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European Food Systems in a changing world: the ESF forward look.

Food security is a primary societal goal in which food systems play a pivotal role. European food systems are changing, driven by complex technological and policy factors including CAP reform. These changes will affect the interactions between the food security components of food availability, food access and food utilisation in uncertain ways. In addition to providing safe and healthy food, European food systems also contribute to an increasing number of goals including environmental functions and landscape and society objectives. The ESF/COST Forward Look "European Food Systems in a Changing World" will focus on identifying research needs for the coming decade related to how the changes in Europe's food systems drivers will affect the interactions between food security outcomes and these other goals.