

BCFN Research Strategy & Activities



The BCFN Vision and Mission

Vision

Enable people to make informed choices about food and nutrition.

Mission

The BCFN is an **independent multidisciplinary center** which aims to provide multiple outputs and contributions with high scientific contents and become over time a valuable tool for **Institutions**, the **Scientific Community**, **Media** and for **People**.

A privileged **meeting point** for anyone interested in food, the environment, sustainable growth and their implications on people's and society's life, at a national and international level.



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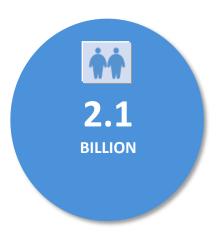
Initiative

THE GLOBAL PARADOXES ON FOOD AND NUTRITION

DIE OF HUNGER OR OBESITY?



VS



FEED PEOPLE, ANIMALS OR CARS?

WORLD GRAIN PRODUCTION
AND ITS USE



47%
Human food



33% Animal feed



7%
Biofuels



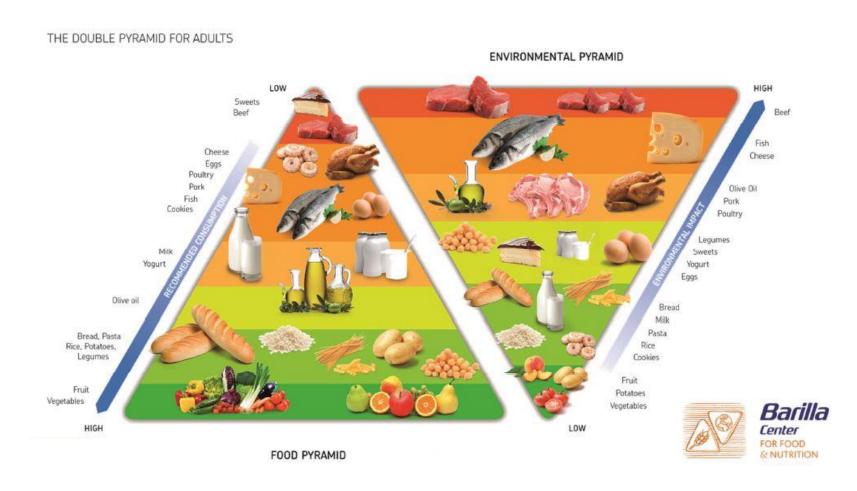
THE PLANET'S BALANCE IS NEGATIVE!







