST partners to communicate with (Table 9):

Table 9	External target groups/audience mentioned by FEAST's partners
	External target groups addrence mentioned by reast s partners

Partner Type	Summary of the answers
Higher education & research	<b>Cluster academic</b> : Academic audiences, scientific journals, audience during external lectures, conferences
	<b>Cluster policy</b> : Policy makers and interest groups (Chamber of Agriculture, city administration, politicians interested in the topic), public bodies like municipalities regions states and the EU
	<b>Vulnerable groups</b> : Children and youth, elderly, people with type 2 diabetes, managers of care homes
	<b>Society</b> : Civil society organizations (food coops), social economy actors (innovative cooperative solutions); local communities, CoLabs, citizens of the municipality
	Food sector: farmers, food producers, retailers, wholesalers, food service industry people
	<b>Media</b> : Local media and newspaper, press companies communities citizens NGOs, local radio, social media
NGOs	Our NGOs named researchers and Universities, politicians at national government, municipality, local and national media, farmers and citizens.
Public bodies	Municipalities and local authority, school communities (teachers, students, parents, etc.), small farmers and fishermen (also their associations), citizen, groups related to policies (health authorities, social work), Urban Lab partners and network of NGOs.
Private companies	Municipalities, urban planners and individuals

#### 2.2 Design of Target Messages

The design and delivery of FEAST's messages aim to ensure that they align with FEAST's Theory of Change (Section 2.2.1 - Table 10) and are framed under FEAST's Key Messages (Section 2.2.2) and Unique Selling Points (Section 2.2.3). In addition to this, the different interests and priorities of FEAST's target internal and external audiences are taken into account to ensure that FEAST outputs are framed into messages that align with the language (i.e. jargon and non-jargon), communication modalities and priorities of stakeholders across the food system.

#### 2.2.1 FEAST's Theory of Change

FEAST's goal is to transform food systems to ensure all individuals can easily eat a healthier and more sustainable diet. Achieving this goal requires working across the micro, meso and macro levels of food systems and supporting different actors to deliver impact. Table 10 outlines FEAST's theory of change which underpins all actions within the project as well as the design of FEAST's DEC activities, all of which are guided by our Theory of Change-informed Key Messages (Section 2.2.2) and Unique Selling Points (Section 2.2.3).



#### Table 10

FEAST target groups, outcomes and impacts

Target Groups	Outcomes	Impacts	
<u>Micro Level</u>	Micro Level	<u>Scientific</u>	
<ul> <li>EU citizens, including</li> <li>diverse vulnerable groups.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Individuals, especially</li> <li>vulnerable groups, have</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Advancing the state of the art to improve knowledge</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Non-governmental, consumer, community and patient organisations.</li> </ul>	more knowledge on what constitutes healthier and more sustainable diets; the knowledge is put into action	and understanding of the factors (barriers and facilitators), across the micro-, meso- and macro- levels of the food system	
- SMEs.	by these individuals adopting healthier and morelevels of the foc influencing the behaviours of d		
- Small farmers.		influencing the dietary behaviours of different target groups (in particular,	
Meso Level	to long-term we will see a	vulnerable groups) across	
-Food Environment.	reduction in NCDs.	Europe.	
<ul> <li>Provincial/Municipal/Local authorities.</li> </ul>	<u>Meso Level</u>	Social	
<ul> <li>Large food industry (producers, distributors, retailers).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Food environments that support healthier and more sustainable diets</li> </ul>	- Health: Decreased NCD burden; reduced health inequalities; decreased nee	
- Hospitality/Catering.	- Businesses: fewer unhealthy and unsustainably produced dietary products	for public sector expenditure (especially healthcare) stemming from NCDs.	
- Healthcare providers.			
- Education system.	on offer; increase in affordable, local, healthier	- Environment: Decreased environmental impact of th	
Macro Level	and more sustainably produced products on offer; Institutions: increased	food system. - Economy: Improved opportunities and	
- National Authorities.			
- EU Commission & policymakers.	availability and use of healthier and more sustainable meal options.	livelihoods for small farmers and food SMEs.	
	Macro Level	<u>Policy</u>	
	- Increased adoption of food and health policy interventions at National and EU levels that support the just transition to healthier and more sustainable diets by all stakeholders in the food system.	Stronger scientific basis to inform the design and implementation of evidence based policies by policymakers and Member States to build 'Win-Win- Win-Win' food systems that will empower individuals to adopt healthier and more sustainable dietary behaviours.	



#### 2.2.2 Key Messages

Clear messages are important for good communication. They need to convey the content and goals of the project while also appealing to various target groups. The following key messages are based on FEAST's Theory of Change and are used to inform DEC activities for different target groups.

#### BOX Nr. 3 – FEAST's top level key messages

First key message

FEAST aims to make it easy for every European to eat a healthy and sustainable diet.

Second key message

FEAST aims to catalyse Europe's just transition to a 'Win-Win-Win' food system that sees major gains for people, the planet, and the public and private sectors.

Third key message

FEAST aims to ensure the EU's policies actually walk the walk, not just talk the talk.

#### **2.2.3 FEAST's Unique Selling Points (USP)**

In consultation with our project partners, we aimed to identify their perspectives on FEAST's key unique selling points (USPs), which are summarised in Table 11 below:

Partner Type	Summary of the answers	
Higher education & research	applicable approach of FEAST; the integrated and inclusive approach to food; health and environment to tackle the challenge of healthy and sustainable food systems; engagement with the living labs; the overall systems based solutions to food system challenges and the transition to Win-Win-Win-Win food systems.NGOs mentioned personal discussions, multi-actor approach and improved wellbeing of people.diesAffordable food for vulnerable groups; practical impact; public cooperation on promotion of healthy food (e.g. in schools); health and sustainability through food is achievable for ALL; the international, integral & holistic perspective which leads again to the transition to Win- Win-Win-Win food systems.	
NGOs		
Public bodies		
Private companies		

 Table 11
 Project Unique Selling Points mentioned by the FEASTs partners

Building on the USPs identified by partners, DEC activities highlight a core mechanism through which FEAST will embed co-ownership: FEAST's 'living labs'- user-focused experimental



environment in which municipalities, end-users (citizens) and stakeholders are supported to cocreate innovative solutions in real-world settings. Figure 7 displays the FEAST living lab network, associated sites and food regions. FEAST's associated large city living labs provide the ideal avenue for identifying and recruiting vulnerable populations for our co-creation actions.

Living Lab spotlights—as blogs and as part of social media campaigns—center co-creation processes in varied local contexts. To ensure representation across the EU, FEAST's living labs include rural areas, small/medium cities, and associated large city living labs according to a specific typology of food systems that cover aspects including regional diets, food production systems, and welfare systems (i.e., Beveridge/Bismarckian healthcare systems) characteristics. This diversity of location and situation are reflected in our communication materials. Furthermore, non-recurrant opportunities, such as the featuring of a city on an external podcast or other multi-media product, are being taken advantage of when they arise.

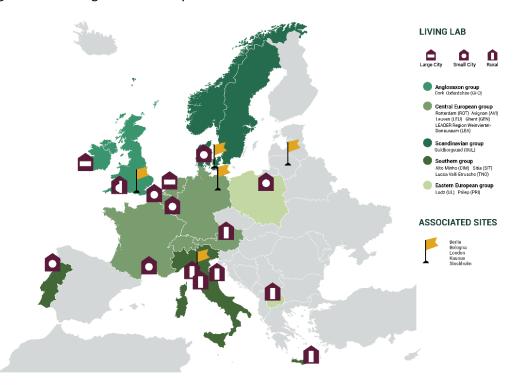


Figure 7 FEAST's Food regions and living labs

#### 2.3 Selecting Tools, Planning & Implementing Activities

As outlined in Figure 1, FEAST has several general communication channels, including FEAST's website, internal and external newsletters, social media channels like LinkedIn and X (Twitter) (digital channels), as well as brochures, booklets, and flyers (printed media) (Section 2.3.3). The aim of using different channels and tools is to reach a broad audience based on their preference for receiving material. To this end, we consulted for the development of our first DEC plan with our project partners to understand preferred communication channels for both internal and external target audiences (Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2).

In the following section examples are given to show activities FEAST has undertaken from M6-M17 linked to the use of:

- FEAST's key messages for different DEC activities
- Different channels to reach our internal and external target audiences



- FEAST's existing and newly created communication and dissemination materials
- To support exploitatation of FEAST's outputs

#### 2.3.1 DEC Approaches for Internal Audiences

For the development of the first DEC plan, FEAST partners were asked which communication media they currently use for internal communication. The corresponding tools for internal project communication were derived from the insights garnered from the survey (Section 2.3.3).

