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## Challenges and opportunities for the European agri-food sector

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## SME competitiveness Agrifood projects





Enhancing SME competitiveness and sustainability in the organic sector 04.2016 – 03.2020



EUropean REgions of GAstronomy building resilience and creating economic growth **06.2018 – 05.2022** 



Development of food industry SME competitiveness for better potentials in growth 08.2019 – 07.2023



Quality standards and authenticity to foster competitiveness of agrifood SMEs **08.2019 – 07.2023** 



Enchancing the Entrepreneurship of SMEs in Circular Economy of the Agri-Food Chain 08.2019 – 07.2023

## At the crossroad of European policies





Source: SinCE-AFC E-Book, own depiction from the authors

Today's agenda	
	A European perspective
14:00 – 14:45	<ul> <li>"The European agri-food sector – challenges and opportunities" Elvira Domingo, Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) Programme manager, EIT Food</li> <li>"Role of EIP-AGRI innovation &amp; knowledge exchange in overcoming challenges and promoting opportunities for the European agri-food sector"</li> <li>Szabolcs Biro, EIP-AGRI, Research &amp; Innovation Officer, Head of Divison B: Fostering a smart and resilient agricultural sector and food security</li> </ul>
14:45 - 14:55	Short break - networking
14:55 - 15:45	Thematic session I Brands, labels and quality
15:45 - 16:35	Thematic session II Entrepreneurship in the agri-food sector
16:35 - 16:45	Wrap up and conclusions
17:00 – 17:45	Online Expert Helpdesk (pre-booked) individual meeting with Thematic Experts to discuss specific needs and policy challenges

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