

EuroFIR





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The European Food Information Resource Network (EuroFIR)



EuroFIR Consortium

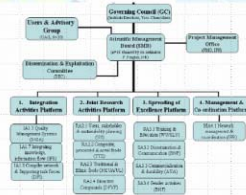
Aims:
EuroFIR, the world-leading European Network of Excellence on Food Composition Databank systems, aims to develop and integrate a comprehensive, coherent and validated databank providing a single, authoritative source of food composition data in Europe.

EuroFIR aims to create the world leading centre of excellence in food databank systems.

Methods:
EuroFIR will operate along 4 platforms, each containing a number of workpackages (WPs) (Figure 1).



1. Integration activities
These WPs form a robust and innovative technology basis to support research and development of databank systems and harmonisation of tools and standards. There are WPs on the knowledge and information flow (WP 1.1), research activities and addition of new partners (WP 1.2), development of a pan-European quality framework for food composition databases (WP 1.3), internet

Figure 1. Organisation of EuroFIR Consortium




EuroFIR Consortium


- €12M/ 5yrs
 - IA: 40%, SA: 30%, RA: 23% & MA: 7%
- 40 Partners from 20 countries
 - 18 national database compilers
 - 3 SMEs (12% budget)
- Key users & stakeholders
 - WHO-IARC, UN-FAO, CIAA, BEUC, EFSA, food industry
- Additional collaborating centres
 - >75- USA, RSA, Canada, Australia

The EuroFIR Vision




The Internet

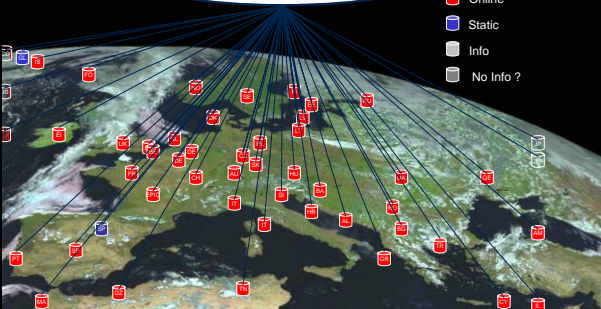


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The EuroFIR Vision-2



The Internet



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EuroFIR training activities
(WP13.1 jointly led by SLU and WU)

EuroFIR offers bursaries for training activities linked to food composition research and food information with the objective to exchange specific knowledge, models, tools or facilities within the EuroFIR partnership. Since 2007, some training activities are offered also to non-EuroFIR applicants.

Training exchange visits

- What? Bursaries for training exchange visits at a EuroFIR partner
- For whom? Listed doctoral student & any staff of a EuroFIR partner

Training on conferences

- What? Grants to support a visit of a conference
- For whom? Undergraduates, postgraduates and junior scientists of a EuroFIR partner

Further information?
EuroFIR members: Visit www.eurofir.net (private site) for documents & on-line application
Non EuroFIR applicants: please contact Cornelia.Withoft@lmv.slu.se



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Courses & workshops

- International Food Comp Course 2007 (Nov)
- Plant Food Analysis and Data Quality Course (4 weeks) 2008 (M42)
- Preparations for a tailor made EuroFIR food composition course for CEE countries planned for autumn 2008

Future activities

- International Food Comp Course
- Developing tailor-made EuroFIR Food Comp course for CEEC
- Workshop Data Quality Methods and Standards for Compilers
- Course Value Documentation for Compilers
- Course Food Indexing
- Course Building a Food Composition Website
- Course Recipe Calculation
- Workshop Quality Management
- Regional (Balkans, Middle East, N. Africa) Workshop Compiling

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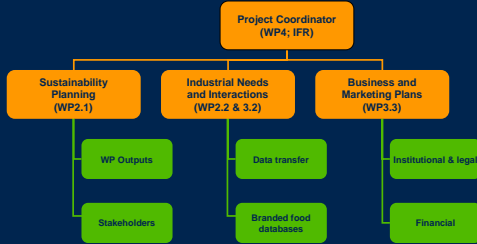


Outputs and Activities Beyond the Funding Period

"EuroFIR's outputs and activities must continue to exist, be maintained and further developed beyond the initial EC funding, in order to ensure that the European Food Information Resource including the databank systems remain viable and 'the point of reference' with respect to food composition information in Europe for both nutrients and bioactive compounds with putative health benefits."



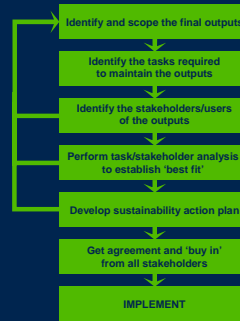
Sustainability Task Force (STF)



Sustainability Action Plan: A comprehensive plan which details the specific actions required to ensure **some outputs** are sustained and which includes strategies for future **institutional and legal structures**, and **financial issues**.



EuroFIR Sustainability Process



Example of Output: "Bioactive Compounds" Databank



Plant Lists

- Revised Bioactive List on major food plants with added plant parts
- Major Food Plant list
- Exotic Food Plant List
- Health Food Plant List

Stakeholders

- EFSA
- EU-Commission
- DG-SANCO
- Food Industry
- Nordic Council of Ministers

Users/Buyers

- EFSA
- EU-Commission
- DG SANCO
- Food Industry
- Nordic Council of Ministers
- National Food Administrations
- Academia

Examples of uses

- Assessing novel foods/food ingredient applications
- Product development – foods & functional ingredients
- Research



EuroFIR Entity: Institutional, Legal & Financial Aspects

Three cross-cutting issues:

- Institutional structure suiting / serving EuroFIR best
- Fostering of income generating / commercially viable outputs to ensure continuation of EuroFIR & its outputs
- Legal opportunities / parameters for these institutional and financial decisions



Business Strategy: Integral to Sustainability Process



Future Institutional / Legal Structures