To date, the following channels have been established for DEC activities targeting internal audiences:

- Members of the DEC working group attended bi-weekly WP meetings and reported on their DEC-related activities. Furthermore, this activity was used to evaluate the needs of the individual WPs (listening to their needs).
- File sharing and internal communication with Teams and SharePoint including:
  - o separate channels for each WP
  - a channel where all recordings for the internal webinars, consortium meetings, hackathons, and policy chats are available
  - o a channel related to ethics, sharing general resources related to ethics
- Email lists for internal communication:
  - Admin email list Membership: All participants involved in FEAST, including admin staff, are included in this list and it is used to communicate updates on administrative issuses
  - Research email list Membership: Generally non-admin staff are included in this list (e.g. both academic and non-academic FEASTies)
  - Methods email list Membership: Currently, only WP and task leads as well as living lab (LL) academic partners are included in this list. Junior researchers and any other FEAST member can 'opt-in' to join this list. The purpose of this list is to coordinate and harmonise methods across FEAST WPs and to "scientifically" discuss relevant political or policy aspects. Anyone in this list can post, and the focus is on the methods used in the studies being conducted within FEAST. The methods group can also serve as a place for junior researchers to learn and share.
  - Living Lab email list People active in the Living Lab actions. Posting: anyone part of this list can post and it is meant for general updates including news from the Living Labs.
- Bi-monthly internal email newsletter to communicate the project's progress, present partner profiles, or highlight upcoming conferences and relevant publications.
- Internal webinars on policy, to inform and support FEAST partners to navigate developments in research, politics and ground work at the living labs. EuroHealthNet, lead of WP7 (Policy dialogues to inform food system governance), initiated the first series of internal webinars called "FEAST Policy Chat" with the following format:
  - Online event of 1-1.5 hours held on a regular basis.
  - Start of the event, WP7 representatives present two or three of the main policy developments that have occurred between M6-M17.
  - Q&A session and conclusion



Table 12 shows the webinars already held on policy chats and other topics. The purpose of these webinars is to increase the internal exchange of knowledge, create stronger linkages between WPs as they relate to policy aspects and to develop concepts for external webinars.

Nr.	Title	Brief description of the webinar	Length	Date
1	1 <sup>st</sup> training session for living labs Held by OpenDot	Human Centered Design and Co- Design. Practical guide on how to find meaningful solutions based on user needs.	1 hour 23 minutes	13.02. 2023
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> training session for living labs Held by OpenDot	From Brief to Concept: make your ideas "cubic"- Practical guide on how to trigger creativity in participatory processes.	1 hour 24 minutes	27.02. 2023
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> training session for living labs Held by OpenDot	From Concept to Prototypes. How to create a concrete way to test your ideas in the field.	1 hour 26 minutes	13.03. 2023
4	1 <sup>st</sup> Policy Chat Meeting Held by EuroHealthNet	Introduction to the structure of the meetings. A common target: healthier and more sustainable food systems.	1 hour	17.03. 2023
5	Open Research Europe - FEAST, PLAN'EAT and SWICHT Held by F1000 (external)	Introduction to Open Research Europe (ORE) by F1000, how to publish on ORE. What is Open Diamond, what are the FAIR data principles, data sharing and types of articles in ORE.	1 hour	12.05. 2022
6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Policy Chat Meeting Held by EuroHealthNet	Food security	54 minutes	02.06. 2023
7	3 <sup>th</sup> Policy Chat – SFS Held by EuroHealthNet	End (_) of the Sustainable Food System policy?	57 minutes	24.10. 2023
8	1st webinar - FEAST reporting period Held by University of	Processes linked with reporting - including the completion of time sheets, signing into the EU portal and filling out the relevant forms on the	49 minutes	28.11. 2023

 Table 12
 FEAST internal webinars already held

#### 2.3.2 DEC Approaches for External Audiences

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FEAST partners were also asked in the survey about their preferred communication channels with external actors. Suggestions included:

Horizon Europe portal.

filling out the relevant forms on the

• Informal talks, meetings, calls, face-to-face talks, direct conversation, seminars



- Department-owned email lists for employees
- Website and intranet
- Newsletter articles at the homepage and newsletter with MailChimp
- Podcasts
- Newspaper and press
- Google docs for writing articles
- Tools: Teams, Slack, WhatsApp, OneDrive, Outlook, Canva
- Social media: LinkedIn, X (Twitter), Instagram, Facebook

The updates for the external audiences are linked with the general DEC approaches, which can be seen in Section 2.3.3

#### 2.3.3 General DEC Approaches

To maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of FEAST's DEC activities, we will design and utilise FEAST-specific DEC approaches, which are described in the sections below. In addition to this and to fully capitalise on network effects, FEAST also uses the existing channels available to FEAST partners (Table 13).

Partner Type	Summary of the answers	
Higher education & research	Website, press release, and email Social media: LinkedIn, YouTube, X (Twitter), Facebook, Instagram, Podcasts	
	Print: Posters, leaflets, banners	
NGOs	Email for press release and website Social media: LinkedIn, YouTube	
Public bodies	Institutional website, emails, and stakeholder events Social media: Facebook, YouTube, X (Twitter), Instagram	
Private companies	PR and LinkedIn	

 Table 13
 External communication channels mentioned by the FEASTs partners

#### 2.3.3.1 Project Websites

#### 2.3.3.1.1 FEAST's Project Website

To give FEAST online visibility, the domain *www.feast2030.eu* has been reserved for the project over the next eight years – the five years of the project and three years following the conclusion of the project. The FEAST website will be continuously developed and will receive regular updates and upgrades to its functionalities. The first version of the website was published on July 24, 2022, coinciding with the creation of the *FEAST LinkedIn group*.



The technical implementation is realized with the open-source content management system Drupal (*https://www.drupal.org/*). Drupal provides the balance between powerful functionality out of the box and the flexibility to make it your own.

Since the release of the first version of the website, there have been several updates to the functionalities.

The website includes the following elements at the moment:

- Home (Landing page)
- Project
  - About gives an overview of FEAST's objectives
  - Activity areas focusing on WP activities, including subpages for each WP (see Table 14)
  - Research Activities focusing on current and upcoming activities. Provides details about the hackathons, myLabel trial and WP surveys.
- Living Labs
  - Overview gives an overview of Living Lab activities and local food challenges
  - Introduction gives an overview of FEAST's food regions and living lab sites, including subpages for each living lab
- Resources area where FEAST material is made available for download
- Knowledge Corner
  - News Blog posts on relevant topics related to FEAST's research topic, discuss and present new studies on the topics that FEAST addresses, and present the work of our research partners, as well as our municipal partners.
  - FEAST glossary glossary of terms relevant for FEAST's research activities
- Contact information on how to get in contact with FEAST.



Figure 8 shows a screenshot of the page about *FEAST's hackathons* "Hack for Food Hack for Good". The page provides information about the aim of the hackathons, the hackathon formats and how to participate in the hackathons.



# Hackathons in Europe create social impact solutions for healthier and more sustainable diets

Hack for Food Hack for Good is a series of Europeans hackathons organized and run with FEAST partner  $rac{d}$  OpenDot, a Milan-based fab lab and hub of social innovation.

As part of the FEAST project, OpenDot acts as a facilitator of innovation and experimentation processes and has identified in the hackathon format the most effective way to identify novel solutions, starting from one or more "challenges".

The "hackathon" format comes from the computer-technology field: a

Figure 8

Screenshot of the FEAST website landing page - Home (Accessed on 27.11.2023)



Figure 9 is a screenshot of the Knowledge Corner. Articles posted here are linked to our social media channels.



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# **Knowledge Corner**

Welcome to the FEAST knowledge corner

There are a lot of interesting and important reports with rich information that gives much food for thought! In this area, we would like to provide you with up-to-date information on relevant topics related to FEAST's research topic, discuss and present new studies on the topics that FEAST addresses, and present the work of our research partners, as well as our municipal partners.

#### **New Readings**



through collective action

Beyond the Technological Mirage: Paving the Way for Equitable Food Systems From Awareness to Action: Empowering Communities for Sustainable Food Systems

Screenshot of the FEAST Knowledge Corner (Accessed on 27.11.2022)

Figure 10 is an example screenshot of the Living Lab subpage of our partner Guldborgsund. Visitors get detailed information about the local food challenges, links to the YouTube channel and frequently asked questions to the LL. Table 14 provides an overview of the living lab sites and subpages.



Figure 10

Screenshot of the FEAST Living Lab subpage, Guldborgsund (Accessed on 27.11.2022)

Figure 9



#### Table 14 Links to FEAST's Living Labs sites

Title and Link to Living Lab site	Subtitel of the site (Living Lab message)
Avignon FEAST Living Lab	Healthy food education and meals in Avignon schools
CIM Alto Minho FEAST Living Lab	Transitioning to healthier and more sustainable food systems in Alto Minho's school canteens   Children inspire change
Ghent FEAST Living Lab	Provide sustainable food accessible to all
Guldborgsund FEAST Living Lab	School Food and Nutrition Education in Guldborgsund Municipality
LEADER Weinregion Donauviertel FEAST Living Lab	Enhance the the food options provided at the canteens of manufacturing and service companies
Leuven FEAST Living Lab	Healthy and sustainable diets for vulnerable groups - through digital platforms and communication
Senior-WIGOR Day Care Centre FEAST Living Lab	Elderly people have very specific dietary and nutritional needs
Oxfordshire FEAST Living Lab	Understanding and exploring ways to support healthy and sustainable diets in vulnerable groups in Oxfordshire
Prilep FEAST Living Lab	Promoting and preserving traditional and sustainable diets
Rotterdam Boulevard Zuid FEAST Living Lab	Exploring and implementing innovative solutions for promoting healthy diets in Rotterdam
Tuscany Region FEAST Living Lab	A healthy and conscious approach towards food and nutrition
Sitia (Greek Σητεία) FEAST Living Lab	Ensure the long-term sustainability of Sitia olive oil

The development of the website is a continuous process for communicating and disseminating project outputs, living lab actions, news, blog posts from presentations, publications, and events.

