

WG2 Group Meeting – Cartography of Fermented Foods in the diet of COST Countries

Thessaloniki, AUTH Greece

April 8-10, 2024

Day 2 - 9 April

9:00 - 9:30	Registration & Coffee	
09.30 - 12.00	Discussion on the so far WG2 outcomes	<i>Photis Papademas, Effie Tsakalidou, All</i>
12.00 - 14.00	Lunch break & Ethnic Selected Fermented Foods of Greece Exhibition <i>Invited Speeches (Chair: Fani Mantzouridou, Thomas Bintsis)</i>	
14.00 - 14.30	The Table Olive Sector in Greece	<i>Dr. Konstantinos Tertivanidis Head of General Directory of Rural Economy and Veterinary, Region of Central Macedonia, Greece</i>
14.30 - 15.00	Greek fermented dairy products	<i>Thomas Bintsis - Assistant Professor, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUTH</i>
15:00 - 15:30	Contribution of METROFOOD-RI to the ERA policy agenda for research and innovation regarding the agrifood sector	<i>Maria Tsimidou Professor Emerita, School of Chemistry, AUTH Coordinator of METROFOOD-GR</i>



- The COST Action CA20128 is an interdisciplinary research network that brings researchers and innovators together to investigate a specific topic of their interest. The long-term goal of PIMENTO is to place Europe at the head of innovation on microbial foods, promoting health, regional diversity, local production at different scales, contributing to economical and societal development as well as food sovereignty. To respond to this challenge, the scientific and non-scientific communities need to join forces and co-construct a multi-stakeholder vision and dynamic in the field of Fermented Foods.
- In this frame, a WG2 meeting took place in Thessaloniki 8-10th of April 2024, concerning the “Cartography of Fermented Foods in the diet of COST Countries”.
- Professor Emerita, Maria Tsimidou, the coordinator of Greek Node METROFOOD-RI, participated with the presentation entitled “Contribution of METROFOOD-RI to the ERA policy agenda for research and innovation regarding the agri-food sector”. The speaker presented the evolution of the infrastructure, the Greek Node, and focused on the current aims of the METROFOOD -EPI project (HORIZON-INFRA-2023-DEV-01-02 – GA). Emphasis was paid to the current ERA policy priorities. She pointed out ways that COST ACTIONS such PIMENTO and the RI can find ways to collaborate. The discussion which followed was fruitful and many partners from the WG2 expressed their interest to investigate further future collaboration in the frame of mobility, services, research and training activities