Next Bite 2025 Programme

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Programme Oct 15 | Morning sessions

Healthier Lives Through Food Stage 1	Net Zero Food System Stage 2	Food System Resilience Stage 3	Agrifood TechVentures Stage 4	Pulse Stage 5
09:00 – 10:00 **Next Bite 2025 Opening Session Plenary (Stage 1)** **Richard Zaltzman (EIT Food) | Gijs Schilthuis (DG Agri) | Michiel Scheffer (EIC) | Alessandra Zampieri (Joint Research Center)**				
10:00 - 10:50 **Next-Gen Proteins for Healthier, Sustainable Diets**	10:00 - 10:50 **Water Wise Futures: Circular, Smart & Inclusive Agri-Food Systems**	10:00 - 10:50 **Pack to the Future: Scaling Food Packaging Reuse**	10:00 - 10:15 **Venture Track Opening**	10:00 - 10:50 **Catalysing Generational Renewal: Enabling Continuity and Innovation in European Agriculture**
			10:15 - 11:00 **Tech-Enabled Regeneration: Making Soil Health Scalable and Profitable**	
11:00 - 11:50 **From Vision to Action – Smart Funding for Protein Diversification**	11:00 - 11:50 **Regenerative agriculture, finance, data and proof**		11:00 - 11:40 **From Match to Market: Corporate-Startup Collaboration in Action!**	11:00 - 11:50 **Young Changemakers in Action: Transforming Europe's Food Systems**
12:00 - 12:50 **Advancing Healthy Ageing: Progress, Collaboration, and Impact**	12:00 - 12:50 **Next-Gen Agriculture: Powering the regenerative future**	12:00 - 12:50 **Barn to Bioreactor: Empowering Farmers with Food Biotech**	11:40 - 12:25 **Feeding the Loop: Unlocking Food Circularity Through Smarter Packaging and Waste Innovation**	12:00 - 12:40 **Next Bite Test Kitchen powered by Sweden Foodtech**
			12:30 - 12:50 **Corporate Venturing Award**	

12:50 – 14:45

Lunch break + Matchmaking

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Healthier Lives Through Food

Stage 1

14:45 - 15:35
Protein diversification, policy signals consumers trust

15:45 - 16:30
The Informed Grocery List: Bridging healthy eating with everyday choices

Net Zero Food System

Stage 2

14:45 - 15:35
The role of MRV in creating a resilient food system

15:45 - 16:30
The power of partnerships in achieving One Health - A Beef and Dairy case study

Global sessions

Stage 3

14:45 - 15:30
Cities of the future: co-creating urban spaces where food innovation thrives and leads to co-regeneration

15:30 - 15:40 **BITE-size: Spotlight on Canada**

15:45 - 16:30
Spice Up Your Innovation: Tapping into Southeast Asia's Food Frontier

Agrifood TechVentures

Stage 4

14:45 - 15:30
Investing in AgriFoodTech: has the VC model gone bust?

Pulse

Stage 5

14:45 - 15:35
Product innovation with social impact: stories to inspire

16:00 - 16:30
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16:30 - 17:15 Plenary (Stage 1)
In the Age of Outrage, the Best Story Wins
Jack Bobo, Executive Director of the UCLA Rothman Family Institute for Food Studies

17:15 - 18:15
Cocktail at Gare Maritime

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Healthier Lives Through Food

Stage 1

10:00 - 10:50
Crafting expertise for Biotech futures

11:00 - 11:50
Powering Europe's Future in Biotech Through Cross-Industry Collaboration

Net Zero Food System

Stage 2

10:00 - 10:50
From Policy to Plate: Accelerating Agrifood Innovation in Europe Through Government Alignment.

11:00 - 11:50
Exploring Cellular Agriculture: How Food Biotechnology turns side streams into Business

Global sessions

Stage 3

10:00 - 11:00
Finger on the pulse- unlocking Canada's and EU's potential for healthy sustainable diets

11:00 - 11:20
BITE-size: Spotlight on ASEAN

Agrifood TechVentures

Stage 4

10:00- 10:30
KEYNOTE

10:30 - 11:15
The Fermentation Wave: Unlocking New Protein Possibilities

11:20 - 12:30
Startup Pitch Carrousel: Find your next investment here!

12:30 - 13:00
EIT FAN Tech Validation Winners announcements and wrap-up

Pulse

Stage 5

10:00 - 10:50
Rethinking Start-up Financing: Smarter Risk-sharing and strategic runway extension

11:20 - 12:00
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09:00 – 10:00
Welcome by Viktoria de Bourbon de Parme (EIT Food) and Jessica Sansom (EIT Food)
Keynote by Christian Holzleitner DG Climate
Bringing Regenerative Agriculture to Life: Official Launch of the Future Farm Lab by Dr Maarten van der Kamp (EIT Food)

12:00 - 13:45
Lunch break + Matchmaking

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Stage 1

13:45 - 14:45
Biotechnology: Involving consumers in the policy journey

14:45 - 15:35
Policy for innovation and sustainability, quick win options

Net Zero Food System

Stage 2

13:45 - 14:45
Bite into Innovation: The Test Farms Pitch Competition

14:45 - 15:35
Collaborating for Regeneration: Retail's Role in Shaping a Sustainable Food System

15:35 - 15:40 **Announcement of Test Farm Pitch Competition winners**

Food System Resilience

Stage 3

13:45 - 14:35
Unlocking Transparency: what food system actors can learn from consumers

14:45 - 15:35
Building resilience across continents: exploring solutions for food security by focusing on key ingredient supply chains

Workforce Futures

Stage 4

13:45 - 14:35
Perfect recipes for a skilled workforce

14:45 - 15:35
European Food Workforce of the Future- Playball, or Playmakers?

Pulse

Stage 5

13:45 - 14:15
Diversity Drives Innovation in the Food System: Navigating Change in a Politically Divided Landscape

15:15 - 15:45
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15:45 – 16:30 Plenary (stage 1)
Innovation and the future of the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) by Kerstin Rosenow (DG Agri) and Michiel de Ruiter (EIT Food)

16:30 – 17:00 Plenary (stage 1)
Next Bite 2025 Closing Session
Stefan Dobrev (EIT), Viktoria de Bourbon de Parme (EIT Food), and Jessica Sansom (EIT Food)

17:00 - 17:45
Closing Cocktail sponsored by BARRY CALLEBAUT
Next Bite Farewell: A Toast to Tomorrow