Some statistics on the use of FEAST's website between 2022-07-24 to 2023-11-30 include:

- total website visits: 9 782 (direct entries 63%, from search engines 23%, from websites 7%, from social networks 7%)
- total page views: 22 855
- total downloads of resources provided at FEAST website: 144



#### 2.3.3.1.2 FEAST's Partner Websites

Each FEAST partner has been asked to refer to FEAST on their websites and to describe the FEAST activities they are mainly involved in (see Figure 11, an image of the ICLEI Europe website). Table 15 presents a list of the FEAST WP lead organisation websites and links to the FEAST subpages on their websites.

Table 15FEAST WP lead organisation websites and link to FEAST

Partner	Hyperlink
University of Heidelberg (Lead: WP1,	https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en
5 and 9)	FEAST on the HIGH website
EuroHealthNet (Lead: WP7)	https://eurohealthnet.eu
	FEAST on the EuroHealthNet website
Sciensano (Lead: WP3)	https://www.sciensano.be/en
	FEAST on the Sciensano website
ICLEI Europe (Lead: WP4)	https://iclei-europe.org
	FEAST on the ICLEI website
Institut national de Recherche Pour L'Agriculture (Lead: WP6)	https://www.inrae.fr
	FEAST on the INRAE website
open science for open societies (Lead: WP8)	https://os4os.org/en
	FEAST on the os4os website
Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (Lead: WP2)	https://www.santannapisa.it/en

Partners with their own newsletters and blogs are also looking for opportunities to highlight their connection with FEAST in order to foster engagement, interest, and participation among their target internal and external audiences, thus enhancing the project's visibility.



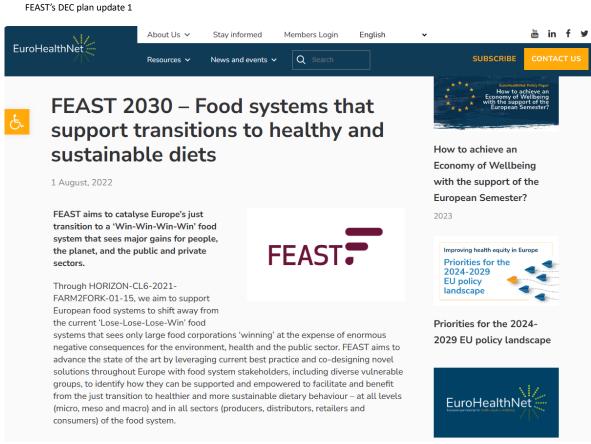


Figure 11

Partners are encouraged to feature FEAST on their organisational web pages, as illustrated by this image of the EuroHealthNet's website (Accessed on 15.11.2023).

Each partner has internal guidelines on how projects should be presented on their own websites as well as project-specific requirements resulting from FEAST. To ensure that FEAST content is widely disseminated, the following best practices are recommended for our parnters:

- if possible, the FEAST key messages should be mentioned
- integrate a link to the FEAST website www.feast2030.eu
- integrate links to FEAST's social media channels

These measures ensure that interested visitors are provided with further information and that the results are visible.

#### 2.3.3.2 Press Work

Press releases for newsworthy elements linked to FEAST (including important outputs, innovations and resources) are being prepared regularly. The FEAST DEC team is reaching out to local and European level media to present them with these newsworthy elements from FEAST while also supporting dissemination of their material that is relevant to FEAST's objectives. Furthermore, all project partners, in particular our living lab cities and communities, share project news of local significance with local and national contacts.

To date, FEAST has released two press releases; information on these can be found in the Press Corner of the FEAST website (Figure 12).

Press Release



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# Record Heat Highlights Urgency of Just and Sustainable Food System in EU Project

Europe is currently experiencing record heat, with July receiving the unfortunate accolade of hottest month recorded worldwide. This trend extends beyond Europe, with 2023 predicted to be the hottest year recorded on Earth (Cordis, 2023<sub>d</sub>), with potentially drastic implications for the global food system (Guardian,  $2023_{df}$ ). The food system - from production to distribution to waste management- both contributes to and is a victim of climate change (Mirzabaev et. al,  $2023_{df}$ ). On the one hand, up to 1/3 of all greenhouse gas emissions worldwide can be attributed to the food system. At the same time, the resulting high temperatures can negatively impact farm worker health, reduce harvests, and ultimately decrease food availability while increasing prices. In this scenario, nobody wins.

Enter FEAST, a Horizon Europe project partnering directly with 12 communities across Europe to dream up and implement locally relevant strategies for increasing the sustainability of the food system-yielding benefits for both environmental and human health.

In its first year, the project laid the groundwork for a more equitable, sustainable, and nutritious food system by partnering with schools, kindergartens, senior residencies, and local governments, impacting over 14 million people. Each city involved in FEAST is in the process of developing a locally relevant food systems intervention adapted to their unique contexts and local priorities. In Milan, Italy, the question at the top of everyone's minds is food waste. In May 2023, the city of Milan hosted a hackathon focused on reducing food waste. Beyond FEAST, the city has an established commitment to a more just and sustainable food system as evidenced by the Milan Urban Food Pact Policy.<sup>47</sup> Their work reduces **Privacy settings** the city and efficiently re-

9 October, 2023 Heidelberg, Germany

#### Media Contact

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#### Press Release Overview

Record Heat Highlights Urgency of Just and Sustainable Food System in EU Project - 02/10/2023

New EU initiative reimagines the European foodscape - 18/08/2022

Figure 12 Screenshot of the FEAST website press corner page (Accessed on 02.12.2023)

#### 2.3.3.3 Project Brochures and other Materials

A suite of materials that are essential for uni- and- bidirectional communication activities for use at scientific conferences, fairs, and other events have been developed. Table 16 provides an overview of the communication activities and their state of implementation.

Table 16	Description and state of implementation of FEAST for uni- and- bidirectional communication	
Туре	Short description and state of implementation	
Brochures	FEAST 1 <sup>st</sup> year package is a brochure of the project achievements in the first 12 months and is currently available in English.	
	<b>Next steps</b> : To increase FEAST visibility, the brochure will be translated into Dutch, German, Portuguese, French, Italian, Polish, Danish, and North Macedonian.	
	State - Ongoing	
Posters	Two conference posters were presented at the NetworkNature annual meeting 2023 conference in Brussels and also at the CLEVER Cities conference in Hamburg.	
	Next steps: Collect and upload more posters presented by FEAST partners.	
	State - Ongoing	



Promotional video	In total 22 videos were produced and published on FEAST's YouTube channel and website.	
	Next step:	
	State - Ongoing	
Project templates	State - finished	

Figure 13 shows two example rollups developed for the FEAST KickOff event in Heidelberg on Oct 5-6, 2022. The left one displays the main FEAST themes (food, health and sustainability) in a simple way through the three icons specially designed for this purpose. The rollup on the right side shows the key facts of FEAST e.g. number of involved countries, partners, and living lab sites.



Figure 13

Rollup's developed for the FEAST KickOff

#### 2.3.3.4 Social Media

Social media allows us to reach a wide, targeted audience, maximizing FEAST's impact and successfully exploiting our project results. Social media is being used for both our communication and dissemination. Before launching our project on a specific social media platform, the pros and cons of each specific platform are evaluated.

As social media platforms evolve over time, projects like FEAST are always in the situation to evaluate their strategies. Questions like:

- Does the platform share the values of the project?
- Is the audience we want to reach changing?



- Is the business model of the platform changing, and might this impact the project?
- Are we also reaching our collaborators via the platform, i.e. other projects?

One good example of how a platform is changing is X (Twitter). Since Elon Musk bought Twitter, not only has the name changed to X, but also their users and how people communicate on the platform have changed. At the same time, X remains one of the most used platforms to engage with other Horizon Europe/2020 projects. While other projects do not belong to our primary target audience group, they are relevant for the exchange of information and amplification of our posts.

Due to these developments, the FEAST DEC working group decided to take on a passive role on X (Twitter) in mid-2023. The account will continue to exist, but we will reduce our activities and observe how X continues to develop.

Another example is ResearchGate (*Home Feed* | *ResearchGate*); in February 2023 a FEAST project site was created on ResearchGate. On March 31, 2023, ResearchGate retired the projects feature and removed all projects from the site. See the following announcement: *ResearchGate Updates* | *Projects have been discontinued. Here's what we learned* — *and what we're working on next* 

Other relevant channels that will be further analysed for use in FEAST include (not implemented yet):

- Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/)
  - State: Not-started, under review.
- Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/)
  - State: Start February 2024
- Mastodon (https://mastodon.social/)
  - State: Not-started, under review

To ensure our messages are getting to the right audiences, we will use a carefully curated list of social media hashtags that reach a wide audience and those that are more niche to ensure our messages are effectively reaching our target audiences. Some examples of hashtags we are currently using include:

#FEAST2030, #food, #foodwaste, #foodsecurity, #foodavailability, #foodaffordability, #foodsystems, #foodpolicy, #health, #healthydiet, #hunger, #malnutrition, #sustainability, #foodjustice

This list will be continually updated over the course of the project.