THE BCFN FLAGSHIP CONCEPT



GOOD FOR YOU, GOOD FOR THE PLANET



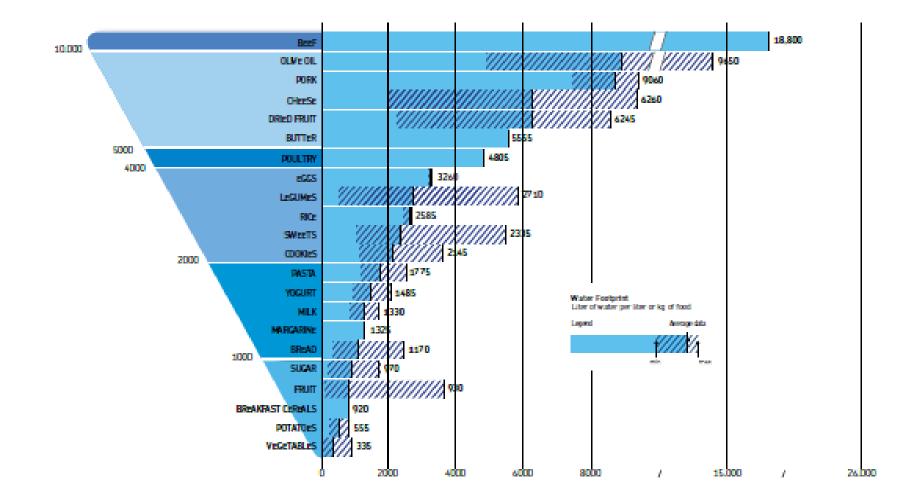
THE BCFN FLAGSHIP CONCEPT: Food Pyramid





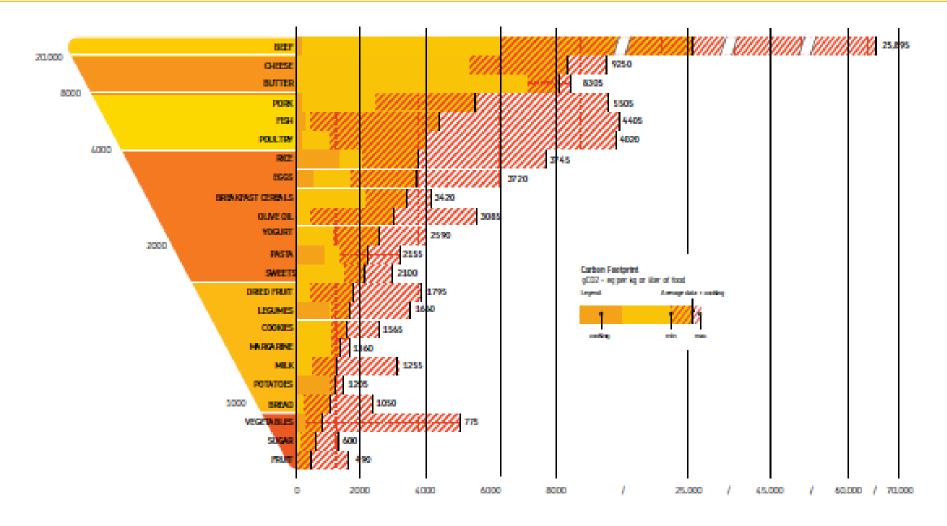


THE BCFN FLAGSHIP CONCEPT: Water Footprint



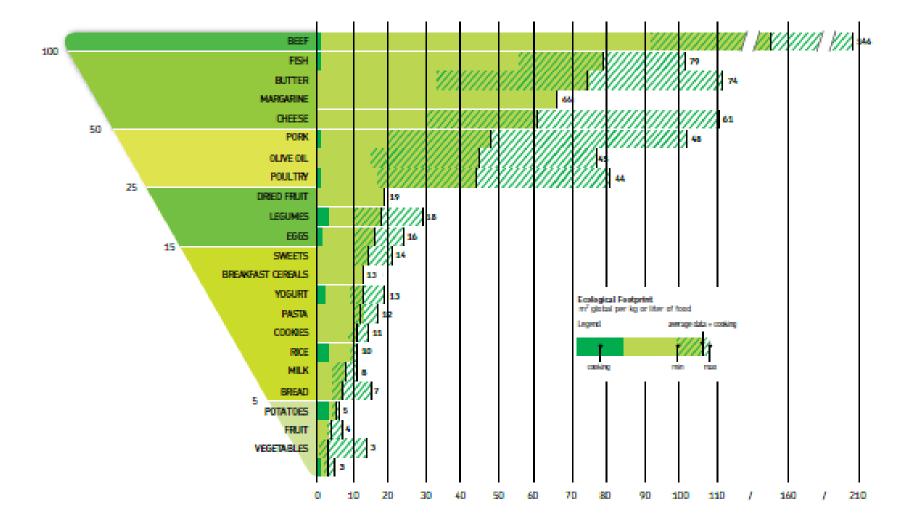


THE BCFN FLAGSHIP CONCEPT: Carbon Footprint



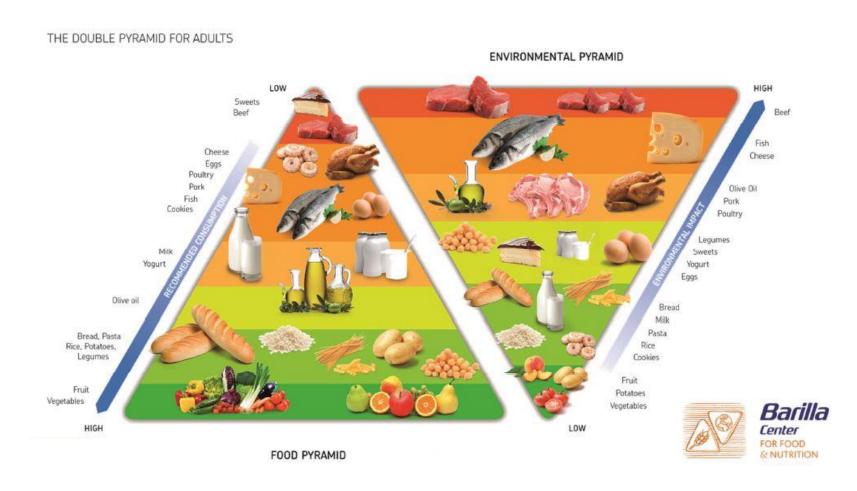


THE BCFN FLAGSHIP CONCEPT: Ecological Footprint





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Research strategy

The priority actions for the BCFN Research Area in 2018-2020 are:

- prioritizing research projects with potential to achieve concrete impacts on food systems, sustainable development of countries and wellbeing of people;
- increasing engagement with stakeholders to identify and facilitate the scale-up of solutions and best practices;
