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# Presidents' Welcome

In the second year of Covid-19 we continued working from home, only visiting the office periodically, with reduced numbers of social contacts and to see colleagues on screen during online meetings. Although this sounds like a retreat, the EuroFIR community has not decreased either the range or numbers of activities, and we are able to look back on a successful 2021.

EuroFIR Food Forum 2021 was held online with a record-breaking 120 participants, demonstrating not only that Members and Clients are invested in the topics, but also that online events can lower barriers for participation, although networking online remains challenging. One of the highlights at EuroFIR Food Forum 2021 was the farewell lecture from Ruth Charrondiere, who retired as FAO INFOODS coordinator, and offered advice about how EuroFIR might continue supporting food composition activities globally. Collaboration with FAO continued with a joint workshop on protein calculation shortly before the summer break with speakers from Europe, Africa, and South America (you can watch it [here](#)).

EuroFIR also came back to 'big topics' during 2021 with a view to populating research infrastructures and open science clouds. One such example is branded food composition; an online questionnaire is being used to collect needs from members and others who would like to use such data (check it [here](#)). Ideas for new (or better) updated databases are also being considered to ensure additional value for members, often accelerated by EU- and otherwise-funded projects. The Discussion Groups were also reorganised in 2021, merging into a single group (apart from FoodCASE) because many topics overlap or run in parallel. The opportunities for networking and exchange of ideas offered by the Discussion Group are essential and highly valued by Members, but leading such activities is challenging because everyone is so busy. We are hoping that EuroFIR Food Forum 2022 will reinvigorate discussions, and everybody will be more engaged.

Homeworking did not – apparently – impact the Association's profile or the desirability of our tools and services. EuroFIR was invited to join 14 project proposals, which is more than one person can manage, and Paul and Siân have sometimes been working in parallel on competing proposals with help from different members of the wider team. In fact, the approaches taken by these consortia mean there is very rarely, if any, conflicts of interest. Whilst EuroFIR was not successful in the early part of 2021, the Association was successful with EFSA tenders and EU-funded research submitted in the Autumn, which means Members can continue to benefit from project outputs in the years to come.

We would like to thank the EuroFIR team for their tremendous work as well as Members and Clients for their support and Directors and Discussion Group chairs and leaders for their work. Without such an active community, EuroFIR could not exist. And now we hope to see you face-to-face in 2022!

**Maria Glibetic, President**  
IMR - RS

**Karl Presser, President**  
Premotec GmbH - CH





## Vision and Mission

The vision of EuroFIR AISBL is delivery of high quality, validated national food composition data and supporting information, which are essential for research and policy in the areas of food quality, nutrition and public health challenges in Europe. We also aim to enhance the awareness and understanding of the value of food composition data, and its importance for consumers in making healthier dietary choices.

Our mission is to be the best and only independent broker of validated food composition data and supporting information in Europe and beyond, facilitate improved data quality, storage and access, and encourage wider applications and exploitation of food composition data for both research and commercial purposes.

# Key Achievements in 2021

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## 01 EUROFIR DATA, TOOLS & PROCEDURES

- 2 FCDBs updated in 2021 (UK & USA)
- Launch of pay-per-view (PPV)
- Welcomed first 11 PPV users

## 03 TRAINING & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

- Hosted EuroFIR Food Forum 2021 online (13-14/04/2021) including Discussion Groups, branded-food workshop, and 12th General Assembly
- Hosted protein calculation workshop online (07/07/201) chaired by Paul Finglas (EuroFIR AISBL, BE) and Hettie Schonfeldt (University of Pretoria, ZA), watch [here](#)

## 02 EU- & OTHERWISE-FUNDED PROJECTS

- Started two projects:

EFSA RPC Model  
EIT Bauhaus Community Gardens

- Completed two projects:

SEAFOODTOMORROW  
EIT Bauhaus Community Gardens

- Submitted 19 proposals, food allergy, blockchain technology in agri-food systems, healthy and sustainable diets, transparency of and sustainability in seafood chains, reduction of food losses and waste, consumption data, and healthy ageing.



