



Plant2Food is a hub for plant-based food research and innovation. Our vision is to accelerate the transition to a more sustainable, plant-based food system, which is healthy for both the planet and its population.

☀️ CALL ROUND II - FALL 2024 IS OPEN! ☀️

The application deadline is 2 October 2024

Are you going to apply? You can read more about the three grant types, find the guidelines and application-templates, and apply on [WorldLabs](#).

If you have any questions or would like assistance with matchmaking and finding relevant partners or input for your project idea, you are more than welcome to contact the Plant2Food Program Manager, Mette Damborg Hansen (Mail: meha@au.dk / Phone: +45 9350 8266)

You can also sign up to give a **pitch** or help organize an **ideation event**. Read more about your opportunities [here](#) 💡



PITCH SESSIONS

🧩 In early July, we held two exciting and inspiring pitch sessions. Below, you can read a short caption about them and find the links to the recordings of them.



Pitch session with Isabella Righini (McS, Wageningen University & Research)

On the topic: **EUdamame - Advancing Edamame production for sustainable protein supply in Europe**

"Food production needs are evolving: consumers demand fresher, safer, more nutritious, and locally produced crops using fewer resources and at affordable prices. This trend also applies to protein products, with a shift from animal-based to plant-based proteins driven by health, climate change, and animal welfare concerns. Thus, there is a need for exploring new methods to produce fresh protein-rich crops for human consumption (with legumes as the main representatives), and increase their availability in Europe. Fresh soybean, or "Edamame" (Glycine max L.) is a key candidate due to its excellent nutritional and agronomic properties... [Read more and find the recordings here](#)

Pitch session with Daniel Ibsen (Postdoc, Aarhus University)

On the topic: **Accelerating dietary FIBRE
Diversification and Research Innovation for Well-being in Europe**

"The agenda on green transition of diets in Europe has focused a lot on protein. But there is a food component with an even bigger health potential: Dietary fibre. But dietary fibre is not just dietary fibre, there are many types, and each has different health and manufacturing properties. Today, food production generates huge waste streams, including material with many different types of dietary fibre. By developing methods to efficiently extract dietary fibres from waste products, we can increase the use of raw food materials, reducing land use and produce fibre combinations to increase dietary fibre diversity in food products..." [Read more and find the recordings here](#)



Do you want to give a pitch?

Plant2Food are dedicated to fostering **collaboration** between researchers and companies.

Therefore, we would like to invite anyone with an interest in plant-based food to pitch an idea or challenge. **Whether you're a company seeking solutions or a researcher with a groundbreaking concept or idea, we would like to hear from you!**

The pitch sessions are online and last around 30 minutes - approximately 15 minutes for the pitch speaker and 15 minutes for discussion and questions. Afterwards, contact information for all participants will be shared with encouragement to reach out to each other.

Are you interested or do you have any questions?

Please contact P2F Program Manager (meha@au.dk)

THE FAST-FORWARD PLANT-BASED FOOD SYMPOSIA 2024

On May 23rd, Plant2Food together with AgriFoodTure, The Plant-based Food Grant, and GUDP successfully hosted the first of three **"Fast-forward Plant-based Food Symposia"**. The four platforms have joined forces in this new partnership to align efforts in supporting research and innovation within the plant-based value chain.



A fantastic and enlightening day

The beautiful surroundings of **Hindsgavl Castel** was the perfect frame for the first Fast-forward Plant-based Food Symposium. The program for the day was a mix of talks, matchmaking, networking, pitches, debate and workshops. The aim was to raise awareness about funding opportunities and create synergy between stakeholders in the plant-based value chain as well as identifying knowledge gaps, key challenges, research needs and future workstreams to accelerate the transition to a more sustainable plant-based food system.

The day started with an excellent presentation from Keynote Speaker, **Frank Haagensen**, Head of Global Applications, Plant Based Dairy at **Novonesis**. Followed by and an excellent introduction to the Symposium's purpose by **Thomas de Bang** Senior Scientific Lead at the **Novo Nordisk Foundation**.

Thank you to all the stakeholders participating. We hope to see you next year, to the second **Fast-forward Plant-based Symposium 2025**.



JOIN THE PLANT2FOOD COMMUNITY 🌱

We will help you match up with the right partners.

- **Companies:**

What are the obstacles in your company, and how can we help you with your plant-based ideas? Share your challenges with us and we will help you team up with a research partner.

- **Researchers:**

Do you have an idea, and do you need to get in contact with the industry to realize its potential? Reach out to us – we will help you find the right project partner from the industry.

- **Book 1:1 meetings with Plant2Food:**

Contact us and schedule a meeting with Programme Manager Mette Damborg Hansen to hear more about your opportunities and how Plant2Food can help you realize your ideas.
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