

# NTNU approach to European Platforms and Strategic Partnerships

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## NTNU

- Main profile in science and technology
- Academic breadth: humanities, social sciences, medicine, health sciences, science of education, architecture, fine arts and performing arts
- Headquarters in Trondheim with campuses in Gjøvik and Ålesund
- One Brussels Office









## **Key figures**

- Largest university in Norway
- 8 faculties, 55 departments and NTNU University Museum
- 7761 person-years (2020)
- More than 42 000 students (2020)
- Horizon 2020 results:
  - More than 240 Signed Grants
  - About 140 Million Euros Funding (not considering ERA-Nets and KIC projects)





### The European Playfield

### Platforms, Alliances, Associations\*













### Horizon Europe Strategic **Partnerships**

#### HEALTH **EU-Africa Global Health Innovative Health Initiative**

#### CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

**Built environment and construction** Towards zero-emission road transport Mobility and Safety for Automated Road Transport **Batteries** 

Clean Energy Transition Sustainable, Smart and Inclusive Cities and Communities

Smart and zero-emission waterborne

#### DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

AI, data and robotics **Photonics Europe** Clean Steel - Low Carbon Steelmaking

#### Made in Europe

Carbon Neutral and Circular Industry Global competitive space systems **European Geological Service** 

#### FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

People, Planet & Climate Circular bio-based Europe

#### PILLAR III AND CROSS-PILLAR



## Positioning in EU initiatives

- Needs:
  - One committed representative for the whole organisation
  - Effective exchange and collaboration with relevant internal experts
  - Provision of Multidisciplinary inputs
- Benefits:
  - Networking/new collaborations
  - Access to strategic information
  - Contribution to the definition of the contents of SRIAs and calls

In addition, strategic partnerships are expected to cover about 50% of total budget for Pillar II of HEU



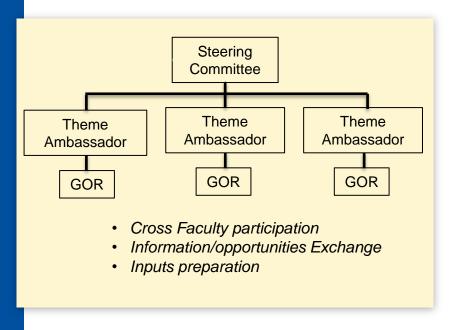
## **NTNU Approach: Internal Fora**

Creation of cross-faculty Multidisciplinary Thematic Fora linked to achieved positionings in relevant EU initiatives to:

- Ensure effective information exchange
- Provide the possibility for multidisciplinary contribution
- Amplify the initiative participation impact on the internal research system



## Internal Fora – Adopted Model



- Steering Committee: Comprises
   Administrative support people and
   Ambassadors. Responsible to follow
   governance and administrative aspects of the initiative concentred
- Theme Ambassador: Scientific expert to follow specific focused activities in the platform
- GOR: composed by NTNU professors interested in the themes of the initiatives willing to receive information and to provide inputs from/to the Ambassador



## Internal Fora – Strategic Guidelines







## NTNU Food Forum example



- Organizing our university to deal with food systems and sustainability challenges and make the most of our positions in EU
- A two way route, combining NTNU Food expertise and the EU system



## Sustainable food system – a grand global challenge strategically prioritized in Europe

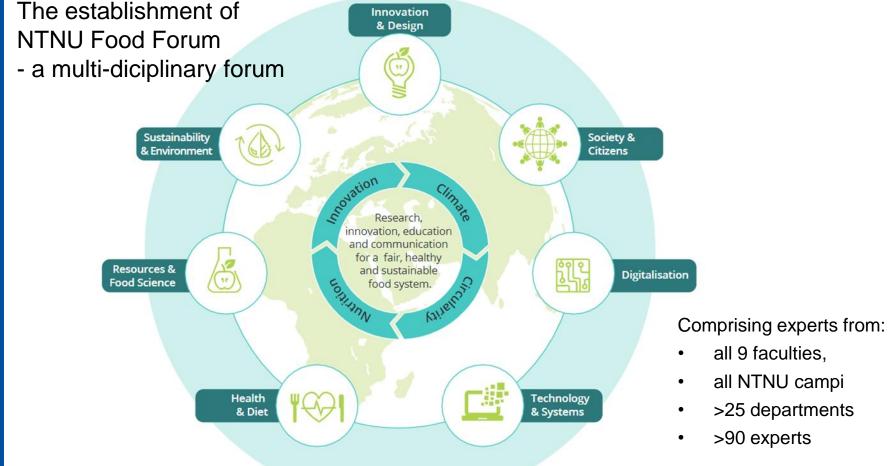






- One of the European responses
- ...another one is the European strategic partnership on food systems





Fragmented research -> Strategic & organized forum with a SYSTEM APPROACH

### Strategic Initatives **Ambassadors**



Eva Falch Forum Leader



Thais Mothe-Diniz Massimo Busuoli



Hilde Bjørkhaug

Ida-Johanne Jensen

### Strategic Initatives **Ambassadors**



Metrofood infrastructure





- Animal Welfare Europe
- Food Systems...

