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1. Overview of the EIT Food Government Executive Academy

EIT Food Government Executive Academy brings together public sector representatives, including regional and central government officials, from 28 RIS countries and professionals working in the field of agri-food innovations from industry, academia and European institutions. The Academy is an advisory and capability building program that offers insights into the challenges related to food system innovations and regulations. It is also an opportunity to exchange best practices that will contribute to further improvements of Research & Innovation Smart Specialization Strategies and inspire future development of operational programs based on the EU Structural and Investment Funds as well as networking opportunities for public sector representatives from different RIS regions and states.

The Academy is delivered by University of Warsaw, EIT Food CLC North-East and EIT Food CLC South with a group of industrial partners: Danone, PepsiCo, and VTT.

2. Eligible Participants

Public sector representatives, including regional and central government officials, from 28 RIS countries (Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Faroe Islands, North Macedonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine) involved in the design, implementation

and/or monitoring of Research & Innovation Smart Specialization Strategies (RIS3) or in defining regulatory policies related to agri-food industry.

Participants who took part in the first and second edition of the Academy are not allowed to reapply.

3. Admissions and funding terms

Admissions

The program aims at outstanding employees of public sector (on national or regional level, including ministries, agencies and regulatory bodies) from 28 RIS countries (Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Faroe Islands, North Macedonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine).

The ideal applicant should:

- 1) Be involved in the design, implementation and/or monitoring of Research & Innovation Smart Specialization Strategies (RIS3) related to agri-food industry or in defining regulatory policies related to agri-food industry in her or his country;
- 2) Have relevant knowledge and experience in public policy development on a regional or national level;

- 3) Have a leadership potential which means she or he has a track record in coordinating projects or contributing to organizing new initiatives in RIS3;
- 4) Have an entrepreneurial approach to problem solving and willingness to share her or his knowledge with other participants of the EIT Food GEA;
- 5) Bring diversity. We strongly encourage applications from women and various geographical regions, submitted by specialists in multiple fields.

All workshops will be held in English and therefore at least working knowledge of this language is required.

To join the program the applicant needs to fill in the application form on the EIT Food Application Portal.

Applications will be assessed by a special committee of experts from University of Warsaw, EIT Food CLC North-East and EIT Food CLC South, with regard to formal criteria such as country eligibility, employment, command of English, conflict of interest issues, acceptance of terms and conditions, and answers to questions regarding relevant experiences in design, implementation and/or monitoring of Research & Innovation Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3) in agri-food industry (level of involvement in RIS3 development process, a track record in coordinating projects and/or developing new public policy initiatives) and leadership potential (motivation, entrepreneurial approach, willingness to share expertise and to work in a group). Formal criteria will be assessed on a two-point scale (1 – fulfilled, 0 – not fulfilled) while relevant experience and leadership potential on a three-point scale (0 – not satisfactory, 1 – acceptable, 2 – very good). For the purposes of the evaluation process, applicants receiving

the same overall amount of points will be assessed by comparing their leadership potential score.

Funding terms

All specific conditions of funding will be described in a consent form signed by participants and shared with EIT Food and its partner designated to represent it in relation to the third parties in the project.

A formal requirement for reimbursement of travel and accommodation cost (maximum amount of € 1000 gross per participant, lump sum) is an active participation in the entire EIT Food GEA, confirmed by daily attendance lists, in accordance with EIT/Horizon 2020 funding modalities. The support will be subject to taxation according to the local legal requirements of the Republic of Poland.

4. GDPR and liabilities

EIT Food GEA will focus on public dissemination of knowledge that could further be reused within the applicant's organization or country. Nevertheless, during one-on-one interactions or teamwork participants may gain insights into specific practices or circumstances that will be shared by other participants or organizers of EIT Food GEA. If the specific knowledge item is classified as non-public/confidential, the participant will be asked to respect its confidentiality, also after the end of the program.

The participant acknowledges that the organizers of EIT Food GEA will have the right to use his or her image and public testimonials made during or after the workshop in their communication activities (including e.g. information delivered via social media).

The organizers of EIT Food GEA are not responsible for:

- The personal and health insurance of the participants during events and activities of the program;
- Damage to the property of a participant or financial consequence of any damage caused by a participant to the property of the EIT GEA organizers and third parties;
- Other damages, losses, liability or injury arising out of or in any way connected with the activities carried out in the EIT Food GEA program.

Should the participant accept a place in the EIT Food GEA program and fail thereafter to attend and fully participate in the activities, he or she agrees to be responsible for any upcoming costs. This excludes cases of force majeure or illness, which will be reviewed by the EIT Food GEA organizers on a case-by-case basis.

The applications submitted to EIT Food GEA are handled under confidentiality, which extends to reviewers and other persons processing the applications on behalf of EIT Food and its partners.

EIT Food GEA participants retain the ownership of their intellectual property rights generated during EIT Food GEA.

5. Key dates

Applications are open from **24th January 2020** till **20th March 2020**. The organizers can extend the application deadline at their own discretion.

EIT Food Government Executive Academy will be held between 17th and 19th June 2020 in Warsaw, Poland.

6. Contact

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