# Key Achievements in 2021

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## 04 OUTREACH & IMPACT

- Social media and website analytics:

734 followers and Facebook: +5%

675 followers on Twitter: +5%

503 followers on LinkedIn: +13%

- Most popular articles and social media posts: awareness and world days, food forum and information about food data.
- [www.eurofir.org](http://www.eurofir.org): 22.742 visitors: +5%
- Number of new visitors: 5995: +26%

## 05 CREDIBILITY, GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

- A positive balance of €25.573,33 achieved in 2021 (compared to €47.198,53 in 2020)
- Total Client income ca. €35K, up by 59% compared to 2020, new PPV generated 275€
- Seven new license agreements were signed with Clients using food composition data for commercial and/or research activities, generating 17.500€
- Revamped membership proposition, which resulted in higher membership revenue
- Welcomed 10 new Members, generating a membership income increase of 13% compared to 2020
- EuroFIR Board of Directors had five meetings in 2021





# General Assembly

12th EuroFIR AISBL General Assembly took place on 14th April 2021 (online, EventInsight)

## AGENDA

1. Activities and achievements in 2020 (Resolution 1)
2. Overview of planned activities in 2021
  - Membership recruitment & benefits and Commercial Clients
  - Discussion Groups
3. Membership status and admission of any new national food database compiler organisations as associate members from 2021: Israel Ministry of Health (Resolution 2)
4. Officials & Directors
  - a. Extension of terms for existing President & Directors
    - Resolution 3 - Karl Presser (Premotec, CH)
    - Resolution 4 - Maria Glibetic (IRM, RS)
    - Resolution 5 - Maria Kapsokefalou (AUA, GR)
    - Resolution 6 - Helena Soares Costa (INSA, PT)
  - b. Nominations
    - Resolution 7 - Alessandra Durazzo (CREA, IT)
  - c. Managing Director
    - Resolution 8a. – Phased retirement of the Managing Director
    - Resolution 8b. – Replacing the Managing Director role with Secretary/ Director General
5. Examination and approval of the annual accounts closed on 31.12.2020 (Resolution 9)
6. Approval of activities and budget in 2021 & Planned activities for 2021 including membership fees (Resolution 10)
7. Appropriation of results (Resolution 11)
8. Discharge to the executive Directors and to the Managing Director (Resolution 12)

All present declared they were acquainted with the legal and statutory stipulations concerning convocation of the General Assembly and had reviewed the agenda.

Siân Astley and Sidonie Pauchet were Secretary and vote-teller.

A total of twelve (12) Full Members (of 24 Full Members), eleven (11) Ordinary Organisations Members (of 36 Ordinary Members), six (6) Directors were present at the meeting. Seven (7) Full Members & five (5) Ordinary Organisation Member submitted votes by email and two (2) Ordinary Organisation Members voted by proxy, either other Members, the Secretary or the Managing Director.

Thus, the General Assembly was quorate and valid to consider the Resolutions.

All the resolutions were accepted.

Read the minutes of the meeting [here](#).

# Executive Board

Members of the Executive Board are elected by the General Assembly for three- years with the possibility to extend this for a further three-years. Their role is to oversee strategic development of EuroFIR AISBL and provide technical and scientific support as necessary.



**Maria Glibetic, President**

IMR - RS  
(Director since 2012, Vice-  
President since 2014, Joint  
President 2020)



**Helena Soares Costa**

INSA - PT  
(Director since 2018)



**Karl Presser, President**

Premote - CH  
(Director since 2015, Vice-  
President since 2019, Joint  
President 2020)



**Maria Kapsokefalou**

AUA - GR  
(Director since 2018)



**Susanne Westenbrink**

RIVM - NL  
(Director since 2013)



**Loek Pijls**

Loekintofood - NL  
(Director since 2019)



**Luca Bucchini**

Hylobates Consulting - IT  
(Director since 2014)



**Alessandra Durazzo**

CREA - IT  
(Director since 2021)

EuroFIR Board of Directors met five times in 2021.

Topics discussed included:

- Calls for fundings and other sources
- Participation to EU- and otherwise funded projects
- Financial figures for the current year and budget for the 3 next years
- General Assembly (adoption of Resolutions, amendment of the Articles of Associations)
- Membership and commercial clients (recruitment, benefits and services)
- Office (composition of the team, legal matters etc.)
- Activities and leadership of the Technical Discussion Groups

Read more [here](#)

Attendance was more than 90%.

Karl Presser (Premotec, CH), Maria Glibetic (IRM, RS) (Joint-Presidents), Maria Kapsokefalou (AUA, GR) and Helena Soares Costa (INSA, PT) renewed their terms for a further three years.





# Membership Update

EuroFIR AISBL is the only independent food composition resource in Europe, bringing together 39 national food composition datasets from 26 European countries, Canada, USA, Japan, New Zealand and Australia, and seven African countries – via a single point of entry – as well as working with INFOODS outside Europe. EuroFIR is dedicated to broadening our offers and making more food composition datasets available to Members and Clients. We are recognised as an independent resource promoting trust, throughout a proven network of contacts, facilitating access, and cooperation amongst national food composition database compiler organisations, and other key users including the food industry, research, education and policy-makers.