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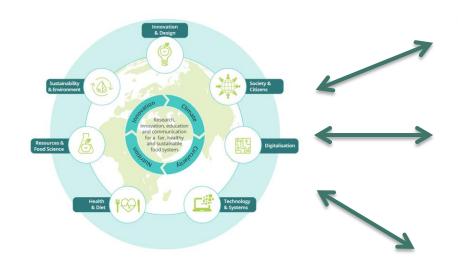
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## Ambassadors as contact points actively involved...



Organisation to benefit from European Platforms and networks.



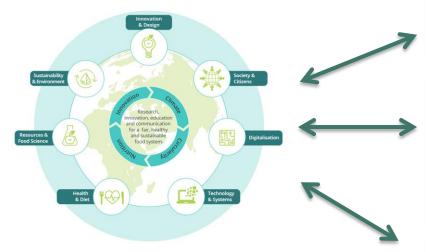








### ... in the policy debate



Utilizing the experts from the multidisciplinary forum to involve in the debate towards more sustainable food systems.

#### Past events







11. EU Farm to Fork Fireside chat on 2021 actions



10. European research and innovation for the Agri Food Sector beyond 2020



9. Nutrition labellingthe way forward!



8. Dual quality: How we can solve the problem together!



7. Food Reformulation and Marketing to Kids



6. Food packaging and plastics: How to achieve circularity and reduce environmental impacts



5. European Food Safety Standards and Pesticides: Solutions



4. European Food Safety Standards and pesticides: Status



3. Exchange of views on the impact of COVID-19 on the Food Supply Chain



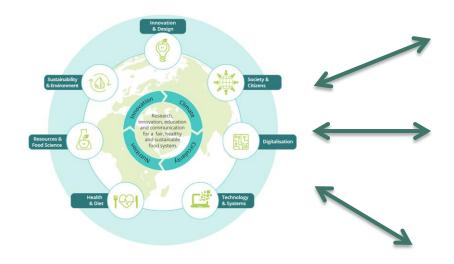
2. Debate with the Secretary USDA Mr Sonny Perdue



1. Launch Event



### ... in regional and national challenges



Involving experts from the multidisciplinary forum in regional and national activities.

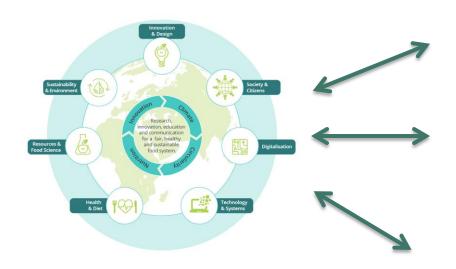


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## ... in projects linking the regional, national and European dimension

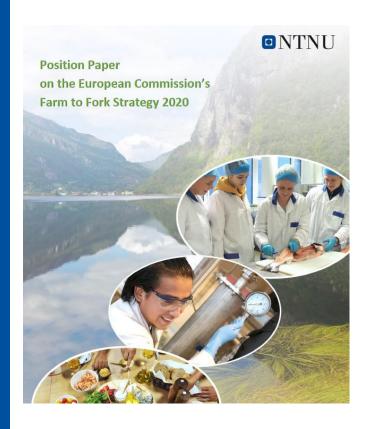


Involving experts from the multidisciplinary forum and involving relevant food actors





## Making a fast and responsive university



#### **Achieved outcomes:**

- Position paper
- New networks and projects internally and externally
- Participation in European Food Forum events from all disciplines
- 5 Green Deal applications
- Regional activities and visibility
- Improved systemic understanding
- Communication ...

#### **ALL THIS WITHIN A FEW MONTHS**



## Positioning – two Best Practices

















## NTNU Fora as effective «selling points» Best practice outcomes

#### **NTNU Food Forum**

- Annual Workplan agreed with all participants
- Inclusion in the EIT Food KIC
- Bilateral Talks with UniBo about future calls for proposals
- Discussion with the EC to possibly drive a policy activity related to Aquaculture EU regulation

#### **ECTP Forum**

• Inclusion of NTNU representative in the Management Board of the Built4People strategic Partnership

Winning element: «Multidisciplinary knowledge organised and ready to use»

Two new fora in the making starting from initiative of IE Faculty: Waterborne and Clean Sky



## Further Partnerships with NTNU involvement

- AI, data and Robotics through BDVA
- Processes4Planet as a follow up of SPIRE
- Shift2 Rail in a national consortium led by the National Railway system
- Clean Sky Forum in the making
- European Clean Hydrogen Alliance
- **2Zero –** Forum under discussion
- Waterborne Forum established recently
- Sustainable Smart and Inclusive Cities
- Clean Energy Transition Indirectly through EERA
- Circular Bio Base Europe Forum to be relaunched
- EIT Climate KIC
- EIT Raw Material KIC
- EIT Food KIC
- EIT Health KIC
- EIT Energy KIC

#### Moreover:

Raw Material Forum Establishment under evaluation



## Thank you