

AN EXPERT DIALOGUE ON

Skills, Policy and Investment in Europe's Food Systems

18 March 2026 · 10:00 – 12:00 CET · Online Focus Group

CONTEXT

An expert review of the GEEK4Food framework

The EU's green and digital transition in agri-food is well-resourced in financial terms — from CAP to ESF+ — yet a structural gap persists: the human capital and skills needed to implement these transitions at scale.

The GEEK4Food project has developed a portfolio of interconnected tools to address this gap. This session invites a select group of institutional representatives to examine them critically, as a structured peer review.

Findings from each working group will be synthesised into a consolidated report, shared with all participants following the session.

[Register here](#)

FOCUS GROUP AGENDA

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| 10:00 | Welcome and opening
<i>Paola Pittia, Project Coordinator, University of Teramo</i> |
| 10:06 | Miro onboarding
<i>Dariusz Kozdra, 4CF The Futures Literacy Company</i> |
| 10:11 | The GEEK4Food portfolio pitch
<i>GEEK4Food Consortium Members</i> |
| 10:30 | Introducing the Wildcards
<i>Kacper Nosarzewski, 4CF The Futures Literacy Company</i> |
| 10:45 | Sectoral working groups: portfolio review
<i>Policy & Governance · Finance & Investment · Education & Research</i>
<i>4CF The Futures Literacy Company</i> |
| 11:36 | Board report synthesis
<i>4CF The Futures Literacy Company</i> |

Participation is free. Places are limited.

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Closing & next steps

*Paola Pittia, Project Coordinator, University of Teramo***BREAKOUT SESSIONS****Three sectoral working groups**

Participants join the breakout group that corresponds to their institutional remit. Each examines the GEEK4Food portfolio from a distinct sectoral perspective.

Working Group 1**Policy & Governance**

For policymakers and managing authorities.

Focus: regulatory coherence, funding alignment, and institutional uptake pathways.

Working Group 2**Finance & Investment**

For impact finance institutions and investors.

Focus: viability of alternative financing models and conditions for private sector engagement.

Working Group 3**Education & Research**

For universities, research institutes, and VET providers.

Focus: methodological robustness, transferability, and integration into existing programmes.

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