HOW TO DESIGN SMART AND GREEN LOCAL AGRI-FOOD VALUE CHAINS

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The average annual family farm income in the EU

is nearly **60%** lower than that of non-farming families





FARMING

ECONOMY

KNOWLEDGE

TECHNOLOGY

POLICY



- Climate change and **extreme weather conditions** are making farming a very risky business.
- Loss of soil fertility which has caused soil erosion, lower yields and less nutritious produce
- Lack of knowledge and valuable on the ground information, less than 20% has a good understanding for smart and sustainable agrifood practices

- Traditional sector: less than 30% of farmers is currently using new technologies
- The EU landscape is regionally diverse, in cropping size, income, infrastructures and agriculture type as well as in knowledge, awareness, and digital savviness.
- Agriculture has become hugely dependent on CAP subsidies for survival
- Highly fragmented ecosystem that reduces the impact





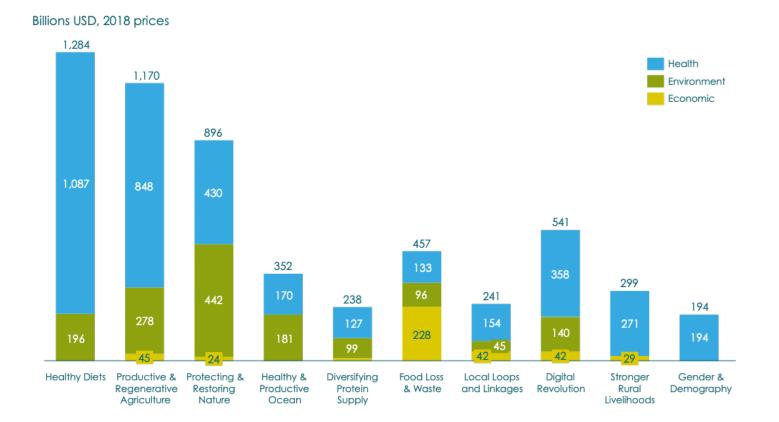
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Unlocking OPPORTUNITIES

Transforming the world's food and land use systems is necessary to achieve SDGs.

This transformation can be made with a societal return that is more than 15 times the related investment cost and creating new business opportunities worth up to \$4.5 trillion a year by 2030

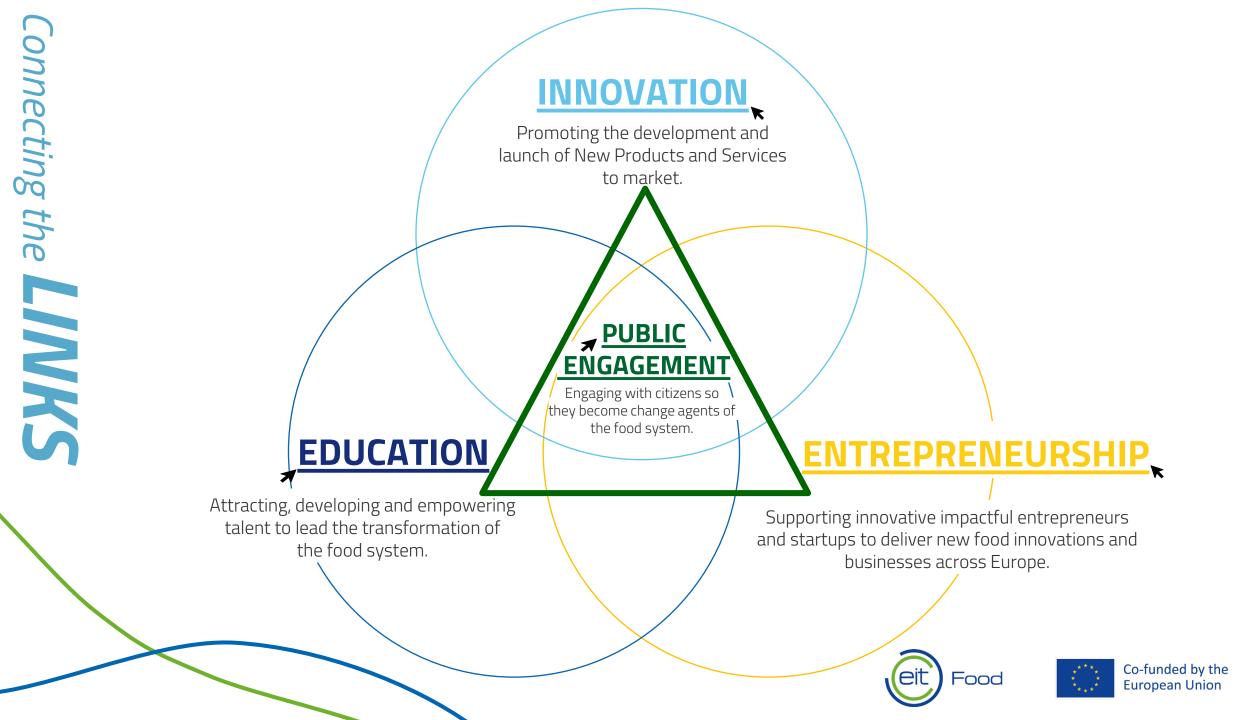


Source: SYSTEMIQ, Food and Land Use Coalition, 2019 (see online technical anniex methodology).