During 2021, we welcomed 10 new Members, including 1 associate member, 4 non commercial organisations, 1 commercial organisation, and 4 Individuals & Students.

In 2021, we've replaced free trials with a PayPerView (PPV) system, thanks to which users who want to use FoodEXplorer for a short period of time, but have no intention of becoming Members, are now able to access databases for scaled fees (1-2 weeks or 3 months). We had successfully welcomed first 11 users of the new functionality and generated 275€.

Category	2020	2021
Full Member	25	22
Compiler	20	18
Non-Compiler	5	4
Associate	5	5
Ordinary (Total)	76	68
Organisations	45	37
Individuals & Students	31	31
Honorary	40	61*
<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>156</b>

\*Honorary Members - Project Partners, including: FNS Cloud (22), TURNTABLE (9), SWEET (24), PERSFO (6)

# Membership Benefits



**ONLINE TOOLS**

- ✓ FoodEXplorer
- ✓ eBasis
- ✓ ePlantLIBRA
- ✓ EuroFIR Thesauri
- ✓ FoodWasteEXplorer

**DISCUSSION GROUPS**

- ✓ EuroFIR Discussion
- ✓ FoodCASE

**CAPACITY BUILDING**

- ✓ Bespoke specialised members-only training in food composition data compilation

**RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

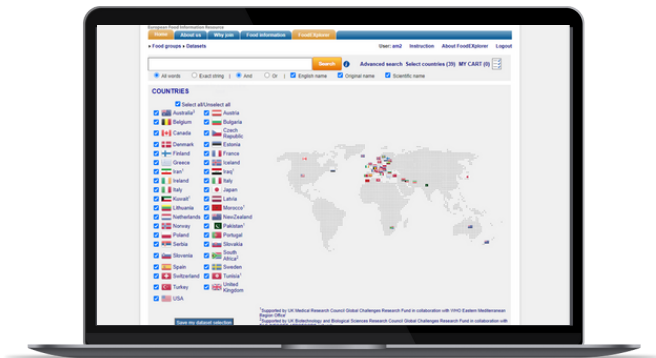
- ✓ Access to a network of food composition data compilers, food industry, and other stakeholders globally, opportunities to participate in R&D projects

**EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS**

- ✓ Nutritics- software for meal plans and nutritional labelling
- ✓ Events and training hosted by EuroFIR and our partners

**CERTIFICATION SCHEME**

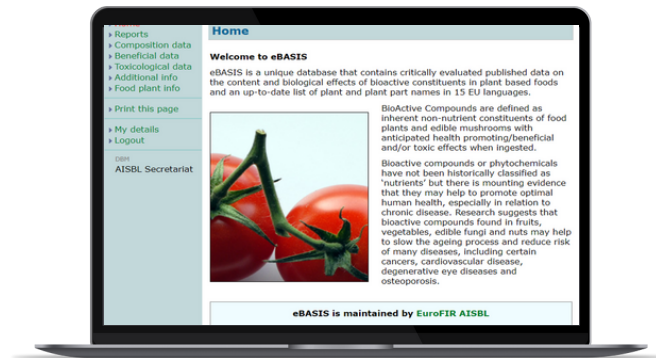
- ✓ Certification for nutrition labelling software, assuring the highest standards in such calculations



## FoodEXplorer

- 39 national datasets
- Simultaneous search of standardised food composition databases (FCDB)
- Harmonised food description

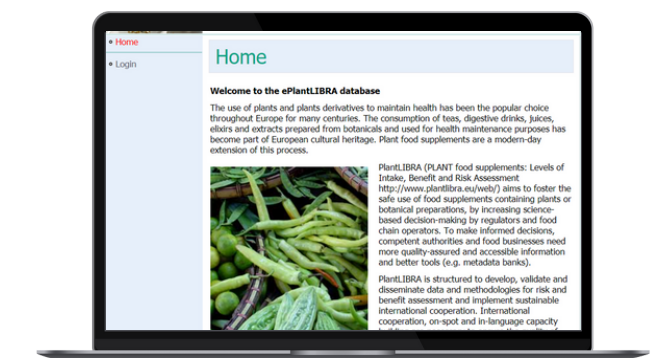
[More about FoodEXplorer](#)



## eBasis

- Unique food bioactive compounds database
- Plant-food bioactives with putative health benefits
- More than 300 major European plant foods

[More about eBasis](#)



## ePlantLIBRA

- Database describing plant botanicals and plant-food supplements
- Bioactive compounds from plant botanicals and herbal extracts

[More about ePlantLIBRA](#)

## EuroFIR Food Wiki

A wiki is a knowledge-based website that users modify and structure content directly from a browser collaboratively. Typically, text is written using a simplified mark-up language and often edited with the help of a rich-text editor.

