

Newsletter



Food Systems Dynamics



Happy New Year

As we say goodbye to 2018 and welcome the exciting times ahead in 2019, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the first 18 months of the VALUMICS project. The progress of work has been **achieved** with significant **collaborative work**. The consortium partners have met four times at workshops, and additionally in Paris before the end of 2018 to organise the scope of the work ahead. Smaller project meetings have exploited internet based technology to meet face to face on Skype and WebEx. Partners have attended key industry events to both introduce the VALUMICS approach and to gain fresh insight from the event topics covered by industry stakeholders.

VALUMICS has selected **five core case studies for the groundwork** on the project analysis. 1. Salmon 2. Beef to steaks 3. Dairy cows to milk 4. Wheat to bread 5. Tomatoes to canned tomatoes.

An overview of system dynamic model building for a generic food supply chain was presented in the first project year. Studying the structure of such systems as integrated supply-, value- and decision chains has **underscored their complexity** and the need for further food system specific research. This will be pursued through the selected case studies with the aim to explore **fairness, resilience, sustainability and integrity of food supply chains and systems**.



Plenary meeting & workshop 4 Dublin June 2018

The last month of an exciting first year included a successful plenary meeting and the fourth WP2 workshop 11-13 June. The workshop was hosted by Uol and UCD at the UCD Smurfit School Campus. The group also enjoyed some true Irish Music and River Dance in the beautiful hills above Dublin city.

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More from the workshops:



Workshop 1 Denmark June 2017

Following the kick-off meeting in June, the project system analysis work was progressed through a workshop managed by work package 2 (WP2) "Causality based modelling framework analysis"

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Workshop 2 Paris October 2017

The second VALUMICS workshop was held in Paris 5-6 of October. The workshop, hosted by the WP2 team at Uol and IDDRI, was attended by representatives of the project partner consortium

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Workshop 3 Iceland February 2018

The third VALUMICS workshop was held in Reykjavik, Iceland 27-28 of February. The workshop was hosted by Uol and MarkMar. The group enjoyed an excursion to see some of the beautiful nature of South Iceland. The selection of the value chain case studies was confirmed.

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Up and coming events

VALUMICS involves stakeholders to strategically map key policy and regulatory drivers. SINTEF will host a stakeholder workshop to gain important insight during the North Atlantic Seafood forum this March.

<https://www.nor-seafood.com/>

BECOME A STAKEHOLDER

To validate results and ensure their successful uptake, VALUMICS wishes to engage food system stakeholders, such as industry players, researchers, policy makers/regulators and consumers through the **VALUMICS Stakeholder Platform**, offering its members a chance to voice their opinions via conferences, personal interviews and consultations.

If you wish to stay informed about VALUMICS, and to receive invitations for participating in future stakeholder activities, please sign up to the Stakeholder Platform and newsletter.

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