THE ROLE EIT FOOD



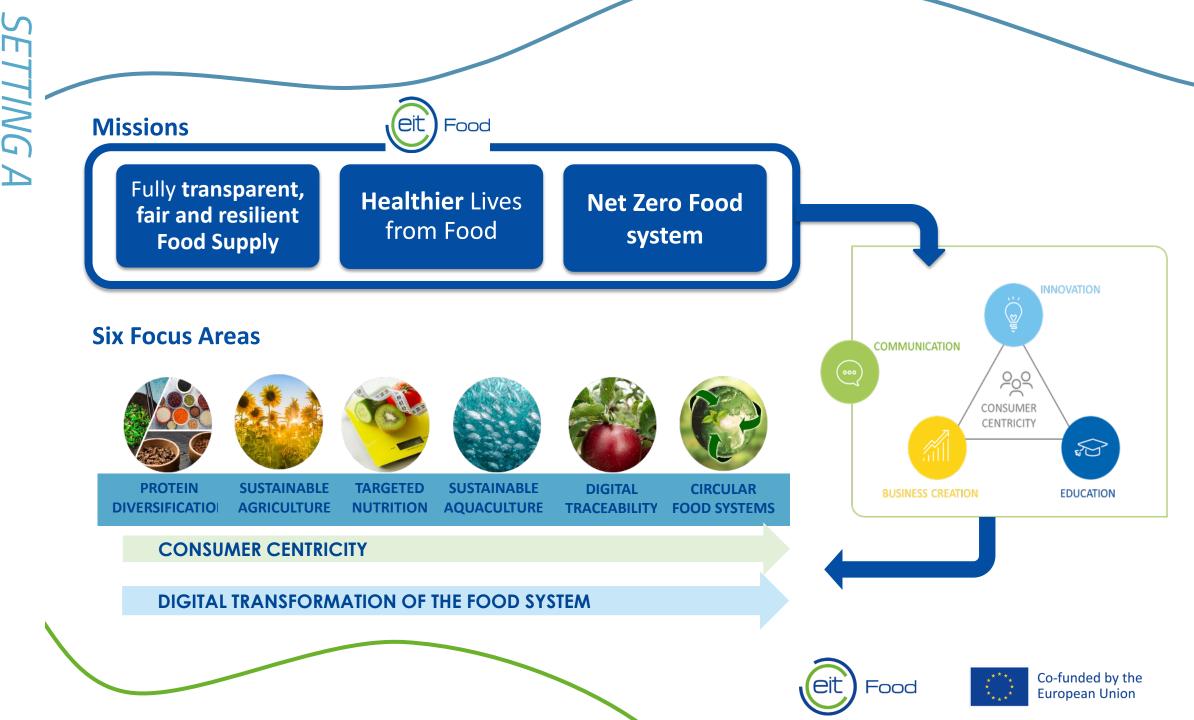
A unique community that brings together key players from across the food value chain including industry partners, startups, research centres and universities



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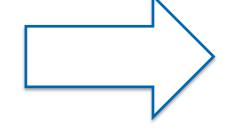


EIT FOOD IN ACTION

MAKE IT HAPPEN

- Network
- Innovation ecosystems
- Risk management
- Financing
- Education
- Awareness
- Policy





- Regenerative Agriculture
- Test Farms





TEST FARMS

Supporting technological transformation in agriculture

- Enables startups to test and validate their products and services and showcases them to potential clients and investors.
- Gives farmers access to innovation and validated technology

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- **Startups** with **innovative agritech** solutions that can be tested in the field on plants or animals.
- The innovation should resolve an agriculture challenge related to sustainability, digital traceability, circular food systems or targeted nutrition.

