Moving towards innovation-based sustainable growth is the core of the European Union’s response to globalisation and the crisis. Generating and applying knowledge develops the economy and it supports the quality of life. This presentation will give an overview and impressions on Food Research funded by the European Union via its Seventh Framework Programme. The focus of this session will be on research policy, opportunities and formalities for funding research projects in the area of food science.

Introduction: As a part of the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Communities, the Theme "Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology" contributes to building a Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy (KBBE) by funding research projects in the Activity "Fork to farm: Food (including seafood), health and well being".

Methodology: After a presentation of the global challenges in the food sector, funded projects and future research priorities will be shown, together with the possibilities for international cooperation.

Results and Discussion: The auditorium will be familiar with the background and the opportunities of EU Research Priorities and Funded Projects in the Area of Food Science.