

## United Kingdom, Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean Region

**21 October:** 9:00-16:20 CEST**eSymposium Programme (subject to change)**

Time Slot*	Topic		Speaker(s)
Morning			
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Opening Plenary</b> Welcome. <b>Keynote 1.</b> Update from the UN Food Systems Summit and next steps in monitoring for accountability		Boyd Swinburn
			David Nabarro
10:00 - 11:15	<b>Module Updates</b> Overviews of global activities	<b>Public Sector Policies (Food EPI)</b>	Stefanie Vandevijvere
		<b>Private Sector</b>	Gary Sacks
		<b>Food Prices</b>	Sally Mackay
		<b>Food Composition</b>	Jason Wu
		<b>Food Promotion</b>	Bridget Kelly
11:15 - 11:30	Break		
11:30 - 12.15	<b>Technical Discussions</b> Regional module leaders chair  3 parallel streams	<b>Public Sector Policies (Food EPI), Private Sector</b>	Janas Harrington and Stefanie Vandevijvere
		<b>Food Prices, Food Composition</b>	Joreintje Mackenbach and Igor Pravst
		<b>Food Promotion</b>	Maria Joao Gregorio
12:15- 13:00	Lunch break.		
Afternoon			
13:00 – 13:45	<b>Keynote 2.</b> Addressing the food, nutrition and environmental sustainability nexus in food systems monitoring		Stella Nordhagen
13:45 – 15:15	<b>Abstract Sessions</b> 6 x15 min abstracts  3 parallel streams	<b>Population Diets, Food Prices, Food Composition</b>  Chaired by Stefanie Vandevijvere	Seyyed Reza Sobhani (Sustainable Diets, Iran)
			Stefanie Vandevijvere (Prices, Belgium)
			Delaram Ghodsi (Covid Prices, Iran)
			Delaram Ghodsi (SSB Prices, Iran)
			Živa Lavriša (SSB Composition, Slovenia)
			Corinna Gréa (Processed Foods Composition, Germany)

		<b>Public Sector Policies (Food EPI), Private Sector</b>  Chaired by Janas Harrington	Sanne K Djojoseparto (Food-EPI, EU)
			Clarissa Leydon (Food-EPI, Ireland)
			Celia Burgaz (Scoping Study on Sustainability, Global)
			Iris Van Dam (Private Sector, Belgium)
			Ben Wood (Private Sector Framework, Global)
			Lydia O’Meara (Covid Consumer Experiences, Global)
		<b>Food Provision, Food Retail, Food Promotion</b>  Chaired by Emma Boyland	Elisa Pineda (Food Provision Systematic Review, Global)
			Mina Babashahi (Food Provision, Iran)
			Vincent Smets (Food Provision, Belgium)
			Sinead O’Mahony (Supermarket Retail, Ireland)
			Birna Thorisdottir (Supermarket Retail, Iceland)
			Maryam Amini (Mass Media Study, Iran)
15:15 – 15:30	Break.		
15:30 – 16:15	<b>Working Groups</b>  2 parallel sessions	<b>Encouraging uptake of INFORMAS modules in the region, networking, and coalition-building</b>	Stefanie Vandevijvere
		<b>Dashboards, data, and communication</b>	Celia Burgaz (pre-recordings from Gary Sacks and Jessica Fanzo)
16:15 – 16:20	<b>Closing Remarks</b>		Stefanie Vandevijvere

*\*Times in Central European Standard Time*

*\*\*List of modules covered is indicative and subject to change*

*The INFORMAS eSymposium Series will be run through the HeySummit virtual conference platform, integrated with Zoom.*

## Description of sessions

### **Keynote 1 (Opening Plenary)**

“Shifting the balance of power through collective action, and monitoring for accountability.” An update from the UN Food Systems Summit, and comment on what comes next.

### **Module Update Sessions**

Module Leadership Team Coordinators will each have 10 minutes to present the various INFORMAS protocols (live or pre-recorded), outline new developments and future directions.

### **Technical Discussion Sessions**

Module-specific technical discussion forum, chaired by a regional module/domain expert. These may cover:

- What are the specific challenges to implementing this module in the region? Any areas requiring new development/innovation?
- Data and sources of funding available in the region
- Encouraging further module uptake in the region: what is needed, e.g. training?

These will be run in parallel streams, with up to 5 modules being covered concurrently.

### **Keynote 2 (afternoon)**

Monitoring food systems for the double-burden of malnutrition & sustainability. This will focus on the shift to incorporating nutrition and sustainability in food environment assessment.

### **Abstract Sessions**

Researchers present their *emerging* findings relating to food environments (focus on what can be relayed to policymakers *now*).

Format: 6 x 15 min abstracts (10 minutes + 5 minutes for discussion), multiple sessions to be run in parallel

*Note: the INFORMAS Secretariat panel will award a prize for best student presentation!*

### **Working Group Sessions**

These sessions aim to provide an opportunity to bring together teams working in the various food environment monitoring domains to identify knowledge gaps and formulate new research ideas, build multi-country collaborations, and/or share tools and learning. The theme for the 2021 eSymposium series is ‘Strategies and Innovation in Knowledge Translation.’ The content will be tailored according to priorities identified by researchers in the region.