

GHI MATTERS

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Welcome to our GHI newsletter

August brought fresh momentum across the Global Harmonization Initiative, with new collaborations taking shape, research moving into the spotlight, and preparations for the 3rd GHI World Congress gathering pace. Across countries, disciplines and sectors, GHI continues to create opportunities for expertise to connect and turn collaboration into meaningful action.

A key focus this month has been strengthening GHI's engagement with food innovation and international collaboration. GHI expressed its support for the BioPath – Accelerating Regulatory Success for Food Innovation Startups in Europe project being developed by DTU Food at the Technical University of Denmark, reflecting GHI's commitment to helping innovation advance alongside science-based regulation and safety. Our Working Groups and international network also continue to provide platforms for experts to exchange knowledge across food law, nutrition, consumer perception, nanotechnology and other emerging areas.

Preparations for the 3rd GHI World Congress in Konya, Türkiye, 5–9 July 2027, are also moving forward. This month, we offered a first glimpse of the program through the Six Grand Conversations, exploring who should shape the future of food, whether global food safety standards can be harmonized, how we build resilience in an unstable world, whether technology can safely feed the future, who pays the true cost of food, and whether food can be sustainable without being ethical.

As part of the Congress preparations, we are encouraging researchers to go beyond simply presenting their findings. Bring the question behind your research, challenge an assumption, and open your work to perspectives from other disciplines, sectors and countries. At GHI, we believe harmonization begins with conversation – but must lead to practical pathways forward. As we move towards the end of 2026, we invite our members, partners and wider community to stay engaged, bring new ideas forward, and help build safer, more sustainable, resilient and equitable food systems.

GHI President's message

Dear Members of the Global Harmonization Initiative community,

August has been a month that has reminded us, once again, why the work of GHI matters.

Around the world, food safety, food security and sustainability are increasingly being tested by forces that do not respect borders. The devastating floods along the Nepal-Tibet border are a particularly painful reminder. Triggered by a catastrophic ice-rock and glacier-related event, the disaster has destroyed communities and infrastructure, left hundreds dead and many more missing, and disrupted essential services and livelihoods. For those of us working on food systems, such events are not only humanitarian tragedies. They raise urgent questions about resilience, food access, infrastructure, climate adaptation and how quickly systems can respond when multiple risks converge.

At the same time, important conversations about the future of food are taking place in many parts of the world. The Conscious Food Summit in Bhutan (31 August to 4 September 2026) brought together more than 60 countries around questions of climate, biodiversity, food insecurity and regenerative agriculture, while Australia's Crawford Fund Conference focused on food security, climate and the role of agricultural research in building resilient

food systems. These conversations may emerge from very different contexts, but they point towards the same reality: food safety, food security, health, sustainability and resilience can no longer be addressed as separate agendas.

This is precisely where I believe GHI has an important role to play. We need spaces where evidence from different disciplines and experiences from different countries can meet – not to make every system identical, but to find the common ground needed for effective action.

I have been particularly encouraged this month by the continued growth of our international community and by the willingness of members and partners to engage across disciplinary and geographical boundaries. The strength of GHI is increasingly visible in these connections: a researcher bringing new evidence, a regulator bringing practical experience, an industry expert identifying a challenge, or a policymaker asking a question that requires us to think differently.

As we look towards the months ahead, I hope we will continue to see GHI not simply as a professional network, but as a community capable of connecting the dots when the challenges themselves are becoming more interconnected. The events unfolding around us remind us that harmonization is not an abstract idea. It is about building the shared knowledge, trust and cooperation needed to make food systems safer, more resilient and more equitable in a changing world.

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to that effort.

Warm regards,

Dr. Diana Bogueva

President, Global Harmonization Initiative



Who Is Accountable for Harm in the Food System?

International Roundtable | 11 September 2026

The Corporate Crime Observatory (CCO), Boston College Law School, Exeter Law School, and the Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI) are co-organising a two-part international roundtable:

Food Industry, Law, and Society: Corporate Power, Public Health, and Accountability

The roundtable brings together academics, investigative journalists, legal practitioners, public-health researchers, civil-society representatives, and experts with direct experience with the food industry to examine how law, corporate conduct, market structures and institutional practices shape the production, detection and governance of food-related harm.