#### 2.3.3.4.1 FEAST's Social Media Channels

Table 17 shows the already implemented social media channels, including the target groups and the hyperlink to the relevant channel.

Channel		Target groups	Hyperlink
LinkedIn	Ansistions to healthy and sustainable diets Kortemberg - 187 followers	Research and education, businesses policy makers, civil society organizations, municipalities and local authorities, associations representing different stakeholders in the food system.	LinkedIn FEAST2030
X (Twitter) Home Explore Notifications Messages	FEAST Food systems that support transitions to healthy and sustainable diets FEAST	Research and education, businesses policy makers, civil society organizations, municipalities and local authorities, associations representing different stakeholders in the food system, citizens, local media (including newspapers), press companies, communities.	X (Twitter) FEAST2030
YouTube □ YouTube <sup>cc</sup> 0 Start 2 Shorts □ Abos □ Mediathek ① Verlauf ① Später ansehen 1 Videos, die ich mag Abos	Suchen FEAST 10 Abonnenten DBERSICHT VIDEOS PLAYLISTS Uploads Alle wiedergeben Happy FEAST-O-Weens! Pappy FEAST-O-Weens! Papp	Research and education, businesses policy makers, civil society organizations, municipalities and local authorities, associations representing different stakeholders in the food system, education and school communities (teachers, students, parents, etc.), citizens, small farmers.	YouTube FEAST2030

Table 17	FEAST implemented social media channels, date 25.11.2023

We started FEAST's LinkedIn channel in July 2022 with posts being made at least once per week. Regular posting ensures that interested users are always informed about the latest progress of the project. A total of 451 people are already following FEAST's activities and the posts have generated more than 30,000 views. Table 18 and Table 19 show the type of industry and professional functions of the followers. The two industry types that have the greatest representation among FEAST followers are 'Research Services' and 'Higher Education'.



Table 18	Rankir

ng of LinkedIn followers and industy type of followers

Rank	Industry	Total followers
1	Research Services	93
2	Higher Education	70
3	Government Administration	28
4	Non-profit Organizations	23
5	Public Policy Offices	18
6	Hospitals and Health Care	14
7	Civic and Social Organizations	12
8	Business Consulting and Services	10
9	Wellness and Fitness Services	9
10	Biotechnology Research	7

#### Table 19

Ranking of LinkedIn followers and job function

Rank	Job function	Total followers
1	Research	80
2	Education	49
3	Business Development	45
4	Program and Project Management	31
5	Operations	28
6	Media and Communication	27
7	Healthcare Services	25
8	Community and Social Services	22
9	Information Technology	10
10	Administrative	9

FEAST's YouTube channel includes 22 videos and has 1,607 views and 13,158 impressions. Impressions include how many times the video thumbnails were shown to viewers on YouTube, not on external sites or apps. Figure 14 shows the views of FEAST's YouTube videos by traffic source. Most of the views come from external sources, external sources are websites and apps in which FEAST videos are embedded. Figure 15 shows the breakdown of the external sources. LinkedIn is in first place, followed by Instagram, LinkedIn App, google search and the FEAST website. This



illustrates how important it is to link content across platforms. A full list of all FEAST's YouTube videos can be found in Table A3 1 in Annex 3.

Traffic source	► Views ↓	Watch time (hours)	Average view duration	Impressions
Total	1,607	19.0	0:42	13,158
External	<b>625</b> 38.9%	8.4 44.1%	0:48	-
Channel pages	<b>378</b> 23.5%	3.5 18.3%	0:33	2,471
Direct or unknown	182 11.3%	1.9 9.9%	0:37	-
YouTube search	142 8.8%	1.3 6.9%	0:33	2,698
Playlists	129 8.0%	1.8 9.6%	0:50	935

Figure 14

Views, watch time, average view duration and impressions of FEAST's YouTube videos by traffic source, between October 2022 and November 2023

Traffic source > External	$(+)$ Views $\downarrow$	Watch time (hours)	Average view duration
Total	625	8.4	0:48
linkedin.com	158 25.3%	2.4 28.4%	0:54
instagram.com	63 10.1%	0.2 1.9%	0:09
linkedin.android	45 7.2%	0.6 6.6%	0:44
Google Search	41 6.6%	0.4 4.6%	0:33
feast2030.eu	21 3.4%	0.3 3.8%	0:53

Figure 15 Views of FEAST's YouTube videos by traffic source External, between October 2022 and November 2023

#### 2.3.3.4.2 FEAST Partner Social Media Channels

In addition to the project's main social media channels, social media channels managed by the FEAST WP lead organisations (Table 20; the full list can be found in the Annex) are being used to maximize outreach and leverage network effects.

 Table 20
 Social media channels managed by the FEAST WP lead organisations

Partner	Hyperlink
University of Heidelberg (Lead: WP1, 5, and 9)	LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/university-of- heidelberg
	X (Twitter): https://twitter.com/UniHeidelberg
	Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/uniheidelberg/?hl=en
	Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/uniheidelberg
EuroHealthNet (Lead: WP7)	LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/eurohealthnet/mycompany/



X (Twitter): https://twitter.com/sciensano https://www.sciensano.be/en
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#### 2.3.3.5 Partner Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication Resources

In addition to partner websites and social media channels, FEAST partners are involved in other networks or operate platforms themselves that serve as resources for FEAST DEC activities. Table 21 shows the WP leads specific DEC resources.

Table 21FEAST specific sites and channels

Partner	Hyperlink and Purpose
University of Heidelberg	UKHD – under development
(Lead: WP1, 5 and 9)	FabLab - http://www.opendotlab.it/fablab/
	Growth hacking – myLabel - https://mylabel.io
EuroHealthNet (Lead:	EU Food Policy Coalition: https://foodpolicycoalition.eu/
WP7)	CHAIN: https://www.ntnu.edu/chain
	EuroHealthNet Magazine : https://eurohealthnet-magazine.eu/
	EuroHealthNet Communication Network
ICLEI Europe (Lead:	Buy Better Food campaign - https://buybetterfood.eu/
WP4)	City Food program - https://cityfood-program.org/



	ICLEI iNews (newsletter) and online newsroom (https://iclei- europe.org/news/)
	CitiesWithNature - https://citieswithnature.org/
	NetworkNature - https://networknature.eu/
	SchoolFood4Change - https://schoolfood4change.eu/
	ICLEI Sustainable Procurement Platform - https://sustainable- procurement.org/
open science for open societies (Lead: WP8)	<i>www.openscience.eu</i> - The Platform can be used for the dissemination and exploitation of our results. Mainly to promote FEAST's OS results.

#### 2.3.4 Events

#### 2.3.4.1 Project internal events

The events that will take place annually include:

- Annual online General Assembly meetings (every spring).
- In person General Assembly meetings (second year in autumn)

#### 2.3.4.2 External meetings/Events

Table 22 shows a selection of events and meetings FEAST partners attended where they presented FEAST-related material.

Table 22Selection of events and meetings in which FEAST partners have participated.

No	Partner and date	Type of event and description of event
1	EuroHealthNet 23.09.2022	<b>Collaboration with EU-funded projects</b> – Presentation of FEAST or Health Inequalities in food systems at the joint meeting of the Scientific and Stakeholder Advisory Boards of the JPI "A healthy diet for a healthy life" (JPI HDHL). EuroHealthNet presented FEAST at this advisory board meeting, speaking on health inequalities and explaining how FEAST is going to address this issue. After the presentation, a debate followed with questions from CSOs, member state representatives, patien representative organisations and medical doctors.
2	EuroHealthNet 26.09.2022	<b>Conference</b> – EuroHealthNet presented FEAST at the European Health Forum in Gastein. 26-29 SEPTEMBER 2022 the 25th European Health Forum Gastein. EuroHealthNet's Policy Manager spoke about FEAST in a panel on Co-creating better food systems in Europe: The role o consumers' informed choices in transitioning to healthier and more sustainable food systems.
3	EuroHealthNet 28.11.2022	<b>Conference</b> – FEAST presentation at a FEPS (Foundation for European Progressive Studies) Expert Meeting "Breaking Down the Silos: Climate Mainstreaming and Holistic Policy Design". EuroHealthNet participated



