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Nextfood - Educating the next generation of professionals in the agrifood system

Practice Abstract #57: Nextfood Audit Tool – self-assessment and reflection

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Agri-food and forestry sectors develop rapidly, while facing complex challenges such as globalization and climate change. Educational actors must adapt to facilitate the development of the skills and competences that students need to operate as professionals in these sectors in the future.

For this purpose, NextFood has developed the NextFood Audit Tool, which is designed to generate awareness and reflection among educational actors.

The Audit Tool consists of three interconnected parts:

In the first part, users provide background information on professional roles, gender, age, work experience, and type of education. This will enable perspectival analyses of the results and comparisons.

The second part is a self-assessment tool, where users will rank how their programme, course, or other educational activity perform in relation to achieving the needed skills and competences.

The third part introduces reflection exercises, designed to engage educators in reflection on various ways to develop their educational activities further.

The Audit tool provides educational actors insights regarding their capacities to contribute towards developing a next generation of agri-food and forestry professionals, by ensuring that education and training systems are fit for purpose and continuously updated.