The international and interdisciplinary character of the roundtable is central to its purpose. Food systems operate across borders, while regulatory frameworks, enforcement capacities and institutional arrangements differ significantly between jurisdictions. Bringing together perspectives from law, public health, food systems, corporate governance, journalism and civil society will help identify where existing approaches to accountability are effective, where important gaps remain, and how more transparent and responsive approaches might be developed. The dialogue also provides an opportunity to connect legal and institutional perspectives with the realities of food production, corporate decision-making, scientific evidence and consumer choice.

Session One: Food Industry Harms — Illegality, Opacity, and Lawful Social Harm

The first session, on **11 September 2026**, asks a challenging question: What happens when food-industry harm is illegal, hidden — or entirely lawful?

The discussion will explore three interconnected areas:

- ◆ Illegal conduct and integrity failures — including food fraud, contamination, mislabeling, corruption, corporate compliance and accountability.
- ◆ Detection, opacity and whistleblowing — examining corporate

“black boxes”, complex global supply chains, transparency, investigative journalism, whistleblowers and the challenges of making hidden practices visible.

- ◆ Lawful social harm and the nutrition gray zone — considering products and commercial practices that remain legal while raising broader questions about public health, consumer choice, marketing, scientific uncertainty and corporate influence.

Rather than a series of formal presentations, the roundtable is designed to foster an open international dialogue, bringing diverse perspectives into conversation and moving from the recognition of harm, through its concealment and exposure, to questions about harms that remain within existing legal boundaries.

The session will conclude with a powerful question for every panelist:

“If you could change only one thing to address any of the problems in the food industry discussed today, what would you change, and why?”

 11 September 2026

 Time: 8:00 Boston | 13:00 London | 14:00 Rome/Cape Town | 15:00 Nairobi | 22:00 Sydney

Looking Ahead: Session Two

The second session, on **18 September 2026**, entitled “**Governing the Food Industry: Procurement, Market Power, and Accountability**,” will build on the insights emerging from the first discussion and turn the focus towards governance and institutional responses.

The session will explore how regulation, enforcement, procurement systems, market power and transparency can shape accountability, and how public and private institutions can more effectively prevent, mitigate and respond to food-industry harms.

Together, the two sessions seek to advance an international conversation about how food systems can become more transparent, accountable and responsive to public health and societal interests.

Both sessions will be moderated by Diane M. Ring, The Marianne D. Short and Ray Skowrya Professor of Law, Boston College Law School.

INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE · TWO-PART ONLINE SYMPOSIUM

Food Industry, Law, and Society: Corporate Power, Public Health, and Accountability

SESSION ONE

Friday, 11 September 2026

Food Industry Harms: Illegality, Opacity, and Lawful Social Harm

08:00 Boston · 13:00 London · 14:00 Rome · 14:00 Cape Town · 15:00 Nairobi · 22:00 Sydney

PANELISTS

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| ■ Alice Rizzuti | ■ Filippa Juul | ■ Patti Rundall |
| ■ Andrew Wasley | ■ Jean Feminier-Bonhomme | ■ Rémi Thévenot |
| ■ Cynthia Gichiri | ■ Mary Inman | ■ Sasha Chavkin |
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| ■ Federica Urso | ■ Milind Tiwari | |

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Three Research Projects Selected for the HeDPAC-GHI Right to Food and Right to Health Small Grants Program

The Health Development Partnership for Africa and the Caribbean (HeDPAC), in collaboration with the Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI), is pleased to announce the three successful research projects selected through the HeDPAC-GHI Right to Food and Right to Health Small Grants Program. The Small Grants Program was established to support new social science research examining the interconnectedness of food, nutrition, health and wellbeing within the internationally recognised frameworks of the Right to Food and the Right to Health. The program aims to generate robust evidence and actionable data that can inform policy, strengthen rights-based advocacy, and contribute to more equitable and sustainable food and health systems.