		in this roundtable to discuss health challenges in food systems. During the discussions, EuroHealthet presented the work done and planned in FEAST as an example of how a systemic approach to food systems to benefit health.
4	myLabel 29.11.2022	<b>Conference</b> – Testify myLabel-FEAST in the context of the "Ambition Europe day". MyLabel was invited to testify in context of the "Ambition Europe day" organized by the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region on November 29. The CEO of myLabel spoke at an important time of the day, in the plenary room of the region's headquarters, a great opportunity to talk about and discover the FEAST project.
5	Good Food Oxfordshire 01.05.2023	<b>Round table event</b> – Childhood Food Poverty Policy recommendations. A roundtable event on Childhood Nutrition was held at the University of Oxford in May 2023. In total 65 stakeholders came together to share local experiences and explore opportunities for collective action. The views from this event have helped to not only shape the policy recommendations but also were used to inform areas of interest for the Oxfordshire LL.
6	IPVC and Comunidade Intermunicipal do Alto Minho 08.05.2023	<b>Meeting</b> – Strategy alignment meeting and formalization of partnerships between FEAST CIM/IPVC team and associations for regional development AdriMinho and Adril, May 8, Viana do Castelo, Portugal.
7	University of Lodzki 30.05.2023	<b>Conference</b> – Active participation in Social Policy Congress in Warsaw, Poland (40th National Conference of Social Politicians; "Social Policy as a Foundation of Social and Economic Development") organised under the auspices of the Social Insurance Institution and the Polish Academy of Sciences. Speech on "Local food policy and sustainable consumption as new, interdisciplinary challenges for social policy". Information about the FEAST project included in speech, both verbally and visually.
8	ICLEI Europe 07.06.2023	<b>Conference</b> – NetworkNature Annual Event. Poster presentation.
9	Comunidade Intermunicipal do Alto Minho and IPVC 13.06.2023	<b>Meeting</b> – Alto Minho's baseline diagnosis preliminary results presentation. Aiming to have a clearer picture of the approach undertaken in Alto Minho's schools on food-related topics, CIM Alto Minho and IPVC carried out a baseline diagnosis targeting both Alto Minho municipalities and Alto Minho's school groupings. The preliminary results of the diagnosis were presented during the Alto Minho Education Committee meeting, held on June 13th, 2023.
10	Commune d'Avignon 15.06.2023	<b>Education and training events</b> – Event on food for children. It was a free event open to the municipal schools to experiment many aspects of what sustainable food could mean. Various activities were proposed to the children: discovering bees' world, reflecting on food marketing, planting seeds, participating in a cooking workshop, etc



11	University of Lodzki 19.06.2023	<b>Conference</b> – Participation in 6th International Conference on Aging & Technology Fair organised by the Czech Active Aging Centre, Keynote Company, International Visegrad Fund under the auspices of Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Plenary conference speech "Food Insecurity among the Elderly: Case Study of the Polish "Living Lab" within the FEAST Project". Presentation of FEAST's main goals & assumptions. Public screening of Lodz Living Lab video.
12	IPVC, os4os and ICLEI Europe 26.09.2023	<b>Conference</b> – Poster at Clever Cities Nature in the City conference. Poster of LL Alto Minho's activities.
13	Guldborg Municipality, City of Gent, IPVC, ICLEI Europe and os4os 27.09.2023	<b>Conference</b> – Session at Clever Cities conference "Nature in the City" - Co-Developing Community Based Solutions for Healthy and Sustainable City Food Systems. This world cafe style workshop featured Living Labs from the Horizon Europe Food Systems project FEAST. Emphasis was placed on links between sustainable and healthy city food systems for all, nature-based solutions, and co-creative planning processes. Through the presentation of real-life challenges the Living Labs face on their journey, the goal was to foster cross-pollination and enhance collaboration throughout the disciplines of food systems and nature based solutions. After a brief introduction of three representative Living Labs (Guldborgsund, Denmark/Gent, Belgium/Alto Minho, Portugal) we will gathered in small groups to discuss the challenges these Living Labs encounter in starting co-creation processes. The involved stakeholders vary from non-governmental, public organizations to educational institutions. We wanted to showcase how co-creation can work in real life and what awaits along the way.
14	Good Food Oxfordshire 01.10.2023	<b>Conference</b> – Consumer Data Research Centre (CDRC) annual conference. Presentation made by GFO Director at the CDRC annual forum.
15	Azienda USL Toscana 16.10.2023	<b>Meeting</b> – Pre-kick-off event: presentation of Tuscany Living Lab to all Health Promotion Units of Tuscany Region. Showcasing of the FEAST project and TNO Living Lab: context, trigger for participation, objectives, status of activities, outcomes and future steps. Attendees showed great interest in the project and expressed willingness to be updated on subsequent activities.
16	University of Lodzki 20.10.2023	<b>Meeting</b> – FEAST project got an official nomination as a "Research Project of the Future" from the Polish Smart Development Forum. The FEAST project has been selected by the jury of the Polish Smart Development Forum as a nominee for the award of a Research Project of the Future. Dr Kaja Zapedowska-Kling, one of the FEAST team members at the University of Lodz, got an award of a Scientist of the Future in a category "A Woman of Science who changes the world". She introduced the idea of FEAST project during the final gala.



17	SUSMETRO 26.10.2023	<b>Conference</b> – FoodSHIFT 2030 Policy Conference. Keynote and panel debate with input on FEAST.
18	Good Food Oxfordshire 08.11.2023	<b>Clustering activities</b> – Annual Celebration. This event is an opportunity for the GFO team and the wider network to come together and celebrate our collective successes from the past year. As part of the event Fiona Steel, GFO Manager, presented the key projects and campaigns, of which FEAST was one. After the presentation there was an opportunity to network, and for the project team to promote the projects vision and planned outcomes with key stakeholders.
19	University of Heidelberg, EuroHealthNet and EAT Foundation 08-11.11.2023	Conference – Plenary session at the annual European Public Health Association (EUPHA2023) conference. In the plenary, organised by Caroline Costongs (EuroHealthNet - FEAST partner) and Suzanne Costello, the panelists highlighted concrete actions to address our imbalanced food systems. Key takeaways: Prof Tim Lang: get citizens involved in demanding change for our food systems Dr Francesco Branca: drive ambitious policies to create a new baseline for what is possible
		Dr Gunhild Anker Stordalen (EAT - FEAST partner): bridging silos across policy, science and business to transform food systems
20	University College Cork 10.11.2023	<b>Conference</b> – CFPC EUPHA2023 Presentation Workshop. INFORMAS and FEAST partnered in a session at the EPH (Europeach Public Heath Conference) in Dublin this year. As part of the session the video showed Janas Harrington from UCC Cork, a FEAST partner who shared the work of the Cork Food Policy Council. CFPC not only works on ongoing policy interventions at city level, but also organises educational and community-building events to bring local producers, cooks and eaters together.
21	ICLEI Europe and City of Gent 16.11.2023	<b>Education and training event</b> – Kantine Zukunft Talk Food Environments.
22	IPVC 24.11.2023	<b>Education and training event</b> – Heroes crew joining FEAST (6-9 year old children), fruit paintball - colouring activities (6-8 year old children) and work on recognising local products and assets in the form of a quiz . Guess who I am? (9-12 year old children). Work to recognise products and assets from the region and raise awareness of healthier eating habits.



## 3 Inclusive, intersectional and non-stigmatising communications

#### 3.1 Inclusive and intersectional communications and representation

FEAST is actively inviting and working with individuals representing the full spectra, diversity and intersectionality of European society (e.g. characteristics including gender, race, ability, socioeconomic status, culture, language, technology access, etc.) through FEAST team members and associated stakeholders. We are actively integrating and applying intersectional analyses across all components of the project to ensure that we are continuously evaluating norms and stereotypes, particularly linked to vulnerable groups, while also ensuring that we are considering and addressing the emerging needs of the full diversity of European society. This is being achieved by utilising inclusive and neutral language and avoiding narratives surrounding different roles and social constellations that reinforce potential stereotypes. All outputs are reviewed by multiple partners, who themselves have varied identities, to ensure that any given author's positionality does not result in problematically oriented content. Opportunities for professional development on this front, such as trainings and educational material, are also being sought out and shared with partners, to ensure that our inclusive and intersectional lens extends to consortium members' internal and external communication and not only project outputs.

Furthermore, a small working group within WP8 is advising on the inclusivity and intersectionality of our communications, including our partners from the University of Lodz, who are part of the Women's Studies centre which has extensive experience in the gender dimension. For the most critical communications linked to WP-related tasks we also consult with our Independent Ethics Advisor, Abha Saxena, to ensure that our work adheres to ethical principles.

Given that FEAST addresses all elements of the food system, the general approach we are taking is to (see Figure 16):

- (1) Ensure that we are collecting and analysing information from different sectors of the food system (i.e., consumers, producers, distributors, retailers) in a way that accounts for the diversity of European society by actively recruiting individuals across different groups, particularly vulnerable groups, for their views while also accounting for these dimensions in our analyses (WP2, WP3, WP4, WP5, WP6, WP7).
- (2) Ensure that FEAST's co-designed community-based, technology-based and policy-based solutions are done with diverse individuals, and in a way that takes account of their needs and preferences, so these solutions can be actively used by all EU citizens across all groups to support the transition to healthier and more sustainable dietary behaviour (WP4, WP5, WP7).
- (3) Ensure that FEAST's dissemination, exploitation and communication fully accounts for the different dimensions, as outlined above, while also being designed to reach them in ways they want, and are likely, to be reached (WP7, WP8).





FEAST approach to address the gender dimension throughout the project



#### 3.2 Non-stigmatising terms about health

Food and health are intertwined; it is difficult to advocate for a shift in the food system without addressing and celebrating the potential for improved health outcomes at the population level. At the same time, it is essential to avoid language that stigmatises certain dietary practices or dietrelated conditions and illnesses. FEAST achieves this by following the guidance outlined in the Rural Health Toolkit, which encourages centering individuals and communities in communication, rather than a condition or circumstance. For example, we would use the phrase 'individuals impacted by malnutrition', rather than 'malnourished individuals'.

