



**Newsletter no. 4**

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## **FoodChains 4 EU #fc4eu in the second year!**

### **Stimulating innovation and fostering sustainable food chains!**

In 2018, the second year of the FoodChains 4 Europe (FC4EU) project implementation, all partners have strongly cooperated for developing the interregional food chains network and have intensified the work together to facilitate the exchanges of experience between the five regions of the project: ***Flevoland (NL), Plovdiv/Sofia (BG), Emilia-Romagna (IT), Maramures (RO) and Greater Manchester (UK).***

More details on the FC4EU project and our international partnership:

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/foodchains4eu/>

**Important steps** have been made in strengthening the project partnership and increasing the interregional cooperation in order to achieve our ambitious objective.



## **Core ACTIONS of the FC4EU Project, in 2018**

### ***Evaluation of the local food chains***

FC4EU project has launched its series of Peer Reviews to assess the food chains of the project regions, focusing on themes defined at local level. Experts from the project partners visit the hosting regions and discuss with local entrepreneurs and stakeholders to understand

the current situation and the challenges of the local food chains sectors.

Based on the field observations and the local specific topics, the PR teams make recommendations to be used in the action plans and in the pilot actions of each region.

**Four Peer Reviews have been carried out in 2018:** the first one in Great Manchester (UK) - January 2018 (details in Newsletter no. 3), the 2nd PR in Varna (BG) – May 2018, the 3rd PR in Flevoland (NL) – July 2018 and the 4th Peer Review was recently held in Maramures (RO) – November 2018.



## • ***Advice for quality & innovation***

During 14th – 17th of May 2018, partners and stakeholders of the FC4EU project met in Varna (Bulgaria) to discuss on two main topics: (i) *support for innovative products along the food chain*; (ii)

*and coordination to reduce the food waste along the food chain.*

Video of PR in Varna

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- ***Improvement of food supply chains***

In the second semester of 2018, from 3rd to 6th of July, representatives from Bulgaria, Romania, UK and Italy gave advice to the province of Flevoland on strengthening the food chain, to develop an active vision on food together with education, businesses and other government institutions. Video of PR in Flevoland; [Keep](#)



- ***Support for local food chains development***

In the second semester of 2018, the 4th Peer Review of FC4EU project was hosted by Maramures County Council, during 5th – 9th November 2018. Based on the PR team recommendations, Maramures will draw up an action plan including a labelling system for local products called "Bun de Maramures" – "Good of Maramures". [Video of PR in Maramures; Keep Reading](#)

## *Learning platform for innovation, sustainability and enhanced quality in food chains*

Two Interregional Learning Workshops (ILW) have been organized in 2017, the first year of the project implementation: in Bulgaria (May), focusing on “finances in the innovation process” and in Italy (November), with focus on “enhancing innovation and the adoption of sustainable practices in the food supply chain”.

**In the second semester of 2018, the 3rd Interregional Learning Workshop has been organized in Maramures, in November 2018,** focusing on “tradition & innovation” of the food chain. [Keep Reading](#)



## *Monitoring the outcomes of the project*

In the first semester of 2018, senior representatives and politicians of the FC4EU project partners met for the 3rd Monitoring Board Meeting in Varna (Bulgaria), on Friday 18 May 2018, to discuss the progress of the project.

This semester, the 4th Monitoring Board Meeting of the FC4EU project was hosted by Maramureş County Council, in Baia Mare (Romania), on Friday, 9 November 2018. The overview of project finances and highlights per region of projects activities have been the topics discussed in the first part of the meeting, followed by the presentation of outcomes (reports and videos) of the peer reviews held in 2018, in Bulgaria and in Netherland, as well as the initial observations and recommendations of the experts involved in the PR in Maramures (Romania).

The successful cooperation within the FC4EU project and the learning process from and with each other are important values of our project.







## **What will we eat in 2050?**

The 2nd edition of the Flevo Food Tour organized by Flevo Food Association within the FoodChains 4 EU project was focused on the food of tomorrow! [Keep Reading](#)



## **"Good of Maramures"**

Stakeholders from Maramures (Romania) met in Baia Mare, on Friday, 14th December 2018, to discuss about the materialization of "Good of Maramures"





*The project team wishes  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*We count on your collaboration in 2019!*



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