

## INVITATION

Dear Madam or Sir,

The European Technology Platforms "Food For Life" and "ManuFuture" together with the whole consortium of the **FoodManufuture project** (GA nr. 289397 funded under FP7) will spot light on the EU food factory of the future.

FoodManufuture is performing a Conceptual Design Study in order to provide the basis for decision making for a European Food Manufacturing Research Infrastructure. The Research Infrastructure will aim at boosting competitiveness and innovativeness of the food manufacturing sector through cutting-edge research, dedicated and involving knowledge transfer, and motivating education. Visions identified by European food and manufacturing technologies industries will be analysed. Available solutions and gaps will be identified. Based on the identified solutions and gaps, models will be elaborated and validated. The final Conceptual Design Report will present the most promising models for the new research infrastructure, that can support innovation in the food sector, the technical and economic figures and propose optional funding solutions.

Preliminary important results, achieved by the partners of FoodManufuture, will be portrayed. In particular the following documents will be discussed:

- Preliminary report on food manufacturing vision scenarios
- Integrated summary inventory of long and short term future needs for research infrastructure
- Summary inventory of gaps in research infrastructure
- Draft inventory of available solutions

At this regard a series of separate discussion groups will be organized in order to collect feedback from the participants. The drafts of all the above mentioned working documents can be downloaded from the FoodManufuture website at <a href="https://www.foodmanufuture.eu">www.foodmanufuture.eu</a>

We would be pleased if you could actively participate to this EU consultation process and join us in Brussels the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (Stanhope Hotel, Rue du Commerce 9). Please find below the **Agenda** of the meeting as well as the **registration form**.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon in Brussels and remain with our best regards.

## **AGENDA**

9:00 - 9:10	Introduction to the FoodManufuture project	Lisbeth Munksgaard
9:10 - 9:30	Vision scenarios for food manufacturing	Vasco Teles
9.30 - 9:50	Research needs of the food processing and the manufacturing sector, envisaged solutions to satisfy these needs and necessary research infrastructure	Andras Sebok
9:50 - 10:10	Available manufacturing solutions which can be adapted for application in the food processing sector and Gaps in the necessary research infrastructure	Lilia Ahrné
10:10 - 10:20	Introduction to the group discussion	Xavier Gellynck
10:20 - 10:45	Coffee break	
10.45 - 12:00	Guided group discussion with the audience	Working Groups leaders
12:00 - 12.35	Feedback of the groups	