Our food wiki was originally developed in EU- and otherwise-funded projects (e.g., TDS-Exposure, BACCHUS) and contains information for nutrients and contaminants analysis methods, method performance, and available reference standards and proficiency testing schemes.

The EuroFIR wiki is hosted by Premotec GmbH (CH) and is being further developed as part of [METROFOOD-RI](#). It was made [available](#) to EuroFIR Members again in 2021 and, currently, is being updated to reflect all contributors.



# New Members 2021

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## ISRAEL MINISTRY OF HEALTH, IL

Israel Ministry of Health is responsible for ensuring the health of the population, determining policy on matters of health and medical services as well as planning, supervision, and control, of Israeli health system services. The Nutrition Division focuses on aspects relating to both healthy individuals as well as those with acute and chronic diseases. They joined EuroFIR to help improve the Israeli National Nutrition database. They are also interested in accessing food composition data from other countries and being part of the wider international food and public health community in Europe.



Find out more [here](#)

## MRC EPIDEMIOLOGY UNIT, UK

The Dietary Assessment Team (under NIHR BRC Diet, Anthropometry and Physical Activity Group,) at the MRC Epidemiology Unit (University of Cambridge, UK) has extensive expertise in dietary assessment and food composition, supporting local, national, and international research through collaborations and services. They have joined EuroFIR to access our European network of experts and food composition data and learn and exchange knowledge with stakeholders and experts alike.



Find out more [here](#)

## INRAE HUMAN NUTRITION UNIT, FR

INRAE Human Nutrition Unit (INRAE, FR) and the main institute have joined EuroFIR to access food composition databases, as well as to be a part of our wider network of expertise. The Joint Research Unit 1019 was created in 2006 by INRA and University Clermont Auvergne with the objective of developing innovative nutritional strategies to support healthy living, reduce health risks and preserving mobility and quality-of-life in the elderly.



Find out more [here](#)

## INRAE, FR

National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE) is comprised of regional research centres, scientific departments, and research units throughout France, structured to encourage interdisciplinarity and produce knowledge, foster innovation, deliver expertise, and inform public policies.

Find out more [here](#)

## ORLANDO'S, RO

Orlando`s (1994) processes, packs, and sells natural snacks made from dried fruits and nuts, spices, sugar, and best quality food flavouring essences sustainably. They have joined EuroFIR to access food composition databases and optimise their products for consumer health.

Find out more [here](#)

## MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, NL

Researchers of Maastricht University's Food Claims Centre Venlo (FCCV, NL) aim to ensure that foods are safe, healthy, and sustainable. More specifically, they are interested in learning more about how food information can be gathered, used, and shared within and across food chains with different actors. They joined EuroFIR to understand more about what types of information are available across Europe regarding food composition and exchanging ideas with the wider community.

Find out more [here](#)

The logo for INRAE, featuring the letters 'INRAE' in a bold, teal, sans-serif font. The letter 'E' is stylized with a circular element on its right side.

# Commercial Projects

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EuroFIR provides access to the largest collection of harmonised food composition datasets in the world. Constantly updated, and ever-growing, our collection of datasets gives potential clients access to nutritional information of food coming from 28 countries and contains high quality, scientifically validated, and evidence-based food composition data for more than 52000 food products.

EuroFIR has been collecting and standardising food composition data from national compilers since 2005. We provide food composition information for all purpose, research or commercial, via a single point of access. The benefit of using FoodEXplorer is that it includes the most up-to-date validated data globally in a unified format. The possibilities are endless, whether you want to create diet planning software, conduct research or develop artificial intelligence, EuroFIR can help you make that happen!

## EXAMPLES OF COMMERCIAL USE OF FOOD COMPOSITION DATABASES



Connecting with health and fitness wearables; tracking nutrition intakes, personal nutritional diaries



Development of digital platforms, tools & services for food businesses, food safety



Personalised nutritional advice, exercise support



Gaming, interacting with intelligent assistants



Dietetic support, recipe management software, diet analysis, meal plans



Online food services, smart kitchens



# Research & Technology Projects

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## Platform supporting vitality and abilities of elderly - TURNTABLE



Duration: May 2019 to October 2022 - [www.aalturntable.eu](http://www.aalturntable.eu)

Funded nationally through INNOVIRIS, as part of the European Active Assisted Living Programme, TURNTABLE is a platform that aims to support healthy and active ageing. EuroFIR is one of three countries responsible for field trials, testing the functionality of the platform, and our Brussels-based dietitian was busy during recruiting trial volunteers. We are also leading dissemination, raising awareness of TURNTABLE. During 2021, we started updating the project website in parallel with coordinating communication activities.

