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Leonard Mizzi is Head of Unit at the European Commission, Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) - Sustainable Agri-Food systems and Fisheries, since 1st of January 2017. Before working at the European Commission, Dr. Mizzi had a broad working experience in the Maltese public administration and private sector. His areas of specialisation are governance, agriculture and food and nutrition security, the Mediterranean area and Sub Saharan Africa. He holds a PhD in Agricultural economics from the University of Reading (UK)'.



Magdalena Gajdzinska is a Policy Officer in Food Systems Transformation within the Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) Prior to this assignment, she worked for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Moreover she has work experience in veterinary and food safety in other EU institutions and Polish Veterinary Administration. Her passion for insects can be proven by having mealworms farm at home.



Rui Nunes is one founder and at the moment is a non-executive director at Ingredient Odyssey SA (EntoGreen). EntoGreen is a Portuguese company founded in 2014 with the objective to promote agri-food sector sustainability and to contribute to a better environment, essentially promoting a circular economy using natural tools. Since June 2021, Rui holds the position of Executive Committee Member in charge of Research activities.



Pernille Nørgaard Videbæk - Researcher at Aarhus University (Denmark) and EIT Food. After having worked as a research assistant at Aarhus University, she started a PhD within the topic of consumer adoption of novel food products, with an emphasis on edible insects and consumers' acceptance. She is now a postdoc at the Department of Management at Aarhus University, still working within food marketing and consumer behavior.

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Giovanni Colombo is Senior Public Affairs Manager and a member of the Communication team, based at EIT Food's HQ in Leuven since May 2018. Before joining EIT Food, he worked for nine years in one of the largest EU public affairs consultancies in Brussels, H+K Strategies, where he led the food practice. Giovanni is passionate about food sustainability issues and believes multistakeholder collaboration is key to solve these issues.



Ignacio Perez Dominguez is a senior scientist and team leader at Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (Economics of Agriculture unit, Seville site). He has over 15 years' experience in quantitative analysis, mainly with an environmental and agricultural economics focus. He graduated in Applied Economics at the University of Zaragoza, has a MSc in Environmental Economics from Imperial College and has a PhD in Agricultural Economics from Bonn University. Before joining the European Commission he worked for the Agricultural Economics Institute of the Netherlands and the OECD.



Adriana Casillas is the co-founder and CEO of Tebrio, a Spanish company working with the production and processing of insect *Tenebrio Molitor* for food, feed, plant nutrition and also Industrial applications. She has acted as Vice-President of IPIFF since 2018, being a member of IPIFF since 2016. She became the IPIFF President in 2021.



Natasha Foote works as Agrifood and Health Journalist at EURACTIV, the leading online media network specialised in EU policies, since 2019. Natasha has experience in agriculture, environment and EU policy matters. She will moderate the IPIFF workshop and the related live Q&A sessions.