The initiative emerged from discussions between HeDPAC and GHI following the 2nd GHI World Congress in Rotterdam in June 2025, where the importance of strengthening the evidence base on the links between food, nutrition and the Right to Health was highlighted. A survey conducted among GHI Congress participants also identified strong interest in further research and collaboration in this area, while highlighting a gap in policy-relevant research examining the Right to Food and Right to Health together. Following the call for applications and the assessment of the submitted proposals, three projects were selected for funding. Each successful project will receive a grant of up to USD 10,000, comprising USD 8,000 for research activities and USD 2,000 to support travel to the GHI World Congress. The projects will be conducted over a 12-month period, with the research findings presented at the 3rd GHI World Congress in Konya, Türkiye, from 5–9 July 2027. In addition, Congress registration fees for the successful grantees will be waived.

The Three Selected Projects

1. Bridging Rights and Realities: Understanding Community-Level Barriers to the Right to Food and the Right to Health in Four African Countries

*Project team: Prof. Thierry Jean-Claude Regnier – Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa
Mr Emmanuel Chidi Ezenweani – Nigeria
Mr Paul Oluoch Odhiambo – Kenya
Mr Aaron Kalaka Karumba – Democratic Republic of Congo*

This project will investigate community-level barriers to the Right to Food and the Right to Health in South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo, focusing on food safety, nutrition knowledge, access to safe and culturally relevant foods, and the social and economic factors influencing these rights.

The research will use community surveys, focus groups and key informant interviews to examine how factors such as gender, income, education and local food environments shape people's access to safe and nutritious food. The findings will contribute to policy-relevant evidence on advancing the Rights to Food and Health across the four countries.

2. Realising the Rights to Food and Health in Climate-Vulnerable Food Systems in West Africa

Project Leader: Prof. Adewale Olusegun Obadina, Federal University Of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria and colleagues from Ghana

This project will examine how climate vulnerability and food-system conditions affect the realization of the Right to Food and the Right to Health in communities in Nigeria and Ghana. It will explore how

food availability, safety, affordability and dietary quality interact with social, economic and environmental pressures.

Particular attention will be given to women, low-income households and informal food-system actors, who can be disproportionately affected by food insecurity, unsafe food environments and climate-related pressures. The project aims to generate practical evidence to inform policy and support more equitable and sustainable food and health systems in West Africa.

3. From Biodiversity to Better Health: Strengthening the Right to Food and the Right to Health Through Underutilized Foods in Mauritian Communities

Project Leader: Associate Professor Dr Joyce Govinden Soulangue and Associate Professor Dr Daya Goburdhun, University of Mauritius, Mauritius

This project will explore how indigenous and underutilized foods in Mauritius can contribute to better nutrition, preventive health, food security and biodiversity conservation. It will examine the declining consumption of traditional foods and the barriers that prevent communities, particularly younger generations, from recognising and incorporating these foods into contemporary diets.

The research will also consider the cultural and nutritional value of underutilized foods and explore strategies for increasing community awareness, acceptance and sustainable use, while contributing to the preservation of traditional food knowledge.

Sharing the Results

The three funded projects will be undertaken over the next 12 months, with their findings to be presented during the dedicated special session “The Right to Food and the Right to Health” at the 3rd GHI World Congress, taking place 5–9 July 2027 in Konya, Türkiye. The Congress will provide an international platform for the successful research teams to share their findings with the global academic community, GHI members, researchers, policymakers and other stakeholders from around the world, and to discuss how the evidence generated through these projects can contribute to policy, advocacy and practice.

To further support the dissemination and impact of the research, the outcomes of the funded projects will also be supported for publication through peer-reviewed and policy-focused publications via the GHI Congress dedicated journals, free of charge to the successful grantees. This will provide an additional opportunity for the research findings to reach a wider international audience and contribute to ongoing scientific and policy discussions on the Right to Food and the Right to Health.

A Commitment to Transparency and Evidence-Based Action

The HeDPAC-GHI Small Grants Program reflects a shared commitment to supporting inclusive, rights-based and science-informed research at the intersection of food, nutrition and health. By publicly announcing the successful projects and their research focus, HeDPAC and GHI aim to provide transparency about the outcome of the grant selection process and to make visible the research being supported through this initiative.

The program also reflects the importance of investing in research that can move beyond identifying challenges to generating evidence that can inform practical solutions, policy development and rights-based action. By supporting researchers working across different countries and contexts, the initiative seeks to contribute to a broader understanding of how the Right to Food and the Right to Health can be advanced in practice.

