

## Farmers and academics learn together to redefine food production all the way from the field to our plate.

So how can the agrifood system face the threats posed by climate change? The NextFOOD project prepares practitioners to deal with the challenges of our shifting world and enables the much needed green swift. Unsettling the traditional top-down relationships in education, students, teachers and professionals come together in collaborative learning in four different continents.

NextFOOD, funded by the Horizon 2020 EU Framework Programme for Research, aims in developing a robust agrifood sector. Employing innovative educational and training curricula provides the necessary tools to farmers in order to adapt and thrive despite the challenges that the rapidly changing environment poses.

The project recently launched its 12 case studies that adopt an action based and collaborative learning model. Spread around in Europe, Asia, and Africa, cases take into consideration the different challenges in the global north and south. While in Italy farmers and gastronomy students co-create sustainable food value chains, some 6300 km away in Kolkatta, their counterparts draw a roadmap to realize their collective vision for the future of agriculture.

In Northern Greece, Panagiotis Papanastasiou a young farmer taking part in a case study focusing on extension services finds the experience valuable. "So far extension has often disregarded the limitations we face on the field. Here I feel I am heard. We might not find the solution, but at least we are dealing with the true problem".

### Note to Editor

The NextFOOD project is funded by the Horizon 2020 EU Framework Programme for Research. It started in May 2018 and will conclude in May 2022. It involves 19 institutions in 13 countries and 4 continents, engaging academics, practitioners, extension professionals and students. 12 case studies specifically designed to take into account the local conditions and focus on a variety of issues in the journey from the field to our plate.

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