

The INTERREG V project FOOD2020 Phase II has a budget of EUR 4.4 million for innovation projects, events and think tanks to strengthen the Dutch-German border region in the food sector. Here, small and medium-sized companies in particular are supported in the development of new products, processes or services that contribute to meeting (social) challenges in the food sector.

### ***19 projects***

The 19 innovation projects funded within the project have been awarded and approved. The first innovation project, eAlgae.2, from Elea GmbH in collaboration with the Dutch Algae Holland B.V. was already successfully completed at the end of September 2019. In this project, important results were achieved in the treatment of algae with pulsed electric fields (PEF). Most other projects will be completed this year and show promising interim results. More information about the individual innovation projects can be found at

[https://www.food2020.eu/innovationsprojekte\\_alt/innovationsprojekte/?lang=nl](https://www.food2020.eu/innovationsprojekte_alt/innovationsprojekte/?lang=nl).

### ***Think tanks***

Another measure within FOOD2020 Phase II are Think tanks. Representatives of companies and external experts from research & development work in groups in these Think Tanks during different sessions. Within FOOD2020 Phase II, the Think Tanks Reduction of Sugar, Salt and Fat, Innovation Management, Vegetable Protein Sources, Recycle Management, Food Value and Digital Challenges of the Food Industry are carried out.

FOOD2020 also supports free workshops for participants, which are announced on the FOOD2020 website: <https://www.food2020.eu/news-events/?lang=en>.

## **INTERREG**

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