## Food Nutrition Security Cloud - FNS Cloud

Duration: October 2019 to September 2023 - [www.fns-cloud.eu](http://www.fns-cloud.eu)



Food Nutrition Security Cloud (FNS-Cloud) activities were not only more intense during 2021, but notably shifted emphasis to sustainability, specifically benefits for food nutrition security researchers in the future; identifying and implementing a business model for FNS Cloud is led by EuroFIR. After two years of testing, the community of practice (myFNSCloud) started approaching other user communities to join, initially FNH-RI, which has beneficiaries in common with FNS-Cloud. Central authentication and authorisation infrastructure (AAI) for FNS Cloud (cloud solution) was implemented and the catalogues made accessible to the consortium via myFNSCloud; security and design and delivery of the catalogues are led by Premotec GmbH (CH). Approaches for food matching have been applied for mapping and analysis tested and, led by JSI (SI), cross-linked ontologies with entities describing food-drug interactions (IMDEA, ES) and microbiome-diet (QIB, UK) relationships have been upgraded. Ultimately, tools and datasets from the use cases and field laboratories will be exploited by the demonstrators (led by QIB, UK), creating new approaches for food monitoring surveys and collecting dietary consumption patterns amongst many other things. Importantly, FNS-Cloud is no longer just presenting ambitions for the project, but tangible outcomes at events online and in publications; EuroFIR is also leading communication and dissemination activities.

# Research & Technology Projects

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## Personalized and connected Food service providers – PERSFO



Duration: January 2020 to March 2021 - [www.persfo.eu](http://www.persfo.eu)

Results from the 2020 focus groups and the online virtual study meant PERSFO was ready for a real-world study in workplace restaurants. During 2021, Sodexo secured a testing location and Alberts completed technical work integrating PERSFO app/platform with the menu system and Quisper resources (food frequency questionnaire and Food4Me algorithm). However, public health restrictions and home working in Belgium made launching the proof-of-principle (PoP) study impossible until 2022. The study is ongoing and feedback from users is expected to help the consortium understand impacts of personalised nutrition advice in workplace and, ultimately, deliver an effective mobile application supporting personalised dietary recommendations. During 2021, as well as leading dissemination, EuroFIR has worked closely with Alberts to develop a business model for the PERSFO app and made recommendations for communication activities post-funding.

## EIT Bauhaus Community Gardens



European Institute of  
Innovation & Technology

A body of the European Union



Duration: August 2021 to December 2021 - [www.eurofir.org/our-resources/current-projects/community-garden/](http://www.eurofir.org/our-resources/current-projects/community-garden/)

The EIT cross-KIC New European Bauhaus-funded Community Garden Project aimed determine how citizens in Paris Arrondissements (E-Seniors, FR) and Brussels Municipalities (EuroFIR AISBL, BE) might access information about local urban agriculture initiatives. We used open dialogue (i.e., focus groups, interviews, online questionnaire) to gather information from citizens and authorities regarding community gardens, and to understand whether an app/ platform delivering information (location, responsible persons, activities) might support participation. With respect to community gardens in Brussels (BE), EuroFIR identified an appetite for these activities amongst the various groups, but information – regardless of how it is delivered (i.e., website or app) – needs to be much more accessible and engage citizens from different socioeconomic groups, and participation needs to be flexible.

# Research & Technology Projects

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## EFSA Raw Primary Commodity Model Update - RPC

Duration: January 2021 to May 2022 - [www.eurofir.org/our-resources/current-projects/efsa-rpc-model-project/](http://www.eurofir.org/our-resources/current-projects/efsa-rpc-model-project/)

EuroFIR, Creme Global Ltd (IE) and CAPNUTRA (RS) are updating EFSA's RPC (Raw Primary Commodity) model, which is used to convert EFSA food consumption data into RPC equivalents. Throughout 2021, work focused on producing data for the model, including conversion factors and ingredients of composite foods. EFSA has granted the consortium a four-months extension because datasets were larger and more complex than anticipated. The final version of updated model will be delivered in May 2022.

