



## Our Objectives

**1.** Identify and characterize short food supply chain (SFSC) advisors across Europe

**2.** Connect SFSC advisors from the 27 member states (MS) in a European network

**3.** Improve understanding of the main issues and challenges of European Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS)

**4.** Integrate SFSC advisors and contents into national AKIS

**5.** Interact with relevant national, regional & local policy-makers

**6.** Replicate and disseminate innovations on SFSC



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**Multi-actor  
network to boost  
short food supply  
chains across  
Europe**



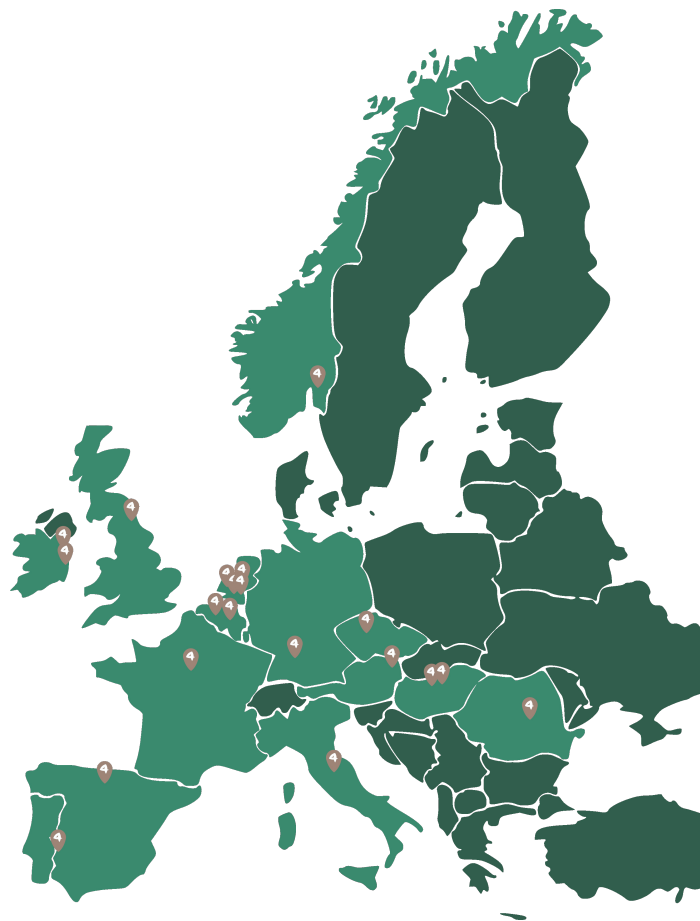
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## Background

EU4Advice is a multi-actor project funded under the topic HORIZON-CL6-2021-GOVERNANCE-01-27, with 21 partners from 13 European countries. It is the direct successor to SMARTCHAIN (2018-2021), a multi-actor project aimed at stimulating demand-driven innovation in SFSC. The main project goal is settling the foundations and structures required to ensure effective capacity building of short food supply chains (SFSC) through effective knowledge transfer. As SMARTCHAIN and other projects that focused on food value chains and extension services have revealed, there is a distinct need for capacity building, as well as connecting and embedding SFSC-specific advisory services within national Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) to support upscaling of SFSC. AKIS can be described as agricultural knowledge exchange systems, specific to countries and regions. These systems consist of various actors and organizations from the private, public and nonprofit domain, linking them together to promote mutual learning, generate share, and use agriculture related knowledge and information.

## Short Food Supply Chains

SFSC are characterized by a limited number of intermediaries and/or close geographical proximity between producer and consumer. They are a means for both producers and consumers to achieve a better position in the value chain, improving trust, transparency, food quality and safety. SFSC have proven to be a viable alternative and a complementary income channel to conventional food supply chains, as well as an important pillar for regional and national food security and sovereignty.



## Mission

EU4Advice aims to bolster SFSC-related advisory services to supply chain actors, helping them improving their practices in terms of economic, social and environmental sustainability. To reach this goal, EU4Advice works to create a network of SFSC advisors, policy-makers, researchers and farmers, collaborating towards an effective organizational set-up of the Agricultural Knowledge Innovation Systems (AKIS). EU4Advice targets the most important goals from the Farm2Fork Strategy to promote more sustainable and empowering SFSC models, which constitute a promising and emerging alternative to globalized food systems with the potential of reducing environmental footprint and enhancing competitiveness of the agri-food system.

## Our Twin Project

COREnet, the EU4Advice twin project funded under the same topic, aims at supporting the systematic development of more effective Short Food Supply Chains advising based on bringing together public, private and civic advisors through IT-enabled peer-to-peer learning and mutual support.



Both EU4Advice and COREnet work in close and continuous coordination with the aim of contributing to a strong and effective EU SFSC ecosystem in all 27 member states.