- increasing collaboration with high-level institutions and networks;
- providing inputs for even more effective communication outputs to raise awareness of the broader public.



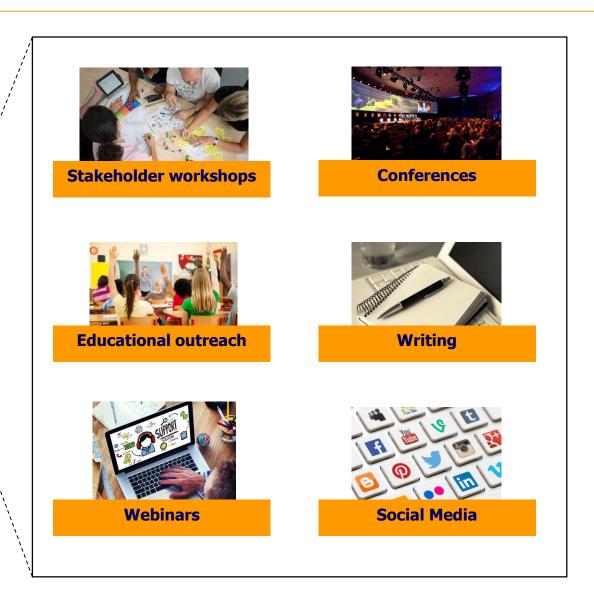
The framework of reference is the 2030 Agenda & the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.





Research & outreach activities

We inform scientifically grounded communication outputs & outreach activities





Levels of analysis

Countries



- Food Sustainability Index
- Migrations & Food
- Common Agricultural Policy



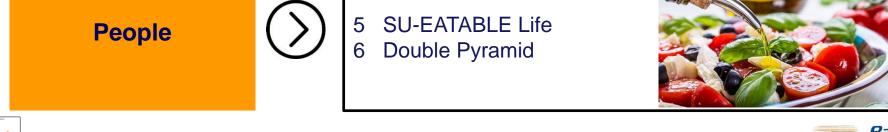
Cities



Urban Food Systems











Cities

People

#1 Food Sustainability Index

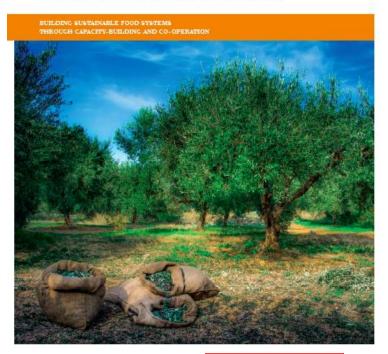
A tool to increase understanding of the food system challenges of countries, orient policy action, educate new generations, raise awareness of citizens.