## Sweeteners and sweetness enhancers: Impact on health, obesity, safety & sugars - SWEET

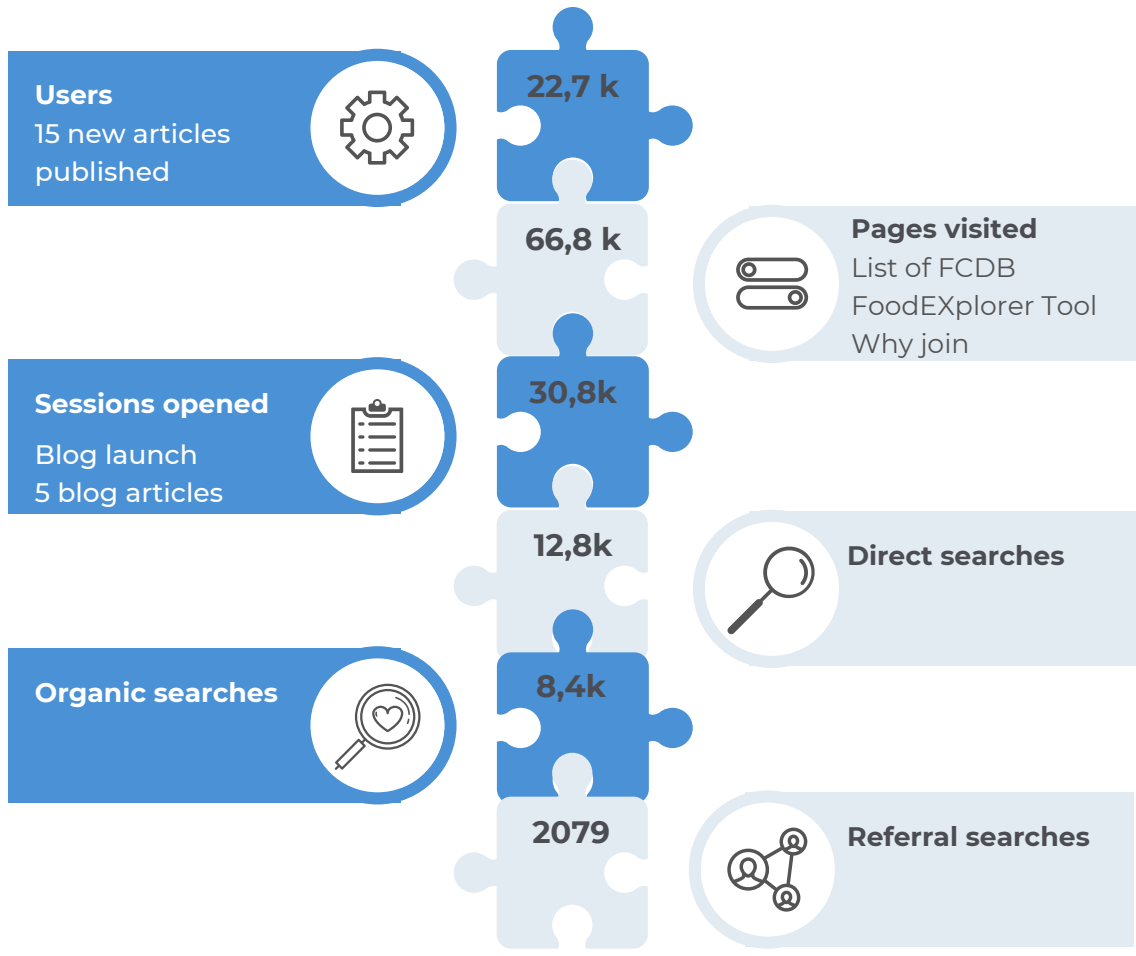
Duration: October 2018 to September 2023 - [www.sweetproject.eu/](http://www.sweetproject.eu/)

SWEET is developing and reviewing evidence on long-term benefits and potential risks involved in switching to sweeteners and sweetness enhancers (S&SEs) in the context of public health and safety, obesity, and sustainability. Some significant outcomes emerged during 2021 including information important in formulation of sugar- and calorie-reduced products as well as comparisons amongst sweeteners. Undertaking the various intervention trials with human volunteers has been a massive challenge with covid-related public health restrictions globally, but all the studies continued in one form or another. More specifically, EuroFIR has supporting data acquisition and assessment for the LCA/LCSA research, and the first exploratory evaluations have been performed, based on publicly available reports on sustainability and environmental, social, and economic characteristics of selected S&SEs.