#### 3.3 Accessibility of information

FEAST's main language of communication is English, but given that activities are being carried out at a local level in different countries, more targeted material is also being developed for specific channels, tasks, and outputs that are aligned with preferred communication channels for local actors. We are monitoring the need for the translation of materials, and local teams are organising the work of translation into country-specific languages in different communication modalities, such as text and audio. Furthermore, English language communication written for the general public are written at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level to ensure the content is accessible to the widest possible audience

#### Academic Dissemination 4

Knowledge is being shared at all stages of FEAST's research and innovation lifecycle and across different disciplines. The FEAST consortium is committed to the implementation of open practices (open access, open source, open data, etc.). Members who are already actively adhering to and applying these principles are supporting consortium members new to the approach in integrating open practices into their academic dissemination work. FEAST's use of open practices underlines the consortium's commitment to FEAST's MAA approach and empowering food system actors with knowledge to drive change on the ground, by reducing barriers to access. The Open Science (OS) strategy is coordinated by os4os (Open Science for Open Societies), which has extensive experience in designing, implementing and promoting open science practices.

FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) principles are the basis for FEAST's research work. As FAIR does not systematically mean "Open", we are also following the principle 'as open as possible and as closed as necessary' for output sharing and achieving a high impact. Several measures are being implemented to foster OS of the research outputs (scientific publications, data, software, algorithms, protocols) as highlighted in Table 23.

Table 23	FEAST OS roadmap framework: Research output and FEAST measures to address the FAIR principles and ensure reproducibility
OS Integratior across FEAST	FEAST measures to address the FAIR principles and ensure early sharing & reproducibility of results
OS Approache & Methods	<ul> <li>- <u>OS capacity building</u>: All partners are being trained on the latest OS practices and tools (i.e., latest standards and services created/validated by EOSC).</li> </ul>

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	- <u>Citizen science</u> : Research design based on citizen sciences methods - i.e., multistakeholder co-creation processes and integration of non-scientists into research live cycle.
OS Outputs	- <u>General information (FEAST website)</u> : A section dedicated to OS is being integrated into the FEAST website (with links to research outputs, training materials) and a public download section (data hub) for information which cannot be stored on EC data spaces is being provided.
	- <u>Licensing &amp; copyright</u> : FEAST is using systematically, and obligatory, open licensing models (mainly CC-BY), as defined by the <i>Open Knowledge</i> <i>Foundation</i> . The licensing models are applied to publications, content, data and code.
	- <u>Research outputs</u> : Research outputs (i.e., figures, models, workflows, software) and data are being made open and machine-understandable (i.e., sharing of metadata and description of how artefacts and data can be used for assessment and reproduction of research results). FEAST research data align with the EC strategy on <i>Web of FAIR Data</i> and Services to interlink data spaces. Software will be identified by the use of persistent identifier (PID), code will be stored at partner Git repositories (i.e., <i>GitHub</i> or <i>GitLab</i> ), and the FEAST Git repository (which will be launched early in the project).
	- <u>Storage</u> : Certified trusted repositories applying FAIR principles are being used. FEAST cloud services (i.e., model exploitation, data analysis, exploitation tool kit) will be made publicly available over the <i>EOSC marketplace</i> .
	- <u>Scientific publications</u> : Scientific publications are being shared over preprint platforms wherever possible (i.e., as long as the target journal allow preprint publishing). Furthermore, research plan(s) are being made available in <i>Zenodo</i> or other platforms allowing preregistration and preprints. At least ten publications will be submitted in <i>Open Research Europe</i> (ORE). Further, articles will be published in open access (OA) journals linked with <i>ORCID iD</i> . Outputs and findings from our work will also contribute to openly accessible <i>Lancet publications</i> (Lancet Health and Climate Change countdown, EAT Lancet 2.0).



# 5 FEAST's Community of Practice: External Collaboration with the EU Food Systems Community

FEAST is building and growing a Community of Practice (CoP), which functions as a platform to bring together relevant European Stakeholders (mainly virtually) for targeted exchange on topics that fall within the CoP scope.

During Q2 2023, the CoP concept draft was finalized (V9.0), outlining the CoP scope, objectives, added value, structure and key activities. For example, the CoP scope has now been defined as shown below in Figure 17.

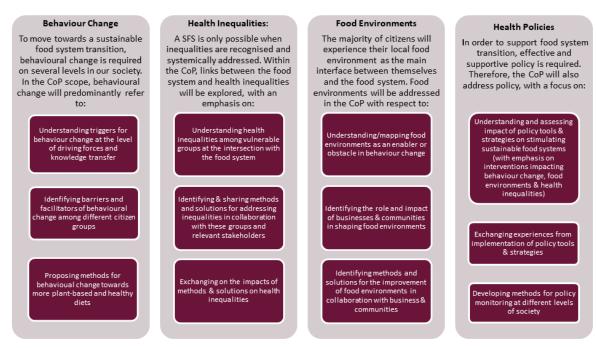


Figure 17 Community of Practice Scope Areas

With these scope areas in mind, the preliminary CoP objectives are:

- To facilitate knowledge brokerage
- To generate policy impact
- To stimulate industry dialogue

Regarding the target group of the CoP, Living Labs will be the main target of CoP activities and objectives. Living Labs have been chosen as the CoP target group in order to support practical, on-the-ground challenges regarding food and health, by stimulating the exchange of effective solutions and enabling the engagement of experts from academic and policy fields where needed. In this context, the CoP will facilitate the translation of research and policy into concrete actions among Living Labs, whilst building and sharing knowledge across Living Labs.

#### Launch of the CoP

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the CoP was officially launched among the FEAST Living Labs in collaboration with WP4. The CoP concept was presented and Living Labs were encouraged to register. Since the launch among FEAST Living Labs, the CoP has also been launched in the FOODSHIFT2030 and PLAN'EAT projects, inviting their Living Labs to join the CoP. The invitation flyer



for Living Labs is shown in Figure 18 (left). At the time of writing, 21 registrations for the CoP have been received from Living Lab representatives. These registrations represent 14 unique city regions. The scope areas of (1) Behaviour Change and (3) Food Environments appear as the two most popular / priority scope areas among registered Living Labs.

#### **CoP Events**

Several CoP events have been scheduled for Q1 2024. These events will take the form of 1.5 hour sessions dedicated to a case submitted by CoP members. This case will take the form of a challenge or goal from a Living Lab for which they require extra support. The sessions will be facilitated by the CoP organizing core who will develop a session program based on the case requirements. Figure 18 (right) shows the Call for Cases flyer distributed to CoP members in preparation of the CoP sessions.





Community of Practice Invitation Flyer for Living Labs (left) and Call for Cases Flyer (right)



#### **Collaborations with other networks**

#### The CoP is structured into three main groups (Table 24):

	Description	Who	Engagement Level
1. Organizing Core	Task 8.4 partners who contribute to the set-up, design, and organization of the CoP.	<ul> <li>SUS (lead)</li> <li>UKH</li> <li>ScS</li> <li>EHNet</li> <li>EAT</li> <li>FIBL</li> <li>ICLEI</li> <li>USG</li> <li>UGR</li> </ul>	Collaborate
2. CoP Members	Representatives who form the bulk of the CoP and participate in regular CoP activities. These representatives are the main target group for the CoP objectives.	<ul> <li>FEAST Consortium</li> <li>EU Food Project Family Consortium Members</li> <li>Other relevant Horizon &amp; EU projects</li> </ul>	Involve, Collaborate & Empower
3.Network Partners	Network partners are welcome to join as regular CoP members, but will most likely be involved on a more ad-hoc basis when there are targeted activities and discussions relevant to their interests.	<ul> <li>Healthcare professionals</li> <li>City officials</li> <li>Relevant NGOs / CSOs</li> <li>Industry players</li> <li>Educational institutes</li> <li>FabLab Network</li> <li>MUFPP cities</li> </ul>	Consult

 Table 24
 Structure of FEAST's Community of Practice (CoP)

A key strength of the FEAST consortium are the strong networks of its partners. These networks provide the project with accessible channels for our DEC activities and to empower and support Europe's stakeholders in all parts of the food systems (Figure 19):



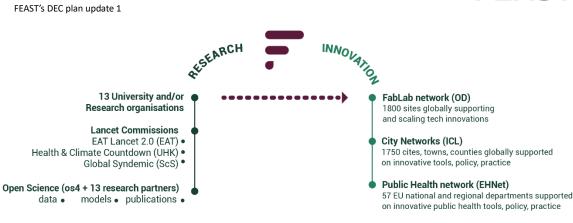


Figure 19 FEAST key scaling routes to scale impact during and after the project end date

During the first year of the project, the CoP has identified other food systems networks and social media campaigns to which FEAST can participate. This work will occur alongside clustering activities with sibling Horizon projects involved in food systems, many of which FEAST partners are already actively contributing to:

- **FOODTRAILS** (H2020 - Roskilde University and EAT): Food Trails are piloting 11 activities in participating cities in order to better co-create urban food policy. The goal is to make the farm-to-fork journey sustainable and to empower communities, promote zero-waste use of resources, promote environmentally friendly behaviour change and ensure people have healthy and secure diets.