What we have done

- Increased the number of countries to 34, accounting for over 2/3 of global population and 85% of GD
- New focus on Mediterranean countries
- Consultation with experts for scientific review
- 30+ presentations in Europe & US
- 3 stakeholder workshops (London, Brussels, Berlin)



FIXING FOOD: THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION









#2 Migrations & Food

A first step towards an increased understanding of the relationship between migrations, climate change, food insecurity, nutrition challenges.

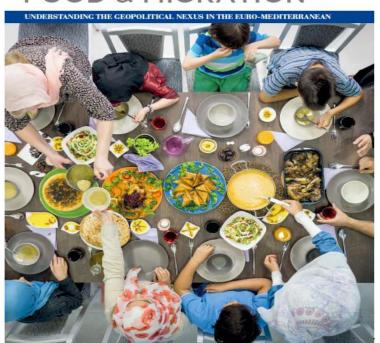
What we have done

- Collection of multidisciplinary contributions, focused on the Euro-Mediterranean region
- Original analysis on climate change;
 maps on the geopolitics of migrations
- Collection of case studies
- Stakeholder workshop held in Brussels





FOOD & MIGRATION













#3 Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

Reforming Common Agricultural Policy in Europe for greener, healthier and younger food systems in Europe.

What we have done

- Contributed to EU open consultation on the future CAP (2017)
- Drafted policy paper on the future of CAP and the perspective of young generations
- Parallel working session on CAP during BCFN Forum (Dec 5th)
- Engagement with other EU Foundations, part of the European Foundation Centre Network



#4 Urban food systems





Helping cities to transform their food systems through a comprehensive tool that assesses and monitors their impacts and outcomes.

Objectives of the project

- 18-months project in partnership with EAT and the C40 Food Systems Network
- The project aims to
 - o integrate cities' Climate Action Plans with food, nutrition and agriculture concerns
 - o understand outcomes & impacts of urban initiatives
 - enable data collection
- Synergies with CDP questionnaire











#5 SU-EATABLE Life - "Reducing carbon emissions in the EU through sustainable diets"

A three-year EU-funded project for cutting down emissions in Europe by promoting sustainable diets in Europe.

Objectives of the project

- First BCFN project funded by the EU, with a total budget 1.6 Million Euros. The project is coordinated by BCFN. Starting date: Sept 2018
- The aim of the project is to create awareness and promote food behavior change through interventions in university and company canteens in different countries in Europe: Italy, the Netherland, the UK















Outreach – Edited Book (1/3)



"Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through sustainable food systems"

Valentini R., Sievenpiper J., Antonelli M., Dembska K. [EDS.]

Objective:

- The publication will investigate sustainability food systems in the frame of the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations. Food is linked to all SDGs.
- This work will contribute to understanding the present main challenges in the food system, and proposals for achieving long term sustainability.
- The work will be distinctive for it multidisciplinary & multi-stakeholder approach.

Key words:

 Sustainable diets; sustainable agriculture; climate change; food security; seed sovereignty; migrations; investments; youth; gender etc.

Timeline:

Submission to publisher: March 2019 Publication of book: September 2019





FOOD SUSTAINABILITY MEDIA AWARD





Media play a key role in promoting food sustainability

The Food Sustainability Media Award
is a Global media contest
to award outstanding and under-reported
news, photographs and videos related to food, nutrition and
sustainability

www.goodfoodmediaaward.com



YES! 2018 RESEARCH GRANT

- **PhD or postdoc researchers** enrolled from January 1st 2012 included, under the age of 35 at the date of November 28th, 2018.
- Individuals or team of max 3 members, from any nationality and background, to submit proposals for a Research Grant of 20,000 €.
- TOPIC AREAS:
 - Sustainable and healthy dietary patterns
 - Sustainable agriculture
 - Food security

Massive Online Open Course (MOOC)



Sustainable Food Systems: A Mediterranean perspective

8 CHAPTERS AVAILABLE FROM MARCH 12 ON THE WEBSITE SDGacademy.org

The aim of this course is to provide an overview of the challenges and opportunities of the agricultural sector in the Mediterranean basin, towards the achievement of the UN SDGs

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