# Dissemination Highlights

Our website (www.eurofir.org) continues to be the primary source of information for Members and visitors needing food composition information. Google Analytics show that our most popular pages are those on food composition databases and information about FoodEXplorer. During 2021, we achieved the following:



71 posts  
168 engagements  
23,33% engagement rate



23 posts  
28 engagements  
27,27% engagement rate



86 posts  
185 engagements  
50% engagement rate



106 tweets  
316 engagements  
16,98% engagement rate



# Stakeholder engagement



Whilst still at home, EuroFIR has attended numerous events related to the latest news on food, nutrition, and health. These include the digitalization of health within the European Union (As Putting the “E” in e-Health; Discovering FAIR Cookbook); the developments of the front-of-package labelling NutriScore (Nutriscore: a high-level dialogue between science, citizens & operators), consumers protection (Consumers come first; Best Practices for Effective Allergens Management; Unleashing the Power of Law to Promote Better Health for All.), childhood obesity prevention and its relation to unhealthy food marketing (Towards a childhood free from unhealthy food marketing. Exploring the next frontier for European action; WholEUGrain initiative). Read the events reports [here](#).

## Events

- Hands-On Training for HYPE (March)
- EIT Food`s Open Innovation Platform (March)
- Introduction to EIT Food’s HEInnovate (April)
- EIT Food HEI Initiative (May)
- European Academy Network Brussels Event (June)
- ECIT Foundation (June)
- EIT Food’s Future of Food Conference 2021 (November)
- FoodSafety4EU Pre-Forum (December)
- EIT Food Matchmaking Event (December)

## Public Consultations

Moreover, we have participated in two public consultations launched by the European Commission, “Have your say”, the first regarding alcohol labelling and the latest on blue economy. Read more [here](#).

# FoodEXplorer & FCDB Updates

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In collaboration with compilers from member organisations, we have continued to update the food composition datasets included in FoodEXplorer. Wherever possible, the aim is to update datasets whenever new datasets are published or updated by national compilers. In the last year we have updated datasets from United Kingdom and United States (SR28 Legacy).

We are working on adding the Hellenic Thesaurus of Branded Food Composition Data dataset, compiled and published by the scientific team of Maria Kapsokfalou at the Food Chemistry and Analysis Laboratory of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition of the Agricultural University of Athens.

Visit FoodEXplorer [here](#)





# Discussion Groups

Following a review of the EuroFIR Discussion Groups (DGs), we streamlined operations with the aim of widening the range of topics and participation.

Previously there were five DGs (Documentation, Laboratory Analysis, Branded Foods, Recipe Calculation, and the FoodCASE User Group). These topics reflected issues that were identified as important when the DGs were launched and are still relevant, but primarily to food composition data compilers. Participation In DGs was limited to those EuroFIR members who opted to join the groups and this restricted possibilities for participation and input on new topics.

A single EuroFIR Discussion Group for all EuroFIR members was created with only the FoodCASE User Group continuing as a separate discussion group.

EuroFIR Discussion Group (persistent) topics are:

- Documentation, led by Susanne Westenbrink (RIVM, NL), Monica Hauger Carlsen (UIO, NO)
- Branded Foods, led by Patrizia Gnagnarella (IEO, IT) and Maria Kapsokefalou (AUA, GR)
- Recipe Calculation, led by Katja Sandfuchs (MRI, DE) and Mark Roe (EuroFIR, BE)
- Laboratory Analysis, led by Helena Costa (INSA, PT) and Mark Roe (EuroFIR, BE)

However, not all discussions need to be about “big problems” and members are welcome to ask questions for input from more experienced colleagues. We hope that EuroFIR Members benefit from being more aware of discussions and the opportunity to raise a broader range of issues. There are also opportunities for Members to discuss collaborative approaches to proposals and projects.



# Discussion Groups

Examples of topics that could be discussed within the EuroFIR Discussion Group include:

Issues related to compilation of food composition datasets

- Use of food composition data (including nutrients, bioactive compounds, and contaminants)
- Food consumption data
- Other food and nutrition related datasets
- Nutrition related research related to compilation or use of food information data
- Training and dissemination activities/ opportunities relevant to EuroFIR
- Collaboration opportunities with or facilitated by EuroFIR

Both the EuroFIR Discussion and the FoodCASE User Groups operate under Office365, allowing easy access to information via emails as well as SharePoint file storage, which is organised into topic folders and documents. All Members have access to the group emails and documents. Access to group emails is managed by adding the Inbox to your email management software.

Initially, all EuroFIR Members were added to the EuroFIR Discussion Group, but members can choose to leave at any time. Please use the group to open discussions on any topic you want to share, raise questions, or ask for opinions. The group will be the starting point for continued collaboration and make progress towards EuroFIR and Members' organisations' goals.

