

Dear Food Professional,

We are inviting you to participate on the Europe wide questionnaire: **Keeping TRACK of Food Careers to promote YOUR FAST professional GROWTH.**

The European Food Industry faces a new period of challenges and this is an exciting period to be a part of one of the single largest manufacturing sector in the EU. However, as you may be aware, several factors compete to the fact **that a career in Food Science and Technology is seen as unattractive by young people**, especially by those with high potential. **The lack of valorization of qualified professionals** within food and drink SMEs acts as a disincentive and more qualified professionals choose to work in other sectors.

TRACK_FAST is a **project funded by the European Commission** the purpose of which is the identification of training and career requirements of future European Food Scientists and Technologists (FSTs), and the implementation of a European strategy to recruit the next generation of skilled FST leaders (for more information please visit www.trackfast.eu).

To better understand what the actual careers in food industry are, **we ask your collaboration in completing a questionnaire.** This questionnaire aims at understanding what are the competencies needed by a food professional to be successful in a given position in the industry. The way that such competences were obtained and its relationship with professional success is also addressed.

We would like to kindly ask you to promptly complete this questionnaire. We do not need exact responses; more important are completed questionnaires even with approximations. **The questionnaire takes 15-20 minutes to complete.**

Also, please **forward this e-mail** to your Food Scientists and Technologists **colleagues in your company** and your **former classmates**. The more professionals give us feedback on the career paths in Europe, the more significant results we will get, maximizing the potential impact on the future of FST professionals.

Please visit the following website to fill the questionnaire:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/TRACK_FAST

Sincerely yours,
TRACKFAST TEAM



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- A Europe-wide Questionnaire to Food Industry Professionals



Food Industry Professionals

Who are WE?

Which are our COMPETENCES?

Do we need MORE SKILLS?

Do we have a REWARDING career?

Help us to learn the challenges we face and...

...change (YOUR) Food Careers

A forum for FST stakeholders, where their main needs are addressed

be a part of it !