GHI congratulates the three successful research teams and looks forward to following their progress over the coming year. We look forward to welcoming the grantees to the 3rd GHI World Congress in Konya in July 2027, where they will have the opportunity to present their research and contribute to the global dialogue on advancing the Right to Food and the Right to Health.



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A First Sneak Peek at the Congress Program: Six Conversations That Will Shape GHI Congress 2027 in Konya

We're giving you a preliminary sneak peek at what's coming to the 3rd GHI World Congress.

Six Grand Conversations. Six big questions.

One opportunity to look at the future of food from perspectives that rarely meet in the same room.

1. WHO SHOULD SHAPE THE FUTURE OF FOOD?
2. CAN THE WORLD HARMONIZE FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS?
3. CAN WE BUILD RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS IN AN UNSTABLE WORLD?
4. CAN TECHNOLOGY FEED THE FUTURE – SAFELY?
5. WHO PAYS THE TRUE COST OF FOOD?
6. CAN FOOD BE SUSTAINABLE WITHOUT BEING ETHICAL?

These are only a first glimpse.
The conversations, speakers, panelists and perspectives coming together in Konya will take these questions much further – across science, policy, regulation, industry, technology, health, sustainability and society. Alongside the Grand Conversations, the program will feature plenary discussions, thematic scientific sessions, pre-congress workshops and GHI expert panels – creating multiple opportunities to exchange ideas, challenge assumptions and connect research with practice. The full program will continue to evolve as we bring together voices from different countries, disciplines and sectors of the global food system.

DON'T JUST PRESENT YOUR RESEARCH

BRING YOUR QUESTION TO THE GLOBAL CONVERSATION

Your research may provide part of the answer. But what happens when it meets someone looking at the same challenge from an entirely different perspective? That is where new thinking begins.

The GHI World Congress is designed not simply as a place to present research, but as a space where evidence, experience and different perspectives can meet – across disciplines, sectors and borders. We invite researchers, academics, students, policymakers, regulators, industry professionals and experts from across the food system to submit their work and become part of the conversation. Submit your abstract. Challenge an assumption. Share your evidence. Start a conversation.

Your contribution could help shape what comes next.

MORE THAN A CONFERENCE

The GHI World Congress is a platform for connecting evidence, experience and ideas to explore practical pathways toward greater global alignment.

Come to Konya not only to present what you know, but to discover what happens when your ideas meet different disciplines, different countries and different ways of seeing the food system.

Bring your research.

Bring your expertise.

Bring your questions.

And help shape the conversation – and the solutions – that will define the future of food systems.

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<https://www.ghiworldcongress.org/abstract-submission/>

Recently Gergana met with Dr Diana Bogueva, the GHI President. The meeting was an opportunity to exchange ideas about how this new collaboration can develop and how Bulgaria can contribute more actively to GHI's global mission. We warmly welcome Gergana to the GHI Ambassador network and look forward to the energy, expertise and new connections she will bring to our growing community.



Dr Diana Bogueva (left) with the new GHI Bulgarian ambassador Gergana Alexandrova

New Ambassadors, New Connections, New Opportunities: GHI Expands Its Global Network

GHI is strengthening its global network by building teams of Ambassadors within countries, creating stronger connections between local expertise, national priorities and our international community.

Bulgaria: Welcoming Gergana Alexandrova

A new chapter for GHI's engagement in Bulgaria is taking shape as Gergana Alexandrova joins our Ambassador network as the second GHI Ambassador in the country.

Gergana brings a particularly valuable combination of 25 years of international food-industry experience, auditing expertise, food-safety knowledge and hands-on industry insight. Her professional experience gives her a strong understanding of the realities behind food-safety systems and the importance of translating scientific knowledge and regulatory requirements into practices that work in the real world.