- *SchoolFood4Change* (H2020 – ICLEI, Ghent): Starting in January 2022, 34 partners from 12 European countries (including 16 local governments) will work over four years to implement solutions aimed at switching to healthy and sustainable school meals with a whole school food approach. Over 3,000 schools with more than 600,000 children and young people in 12 EU Member States will be impacted.

- **BUY BETTER FOOD** (Coalition of members including ICLEI): Campaign calling for the uptake of public food procurement rules that work for the environment, consumers, and workers, and that provide healthy food to European citizens in public places such as schools, hospitals and elderly care homes.

- *JPI-PEN* (University College Cork): JPI-PEN will provide an overview of public policies with direct/indirect potential influence on food and physical activity policy environments. It will build on existing tools including the Food En-vironment Policy Index (Food-EPI) developed by the INFORMAS group.

- *INFORMAS* Group (Sciensano): INFORMAS (International Network for Food and Obesity / Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Research, Monitoring and Action Support) is a global network of public-interest organisations and researchers that aim to monitor, benchmark and support public and private sector actions to increase healthy food environments and reduce obesity, NCDs and their related inequalities. They have developed a variety of tools to evaluate food environments and businesses including Food EPI, BIA-Obesity and BIA-Sustainability. 43 countries are actively using INFORMAS' food environment and policy surveys.

- *EcoFoodMap* (Leuven2030): EcoFoodMap is an interactive tool that maps the food system in and around Leuven. The tool provides the necessary information about all initiatives, actors, experts and indicators in the Leuven food system. The goal is to stimulate new collaborations and provide insights that further improve connections and decision-making for a more sustainable and resilient urban food system.



- Lancet Commissions (EAT Foundation, University of Heidelberg, Sciensano): EAT Lancet 1.0 and the newly launched EAT Lancet 2.0; Lancet Health and Climate Change Countdown; Global Syndemic Commission.

#### Sister projects PLAN'EAT and SWITCH

In addition to the above projects, FEAST explored opportunities for collaboration with the two sister projects *PLAN'EAT* and *SWITCH* which are funded under the same Horizon Europe Farm2Fork call as FEAST.

All three projects are complementary and supplementary in using similar approaches and methods (e.g. use of living labs and policy labs/dialogues), which are presenting important opportunities for synergy and collaboration.

Furthermore, FEAST is collaborating with WHO Europe<sup>3</sup> (engagement has already begun), the Good Food Finance Network<sup>4</sup> (engagement has already begun), and the Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization.

#### Projects completed in 2023.

- **FOODSHIFT2030** (H2020 - Susmetro, Commune d'Avignon, INRAE): In partnership with engaged citizens, NGOs, SMEs, researchers, local administration, and policy makers, FOODSHIFT2030 has established nine living labs across Europe to incubate local food system innovations.

**FEAST's contribution**: FoodSHIFT 2030 Policy Conference. Keynote and panel debate with input on FEAST.

- Join Action Best-ReMaP (EuroHealthNet): a Europe-wide Joint Action (2020-2023) that seeks to contribute to an improved quality of food supplied to citizens of Europe by facilitating the exchange and testing of good practices concerning: i) the monitoring and analysis of how the food that people consume changes at the European and national level; ii) the regulations on the marketing of food and beverages to children and; iii) the procurement of food by public bodies for educational institutions, social care facilities, etc..

**FEAST's contribution**: FEAST's DEC team is working BestReMap on a strategy to prompote the results from the BestReMap project.

- **COACH** (H2020 – ICLEI): This project facilitates collaboration between farmers, consumers, local governments and other actors to scale up short agri-food chains.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.who.int/europe/about-us/about-who-europe (accessed on 15.11.2022)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://goodfood.finance/ (accessed on 15.11.2022)



# 6 Obligations and requirements for communication actions

#### 6.1 Information on EU funding

As FEAST receives funding from the EU, Innovate UK and the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) we use the logo Co-funded by the European Union in our DEC activities as described in article 17 of the GA.

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	Figure 20 Logos u	ısed in FEAST for infor	mation on EU funding a	nd Non-EU funding

#### 6.2 Disclaimer excluding agency and commission responsibility

FEAST is adopting standard practices or disclaimers. Statements include:

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In addition to this, FEAST-specific disclaimers are also included:

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# 7 Reflections on lessons learned

Effective communication ideally promotes the activities and results of a project, attracts experts, increases collaboration and engagement with end users, makes citizens aware of how public money is spent, and creates visibility. Dissemination activities support sharing research results with the scientific community, commercial players, civil society, and policymakers. During the first reporting period, FEAST carried out more than 80 individual communication and over 20 dissemination activities, not including individual social media posts by FEAST and FEAST partners.

As described in Section 2, FEAST's methodology for DEC activities involves five steps (identify target audience and messages, select tools, plan and implement activities) in a continuous loop.

The following reflections on lessons learned can be drawn after 17 months of the project:

- Digital platforms are essential for good internal communication within the team and with the communication teams of the partners.
- The use of templates for presentations and reports facilitates a common visual language.



- The production of materials in local languages enables access to local stakeholders. See for example, the *YouTube videos on the Living Labs*.
- Social media allows FEAST to reach a wide, targeted audience, maximizing FEAST's impact and successfully exploiting our project results. Social media is being used for both our communication and dissemination. Before launching our project on a specific social media platform, the pros and cons of each specific platform need to be evaluated. As social media platforms evolve over time, projects like FEAST are always in the situation to evaluate their strategies. Questions like:
  - Does the platform share the values of the project?
  - Is the audience we want to reach changing?
  - Is the business model of the platform changing, and might this impact the project?
  - Are we also reaching our collaborators via the platform, i.e. other projects?
- Cross-platform linking (LinkedIn, partner websites, FEAST's website, newsletter, etc.) enables easier access to our materials.
- Some audiences are known at the start of the project, and others are not. The communication material should, therefore, be created in such a way that communication can adapt accordingly to changing needs.
- Regular analysis of the activities enables readjustment and continuous improvement.

# 8 Conclusion

Table 25

FEAST's DEC approach aims to incorporate evidence-based and state of the art practices to support the efficient and effective utilisation of FEAST's results to build capacity at the micro, meso and macro level of Europe's food systems to empower and enable stakeholders to transition to healthier and more sustainable dietary behaviour and ensure that these changes 'stick'. Table 25 summarises the target audiences, their needs, FEAST's expected results related to these target audiences as well as the DEC approaches that will be used to achieve these results.

Specific Needs	Expected Results	D & E & C Approaches
We currently have 'Lose-Lose-Lose-Win' food systems in Europe where only large businesses 'Win' at the expense of people, planet, public sector and small enterprises.	1. Established baselines and sampling tools for ongoing monitoring, that can be used in the short-, medium- and long- term to understand the health and sustainability metrics of the food system at all levels (micro, meso, macro).	<ul> <li>Dissemination</li> <li>FEAST Community of Practice (leveraging 1800 fab labs, 1750 city network; 57 public health bodies).</li> <li>At least 10 FEAST open access scientific publications;</li> </ul>
<u>People</u> - NCD-linked morbidity and mortality linked to	2. An integrated health and sustainability impact assessment approach, including scenario modelling, for solutions on organizational, municipal,	development of evidence-based policy recommendations; participation in (after year 2) at least: 3 conferences/year; 2 loca community-based talks/year through our NGO and public

Summary and mapping of specific needs identified, expected results and DEC measures

poor quality diets (75% of all diseases and 85% of all deaths in Europe can be attributed to NCDs).

 Increased health inequalities and food insecurity.

#### <u>Planet</u>

- Huge GHG and environmental burden stemming from dietary choices (26% of GHG emissions, 50% of global habitable land use, 70% of freshwater use, 78% of eutrophication and 60% of biodiversity loss).

#### Public Sector

 - 7-10% of GDP, 70% of healthcare budgets (~€700 billion) spent on NCDs.

#### Private Sector

- Struggling primary producers (average EU farmer earns ~50% of the average EU worker) and SMEs. national and EU levels that can be used to understand costs and benefits of different food system solutions in the medium-long term.

3. Tools, policies and programmes that can empower European food systems actors (micro, meso, macro levels) to support just transitions to healthier and more sustainable dietary behaviour.

4. A toolbox of effective cocreated solutions (community, technology) that can be leveraged by food system actors, including policymakers, to support the transition to healthier and more sustainable diets.

5. A co-designed set of communication strategies and tactics that can be used by EU policymakers at all levels of government as well as interest groups, retailers, education systems and the media to facilitate dissemination and monitoring of effective solutions to facilitate the transition to healthier and more sustainable diets. sector partners; one hands-on workshop/year.

- Open Science datasets and scientific publications (14 research partners, OS infrastructure, 3 Lancet Commissions including EAT Lancet 2.0).

#### Exploitation

- 8-12 replicator cities (outside of FEAST consortium) take up FEAST solutions.

- Uptake, scaling and development of the Open Source Educational Kit (for children, teachers, parents) via 3,000 schools involved in SchoolFood4Change.

- Use of FEAST open datasets and models.

-Build/expand CAxP & EFMs (current reach of 1.5 million citizens).

