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***People's Food – People's Health.
Towards healthy and sustainable European Food Systems***

**22nd November - 23rd November 2018
@ Austria Centre Vienna, Austria**

A Conference conducted by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection during the Austrian EU presidency

The European Food System is challenged in several ways: Healthy lifestyles are gaining importance in Western societies. At the same time the prevalence of Non-Communicable Diseases, often influenced by nutrition, is rising. 60 million people in Europe alone suffer from diabetes and 55% of the adult population in Europe is overweight or obese. This **indicates the urgency to find new solutions** to benefit people, societies and the wider economy.

This requires an Open Innovation approach in the Food System: How can we collaborate across boundaries in order to create co-benefits for all stakeholders? To tackle this challenge, the Austrian Ministry Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection initiates a **high-level cross-sectoral and cross-disciplinary EU-Conference with stakeholders** of the entire Food System.

Target audience: Representatives from different sectors from each Member State and important stakeholders representing the four main domains (economy, civil society, health and environment) of the Food System.

Participants will be joined by a **variety of change-makers and innovators from across the EU Member States** with experience in boundary spanning projects within the area of People's food – People's Health.

The conference should be one **milestone** on the way to transitioning towards healthier and more sustainable European Food Systems.

The aim of our **interdisciplinary, multilevel and highly interactive European conference** is to:

- **facilitate an active dialogue between all relevant stakeholders in the EU Member States**
- **share best practice examples from the EU Member States demonstrating how cross-collaboration can work**
- **find novel ways to innovate, foster healthy nutrition and solve our public health challenge through the proposition of concrete actions.**

Your attendance is of the highest importance for the successful realisation of our aim to collectively create a healthier Europe. If you are interested in participation or if you need further information please contact eu-foodsystems@bmgf.gv.at. We are looking forward to meet you at the conference!