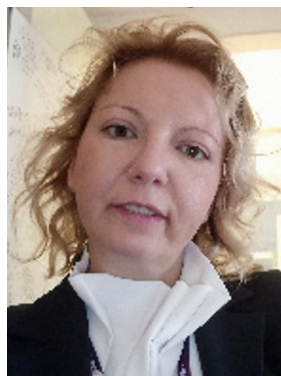
Her commitment to putting "science into action" closely aligns with GHI's mission. Gergana will help strengthen connections between GHI's international experts and Bulgarian food producers, researchers, food-safety professionals and other stakeholders, while bringing valuable industry perspectives into GHI's global discussions and Working Groups.

Gergana will work alongside Prof. Svetla Danova, GHI's other Ambassador for Bulgaria. Together, their complementary expertise and networks will help expand GHI's activities in Bulgaria and create new opportunities for knowledge exchange, collaboration and international engagement.

Croatia: Welcoming Ines Banjari

GHI is also strengthening its presence in Croatia with the appointment of Ines Banjari as a new GHI Ambassador.

With her extensive experience as a nutrition researcher and university professor, Ines Banjari brings a unique combination of expertise in food technology, clinical nutrition, food safety and functional food innovation. Her current work at the intersection of evidence-based nutrition, sustainable healthcare and emerging food solutions will bring an exciting new perspective to GHI's international network and strengthen its engagement with the Croatian research and professional community.



Ines will join Professor Vlasta Piližota and Prof. Dr Helga Medić, creating a strong team of GHI Ambassadors who can further connect Croatian expertise with GHI's international network. Together, they will support scientific exchange, professional collaboration and greater engagement with Croatia's food, nutrition and research communities, while helping bring Croatian perspectives and expertise into GHI's global initiatives.

The addition of Ines further strengthens GHI's ability to build meaningful connections across disciplines and countries and to promote collaboration around the shared challenges facing food systems today. We are delighted to welcome Ines to the GHI Ambassador community and look forward to the new collaborations that this expanded Croatian team will inspire.

Bangladesh: Welcoming Md. Zahid Hossain

GHI is delighted to welcome Md. Zahid Hossain as a new Ambassador for Bangladesh, where he will work alongside our Ambassador Dr. Md. Sazedul Hoque.

Zahid brings a strong commitment to advancing food safety, health and sustainability through international collaboration. His vision reflects GHI's belief that science, innovation and cooperation are essential to building more resilient and sustainable food systems.



In his ambassador role, Zahid will help strengthen links between Bangladeshi experts and GHI's international community, encouraging knowledge exchange, collaboration and participation in GHI initiatives and Working Groups. His focus on science-driven solutions and global cooperation, together with his commitment to supporting systems aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), will contribute to GHI's

broader mission of empowering communities and advancing more sustainable food systems. We warmly welcome Md. Zahid Hossain to the GHI Ambassador network and look forward to working with him and Dr. Md. Sazedul Hoque to strengthen GHI's presence and impact in Bangladesh.

Stronger Together

With these new appointments, GHI continues to grow not only in numbers, but also in local capacity, expertise and international connections. By working in Ambassador teams, our representatives can create stronger bridges between national food-system communities and GHI's worldwide network – turning global collaboration into meaningful opportunities for science, innovation and action.

GHI at Bharat NutraVerse Expo 2026: Where West Meets East in Food and Nutraceutical Innovation

The Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI) will be represented at Bharat NutraVerse Expo 2026, taking place in New Delhi, India, from 7–9 September 2026.

GHI President Dr Diana Bogueva and GHI Ambassador in Australia Dr Dilip Ghosh will participate in the international session “Where West Meets East: Innovation Rooted in Tradition.” Dr Bogueva will deliver a presentation entitled “Global Food Futures and the Evolving Role of Nutraceuticals: Innovation Rooted in Culture and Consumer Trust”, exploring how the future of nutraceuticals is being shaped by the intersection of traditional knowledge, scientific innovation, cultural values and consumer trust.

Dr Dilip Ghosh, GHI Australia Ambassador and Director of NutraConnect Australia, will moderate the session, bringing together an impressive international panel of experts from Australia, the United States, Austria, South Africa, the United Kingdom and India. The discussion will explore natural products, botanicals, functional foods, nutrition science, food safety, regulatory policy, product innovation and sustainability.

The session provides an important opportunity to consider how traditional knowledge can inform modern innovation while maintaining scientific rigor, safety and consumer confidence. It also reflects GHI’s commitment to creating bridges between different regions, disciplines and knowledge systems in support of more sustainable and trusted food futures.