Use of the Discussion Group has increased since its launch and requests for information on a variety of topics have generated helpful responses.





## Structure

### General Assembly - All Members

#### Presidents

Maria Glibetic (IMR, RS)  
Karl Presser (Premotec GmbH, CH)

#### Executive Board

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Day-to-day operations are carried out in the EuroFIR AISBL Office under the Managing Director, Paul Finglas (QIB, UK). His role is to provide leadership and advocacy for the Association, and secure income streams as well as managing staff in the Office.

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# Food Chemistry: Editorial Office



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## Highlights 2021

- Editorial Office team processed more than 10600 manuscripts (-8%)
- Food Chemistry introduced three Senior Editors (Paul Finglas [QIB, UK], Prof. Dongxiao Sun-Waterhouse [University of Auckland – NZ] and Prof. Dimitris Charalampopoulos [university of Reading – UK]), responsible for scope and quality as well as assigning manuscripts to Handling Editors
- Food Chemistry impact factor increased to 7.514 (6.306 in 2020) and Food Chemistry X was awarded 5.128 after only two years of indexing
- Food Chemistry Advances was launched as a companion journal (Editor-in-Chief Prof. Sun-Waterhouse)
- Food Chemistry Molecular Sciences (Editor-in-Chief Dr Siân Astley) was accepted for indexing on Scopus, Web of Science and PMC

## EuroFIR offers members publishing support!

In FoodChemistry, FoodChemistry: X and Food Chemistry: Molecular Sciences, and Food Chemistry: Advancesm including:

- Personalised advice on the suitability of your manuscript
- Information about the publishing process and how to maximise your success
- Advice and mentoring for manuscript preparation and editing
- Information on manuscript status once it is submitted

# Future Perspectives

Despite challenges associated with remote working during a pandemic, EuroFIR has delivered a surplus in 2020 and 2021 as well as maintaining membership and growing commercial income. We need to continue efforts annually to expand membership and commercial revenues to deliver improved benefits for Members and, at the same time, monitor office costs and other expenditures to ensure the Association is cost-effective. We have moved to a smaller office at MAI and discussed moving to a virtual office but decided to put this on hold; staff will return to the office in 2023 but most will also continue to work from home. Similarly, EuroFIR office and wider MAI facilities are now again available for Members and projects to use; contact [secretariat@eurofir.org](mailto:secretariat@eurofir.org) for information.

We have secured two Horizon Europe projects in the Farm-to-Fork area (out of nine), so the effort required to obtain such funding is considerable. Currently, we are waiting for news about four proposals submitted in February and March 2022. We are leading the EFSA RPC (Raw Primary Commodity) model update and, currently, negotiating two EFSA tenders, one on novel strategies for predicting allergenicity and the other on an open EU FCDB. A large proportion of the project budgets are distributed amongst our Members especially the EU FCDB project, and we aim to ensure that any outputs benefit to EuroFIR and our Members as well as wider user communities with new/ extended datasets, tools, and services.

We also plan to review the EuroFIR Executive Board during 2022. Several of our Directors have served longer than two terms and want to step back: being a Director requires not only a commitment of time but also energy and enthusiasm. The Association also needs to ensure that the EB reflects our activities to support and promote contributions to our work. For example, a new expert in branded food data has been proposed, as part of this year's General Assembly. We would like to encourage our Compiler and Non-Compiler Members to contact us if you are interested in joining the EB. Finally, the transition to a Secretary General format is also planned for the next 12 months, with Paul Finglas focusing increasingly on managerial and mentoring roles.





# Annual Accounts 2021

The 2021 income was €675.230,06 whilst expenses were €649.656,73, subject to approval by the General Assembly on 6th April 2022. EuroFIR reserve is €92.910,27.

## EuroFIR Balance Sheet 2021

	Total 2020	Total 2021	
<b>INCOME</b>			
	Membership	€ 85.061,55	€ 86.496,35
	EU-funded projects	€ 375.287,51	€ 352.700,69
	Other income	€ 198.929,70	€ 236.033,02
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 659.278,76</b>	<b>€ 675.230,06</b>	
<b>COSTS</b>			
	Technical support (suppliers,)	€ 85.565,71	€ 110.002,18
	Staffing	€ 431.153,47	€ 435.763,65
	Other	€ 95.361,05	€ 103.890,90
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 612.080,23</b>	<b>€ 649.656,73</b>	
Turnover	€ 659.278,76	€ 675.230,06	
Expenses	€ 612.080,23	€ 649.656,73	
Surplus	€ 47.198,53	€ 25.573,33	
Reserve	€ 67.336,94	€ 92.910,27	



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