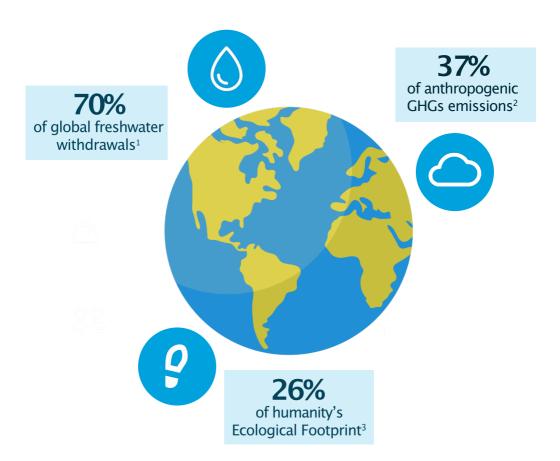


FOOD SYSTEMS ACROSS THE GLOBE CAUSE:



In addition to shaping our culture, food is a fundamental aspect of nutritional security and represents an important source of income and employment, supporting livelihoods in many regions. However, some factors have led to **poor resource management** and **environmentally damaging** production methods. These are:

Long, unfair and opaque value chains

Intensification of production

Concentration of resources in fewer hands

Marketing of a reduced number of varieties

These aspects threaten our health and the health of ecosystems and lead to the loss of small-scale production systems, their traditional knowledge and the resilience of local communities.

FOOD SYSTEMS DYSFUNCTIONALITIES

11% of the world population suffers from chronic undernourishment

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adults are overweight or obese⁴

1/3
of the food
produced in the world for
human consumption is
wasted every year¹

\$936bn

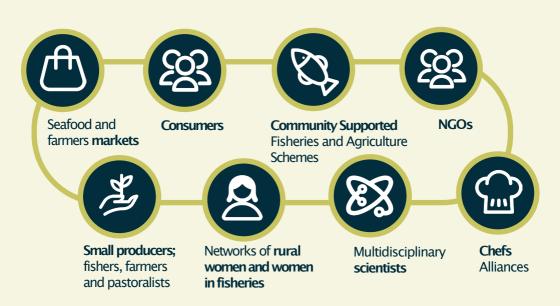
is lost every year as **food waste**⁵

 1 FAO. 2011 $-^{2}$ IPCC. 2019 $-^{3}$ Mailhes and Galli. 2017 $-^{4}$ BCFN. 2016 $-^{5}$ FAO. 2013

Sustainable and fair food systems are possible and urgent to be promoted, by sustaining small-scale production systems and shortening the distance between producers and consumers through short value chains that work for nature and people.

FOODNECTED'S APPROACH

THE FOODNECTED COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE form an organized group of small producers and other key players of the food system, such as:



We share values and approach to sustainability and have the joint objective to transform the current food system into a fair and more sustainable one in order to have a healthy planet and resilient communities. As we strengthen our relationships, we improve skills and learn from each other's experiences.

CORE VALUES

ALL MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE AGREE THAT FUTURE FOOD SYSTEMS MUST ENSURE:

Food sovereignty, quality and health

People both now and in the future enjoy access to food of high nutritional quality, while meeting dietary needs for a healthy life and fostering well-being.



Food systems encourage local development, the role of women is valued and younger generations are encouraged to take over. This requires new models of governance that involve all local stakeholders.

Low environmental impact

Fair and sustainable food systems prioritise local low-impact production methods that do no harm to the environment.





Fair livelihoods and fair trade Providing food brings fair economic returns to producers and encourages the resilience of their communities. The supply chains are short and transparent.

Traditional ecological knowledge

Food systems preserve the knowledge acquired by locals over hundreds or thousands of years through direct contact with the environment. It is recognised as complementary to scientific knowledge.



The project is conducted in a set of different pilot sites around the Mediterranean: Catalunya, the Balearic Islands (Spain), Sicily (Italy), Ulcinj (Montenegro) and the traditional lands of Sarıkeçili nomadic pastoralists at Taurus mountains and its slopes (Turkey).





By learning more about sustainable initiatives around the region, local actors are supported in the creation of possible alternative solutions to increase the economic viability of their businesses while also lowering their impact on the planet. Foodnected will monitor the implementation of the core values and act as peer-to-peer guarantee body, provide greater visibility to the initiatives of its members, share knowledge among professionals and co-develop solutions to common challenges.



PARTNERS

Slow Food is a global, grassroots organization, founded to prevent the disappearance of local food cultures, counteract the rise of fast life and combat people's dwindling interest in the food they eat. Slow Food assumes the coordination of the whole project. www.slowfood.com





Global Footprint Network is an international sustainability organization that is helping the world live within the Earth's means. Global Footprint Network is bringing expertise on the use of Earth's resources to helpall actors involved in the food systems understand the impact of their actions. www.footprintnetwork.org



The Low Impact Fishers of Europe represents 10,000 small-scale fishers committed to fishing in a low-impact manner. LIFE is working on the field, assumes the communication activities of the project and is in charge of the advocacy work to spread the lessons learned in the pilot sites.

www.lifeplatform.eu



GOB Menorca aims to achieve a truly sustainable economy by making human activities compatible with the preservation of the environment. GOB Menorca is acting as a pilot site, integrating the network of "Custòdia Agrària" farmers and the land stewardship scheme into the developing Community of Practice. www.gobmenorca.com



CZIP mission is to protect birds and other animal and plant species, their habitats, biodiversity monitoring of Montenegro, citizen education, popularisation of scientific research, as well as cooperation with other organizations at home and abroad, dealing with the protection of nature. www.czip.me



The Dr Martin Schneider–Jacoby Association aims to raise awareness for the conservation and protection of Ulcinj Salina (saltworks), as a key part of the biodiversity in Montenegro. www.msja.me



AMNC is a group of NGOs working to conserve landscapes and the traditional cultural practices that maintain them. It is bringing in lessons and experiences from its pilot sites for further development of tools and mechanisms of Foodnected including biodiversity monitoring schemes.



Yolda works for conserving biodiversity with a focus on the value of traditional cultural practices. Yolda assumes the role of integrating the traditional lands of Sarıkeçili nomadic pastoralists at Taurus mountains and its slopes and facilitating the engagement of the AMNC as its coordinator. www.yolda.org.tr



MAVA conserves biodiversity for the benefit of people and nature by financing, mobilizing and strengthening its partners and the conservation community. MAVA is directly funding the project. http://mava-foundation.org/



Foodnected aims to connect people and nature around local, fair and sustainable food systems.

Whether you are a consumer or a producer, your individual choices can have a positive influence on the global food system. Let's make a difference together, join a Foodnected community!

Visit our website and follow the indications to register.

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