The participation of GHI President and one of GHI’s Ambassadors in Australia also highlights the strength of GHI’s growing international network and its ability to connect experts across continents around shared challenges and opportunities in food, nutrition and health. GHI looks forward to contributing to this important conversation at the intersection of tradition, science, innovation and consumer trust.

During the Expo, Dr Diana Bogueva, President of the Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI), will also meet with several GHI Indian Ambassadors, including Dr Monika Chauhan and Dr Rashmi Kulshrestha, to discuss progress in their activities and strengthen GHI’s engagement and outreach in India.

With the support of Dr Rashmi Kulshrestha, Dr Bogueva will also meet with principals of government schools in Delhi to explore opportunities for collaboration and begin negotiations for the establishment of a GHI Food Safety Club in India. This initiative represents an important step in expanding GHI’s educational outreach and promoting food safety awareness among young people.

Bharat NutraVerse Expo 2026 brings together researchers, industry leaders, innovators and other stakeholders working across the global nutraceutical, botanical and wellness sectors – providing an excellent platform for international dialogue and collaboration.



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WHERE WEST MEETS EAST: INNOVATION ROOTED IN TRADITION

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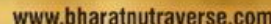
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GHI Engages with DTU Food on BioPath Project to Accelerate Regulatory Success for Food Innovation Startups in Europe

Advancing food innovation requires not only scientific breakthroughs, but also clear and navigable regulatory pathways. Recognising this growing challenge, the Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI) is exploring collaboration with DTU Food, Technical University of Denmark, on the BioPath – Accelerating Regulatory Success for Food Innovation Startups in Europe project.

For many researchers, start-ups and food companies, bringing an innovative food product to the European market involves navigating a complex regulatory landscape. Identifying the appropriate regulatory pathway, understanding the evidence and data requirements, and preparing a complete and coherent application can present significant challenges — particularly for emerging companies and innovators with limited regulatory resources.

The proposed BioPath project seeks to address these challenges by developing a practical digital platform with AI-assisted capabilities to help food innovators better understand regulatory requirements, identify potential data gaps and improve the preparation of their applications. GHI sees considerable potential in this approach. By helping innovators understand regulatory expectations at an earlier stage of the development process, BioPath could contribute to reducing avoidable delays and improving the quality and completeness of regulatory submissions. This, in turn, could support more effective interaction between innovators, regulatory experts and the regulatory system.

A particularly important aspect of the proposed initiative is its intention to complement the work of regulatory authorities and expert bodies, rather than replace regulatory assessment or professional regulatory advice. GHI considers this distinction essential for ensuring that digital and AI-assisted tools are used responsibly within the food regulatory ecosystem.

Exploring Opportunities for Collaboration

GHI is interested in contributing to the further development and implementation of BioPath and exploring how its international network and stakeholder expertise could support the initiative. Potential areas of engagement may include providing stakeholder perspectives and feedback, participating in workshops and expert discussions, supporting dissemination and stakeholder engagement, and potentially contributing to the testing and validation of the platform.

As the project develops, GHI and DTU Food may also explore opportunities for a more defined role for GHI within the initiative, subject to further discussions, mutual agreement and any necessary formal arrangements.

For GHI, engagement with BioPath represents an opportunity to contribute to an important conversation about how regulatory systems can better support responsible food innovation while maintaining high

standards of food safety, scientific integrity and consumer protection.

The initiative also aligns closely with GHI's broader mission of promoting global harmonization, science-based decision-making and constructive dialogue among researchers, industry, regulators, policymakers and other stakeholders across the food system. By supporting greater understanding of regulatory requirements and encouraging collaboration between innovators and relevant stakeholders, the project has the potential to help address some of the regulatory challenges that can slow the development and adoption of innovative food solutions.

GHI looks forward to continuing discussions with DTU Food and exploring how this potential collaboration can contribute to a more innovative, sustainable and well-prepared European food innovation ecosystem. Through closer cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and expertise, GHI hopes to support initiatives that strengthen regulatory capacity, facilitate responsible food innovation and contribute to a more harmonized food system in Europe and beyond.



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