- Empower 10,000s of consumers across Europe via *myLabel* app.

#### **Communication**

- Regularly updated FEAST website.

- Traditional media campaigns.

- Social media campaigns & online events.

#### - Science cafes.

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### Annex

# Annex 1 – Partner websites, social media channels and specific sites and channels

 Table A1 1
 FEAST organisation websites and links to FEAST on the partners websites

Partner	Hyperlink
University of Heidelberg	https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en
	FEAST on the HIGH website
Comunidade Intermunicipal do Alto Minho	http://www.cim-altominho.pt
NCSR "Demokritos"	https://www.demokritos.gr
EuroHealthNet	https://eurohealthnet.eu
	FEAST on the EuroHealthNet website
Roskilde University	https://ruc.dk
EAT Foundation	https://eatforum.org
	FEAST on the EAT website
Sciensano	https://www.sciensano.be/en
	FEAST on the Sciensano website
Arete	https://aretenet.org
University College Cork	https://www.ucc.ie/en
Ökosoziales Forum Österreich & Europa	https://oekosozial.at
ICLEI Europe	https://iclei-europe.org
Institut national de Recherche	https://www.inrae.fr
Pour L'Agriculture	FEAST on the INRAE website
Institut de Recherche Pour Le Development	https://www.ird.fr
Louis Bolk Institute	https://louisbolk.nl/en
myLabel	https://mylabel.io
open science for open societies	https://os4os.org/en
	FEAST on the os4os website
Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies	https://www.santannapisa.it/en



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Susmetro	https://www.susmetro.eu
	FEAST on the Susmetro website
Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche	https://www.unisg.it/en
Commune d'Avignon	http://www.avignon.fr
University of Graz	https://www.uni-graz.at/en
Instituto Politecnico de Viana de Castelo	https://www.ipvc.pt/en
OpenDot	http://www.opendotlab.it
	FEAST on the OpenDot website
Opshtina Prilep	https://www.prilep.gov.mk
University of Lodz	https://www.uni.lodz.pl/en
Municipality of Sitia	https://www.sitia.gr
LEADER-Region Weinviertel Donauraum	http://www.leaderwd.at
Katholieke University of Leuven	https://www.kuleuven.be/english
Leuven2030	https://www.leuven2030.be
	FEAST on the Leuven 2030 website
City of Gent	https://stad.gent
Azienda USL Toscana	http://www.usInordovest.toscana.it
City of Rotterdam	https://www.rotterdam.nl
Guldborg Municipality	https://www.guldborgsund.dk
Good Food Oxfordshire	https://goodfoodoxford.org
Forschungsinstitut für biologischen Landbau	https://www.fibl.org FEAST on the FIBL website
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#### Annex 2 – Brief Work Package Description

#### WP 1 & 9 - Project Management & Ethics requirements

The overall purpose of the activity is to provide project management and coordination for the FEAST project across all other activites. All partners will contribute to effective management through a contract and delivery of technical and financial reports.

#### WP2 - Mapping & monitoring dietary patterns

Current research on mapping and monitoring dietary behaviours is limited to a few EU countries using different survey focuses, methods, and tools. The most popular 'food frequency questionnaire', for example, can measure adherence to healthy diets and in few cases minimally or partially capture the behavioural and communication aspect of food that leads to improved healthy diets. Our approach will advance the state of the art by first reviewing current literature and subsequently improving and integrating tools while applying robust methods including crosssectional surveys, experiments and the collection of primary data through citizen science initiatives to triangulate our data and overcome these limitations. Our aim will be to fully capture which foods are over- and under-consumed by vulnerable societal groups and the factors influencing their behaviours. These insights will support the development of targeted strategies for specific population segments to enable the transition to healthier and more sustainable diets.

#### WP3 - Mapping and Monitoring factors that shape food environments

Food environments (consisting of public and private sectors as well as communities) have an important role in determing the types of food citizens have access to. The individual and collective actions of these sectors will, to a large extent, determine the opportunities that citizens have to eat healthy and sustainable diets. We will apply rigorous methods to gain insight into the roles of business, governments and communities in influencing the transition to healthier and more sustainable food environments in line with Farm2Fork aims. The overarching objective here is to improve our understanding of the barriers and enabling factors affecting food system actors' efforts to improve food environments and to produce, process, promote and provide affordable, sufficient, healthy and environmentally, socially and economically sustainable food products, processes and services to respond to citizens' needs, requirements and preferences.

#### WP4 - Co-developed community-based solutions

Food systems across Europe are very heterogeneous. Despite the fact that different areas will face similar problems (such as high consumption of unhealthy/unsustainable diets, especially among vulnerable groups), the root causes that lead to and perpetuate these problems will be different across different contexts. This means that it will not be possible to create one-size-fits all solutions for these problems and it means that co-created solutions that account for local contextual factors will be essential to effectively tackle these problems. The overarching objective of WP4 is to co-develop community-based solutions to support the just transition to healthier and more sustainable dietary behaviour.



#### WP5 - Co-developed tech-based solutions

Technology-based solutions can play a very important role in supporting the transition to healthier and more sustainable dietary behaviours at the micro and meso-levels of food systems. The goal of WP5 is to design novel technology-based solutions, scale solutions and evaluate the causal impact of existing technologies for promoting the transitions to healthier and more sustainable diets, particularly in vulnerable groups. These solutions will be tested for both individuals and communities.

#### WP6 - Understanding and measuring the impacts

Our goal with this WP is to work on a common modelling framework that can be used across regions (both cities and rural areas) with a vision of weaving outcomes together for regional and global comparative analyses. Simulation models that are able to more clearly articulate how actions on a micro level are going to have an impact on a macro level can be used to design solutions at a macro level and vice versa. The applicability for policy makers will be key and the produced model will be as easy to handle as possible. Formally, the model will make it possible to i) characterise and prioritise the determinants of food system evolution and ii) assess the impacts of public actions or changes in behaviours. Our approach will directly address the challenge of building an architecture that takes into account the heterogeneity of the nature of the information and the scales of relations.

#### WP7 - Policy dialogues to inform food system governance

The primary objective of WP7 is to co-design policy and recommendations for policymakers using a policy dialogue methodology underpinned by scientific evidence and stakeholder engagement to facilitate the transition towards healthy and sustainable diets. The key output will be a road-map and set of policy briefs identifying opportunities across different policy levels, involving different food system actors, to achieve a fairer/more equal transition to healthy and sustainable dietary behaviours.

#### WP8 - Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication

FEAST is designed to create a paradigm shift for food systems to ones that are fairer, healthier and more environmentally friendly for all actors (primary production to consumption), particularly vulnerable populations. Our pathway to impact will begin by working through our Multi-Actor Approach (MAA) to leverage the results and outputs from FEAST to ensure broad-scale strategic dissemination of the project's findings and key messages, enabling their uptake and integration in future strategies and practices developed by local, regional and national governments, and simultaneously engaging the general public (consumers, citizens), production/supply side actors and young professionals in the implementation of such strategies - thus inspiring each target group to move upwards in the engagement pyramid, and further exploiting FEAST's potential to build capacity. The dissemination and exploitation planning will ensure the generated results achieve FEAST's intended outcomes and maximises the overall impacts of the project by efficiently reaching clearly defined stakeholders through wide-reaching communication activities, efficient dissemination and impactful capacity building. The overarching objective of WP8 is to raise levels of awareness of food systems actors, including citizens, about transition towards healthy and sustainable food behaviours.



# Annex 3 – Links and statistics related FEAST's website and social media use and activities

 Table A3 1
 Full list of FEAST YouTube videos, ranked by views

Title	Video publish time	Views
Happy FEAST-O-Ween 2022	28.10.2022	214
FEAST Kick Off Impressions	13.10.2022	147
Good Food Oxfordshire a FEAST Living Lab	23.01.2023	120
FEAST Trailer	12.07.2023	115
Leuven 2030 FEAST Living Lab	07.02.2023	96
Hackathon Milan 2023 Trailer	06.06.2023	93
Rotterdam – Beijerlandselaan / Groene Hilledijk a FEAST Living Lab	06.02.2023	88
Hack for Food, Hack for Good, FEAST Hackathon Milan 2023, Dr. Anant Jani	26.06.2023	88
Guldborgsund Municipality a FEAST Living Lab	07.03.2023	73
Tuscany FEAST Living Lab	10.07.2023	72
CIM Alto Minho a FEAST Living Lab	06.04.2023	66
Prilep FEAST Living Lab	23.03.2023	66
Sitia Municipality a FEAST Living Lab	10.03.2023	64
Ghent FEAST Living Lab	14.03.2023	61
Avignon FEAST Living Lab	21.02.2023	49
Lodz FEAST Living Lab	19.03.2023	37
FEAST holidays 2022	19.12.2022	37
CFPC EUPHA2023 Presentation Workshop	17.11.2023	24
LEADER Weinviertel Donauraum	18.08.2023	19
Hack for Food, Hack for Good, FEAST Hackathon Milan 2023, Nicolas	27.06.2023	17
Hack for Food, Hack for Good, FEAST Hackathon Milan 2023, Francesca	27.06.2023	17
Hackathon Milan 2023 Interview Elisa	26.06.2023	16



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