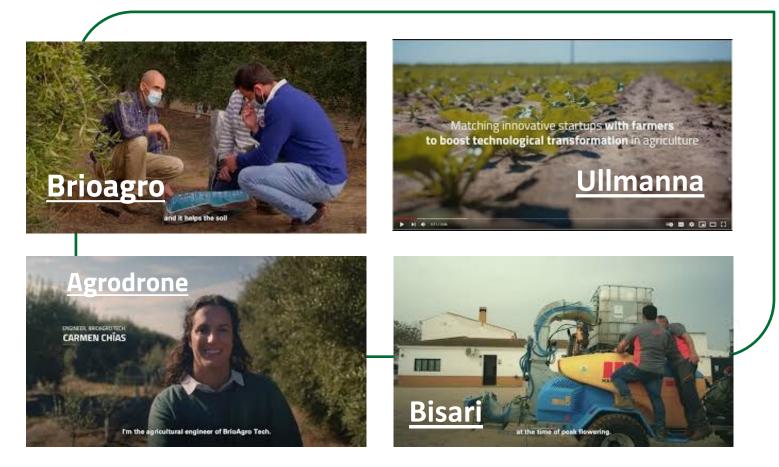






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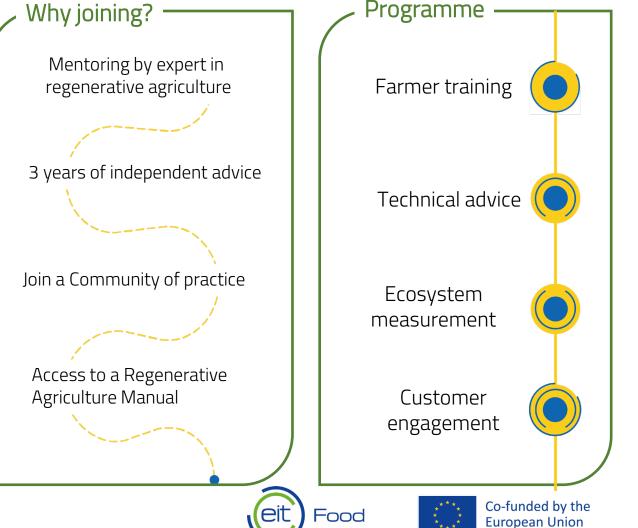
REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

Regenerative practices > soil health > plant and animal health > human health.

Help farmers in the transition to regenerative farming practices.

Raise public awareness about the important health, environmental and economic benefits of eating regeneratively produced food.





REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE



TRAINING

- ✓ Farmer 2 Farmer training
- ✓ 2-3 day Bootcamp (Over 280 farmers trained)
- Regenerative Agriculture
 Manual
- Visual soil assessment and video series

TECHNICAL ADVICE



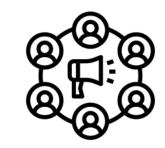
- ✓ 3-year one-on-one
 - agronomist support
- Regenerative transition plan
- ✓ Grant to kickstart transition
- ✓ 75 farms in 4 countries under advisory

MEASUREMENT -



- Measurement/ monitoring:
 - Physical-chemical
 - Visual soil assessment
 - Economic indicators
- ✓ Soilmentor app
- Biodiversity and carbon
- Benchmarking

CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT



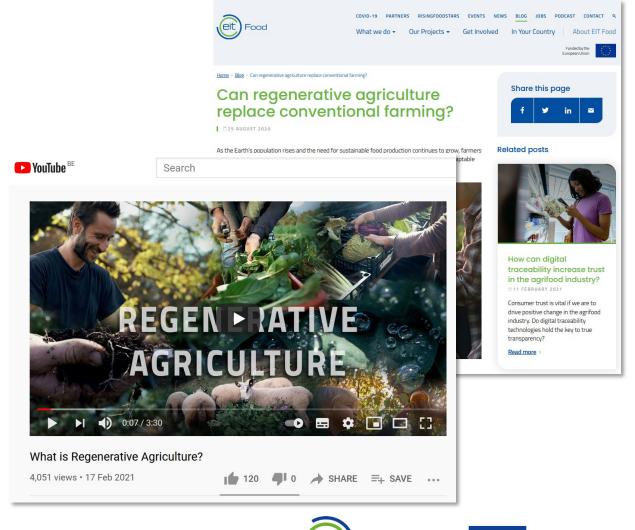
- ✓ Dedicated website
- Regenerative agriculture success stories
- ✓ Video series
- ✓ Blog
- ✓ Farm up event





REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

- We are weaving our actions into the broader story of regen ag in Europe through:
- Series of videos to tell the story of regenerative agriculture and the farmers who bring it to life:
 - What is regenerative agriculture?
 - Farming for the future
 - Becoming a farmer again
- Regenerative farmer success stories
 - <u>The Rebel with a regenerative vineyard</u>
- Social media campaigns, including the most viewed blog of EIT Food in 2021: <u>Regenerative / conventional farming?</u>







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