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Our second project meeting in Leuven was completed!

The CUES project organised its 2nd consortium meeting on September 16-17, 2024, in Leuven, Belgium. The meeting, hosted by [KU LEUVEN](#), brought together the project partners to discuss the progress and the next steps of the project.

CUES addresses the urgent need for a more sustainable food system that benefits the environment, society, and the economy. The project aims to foster a Triple Change in the food system concerning culture, food value chain, and policy. To this end, CUES will pilot nine food system interventions and policy dialogues, actively involving consumers, food value chain actors, and policymakers.

The recent consortium meeting was a success, bringing together all partners to review progress, share insights, and outline strategic plans for the upcoming year. Each partner presented updates on their respective work, celebrating key milestones and discussing valuable lessons learned along the way. A key focus of the meeting was to address critical challenges and identify actions needed to ensure the project's continued success.

In addition to formal presentations, PhD students and postdoctoral researchers had the opportunity to exchange best practices and research insights through a series of interactive sessions, fostering collaboration and innovation within the team.

On the second day, discussions centered on facilitating workshops in both digital and physical settings, with an emphasis on best practices, procedural guidelines, and codes of conduct. A dedicated training session also took place regarding the focus groups aiming to inform partners about procedures for running the sessions and handling/transmitting data to EUR. Also, the 1st Advisory board meeting took place, and we were glad for the useful contribution of all participants.

The collaborative exchange of ideas and information over the course of the meeting provided a comprehensive overview of the consortium's achievements and laid a strong foundation for the next phase of the project.





The CUES consortium, led by Erasmus University of Rotterdam, consists of **21 partners** across **10 European countries** (Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Hungary, Italy, Croatia, Iceland, Portugal, and Greece). The consortium consists of [EUR](#), [UHEI](#), [KUL](#), [WU](#), [FTAO](#), [UV](#), [KLT](#), [TCA](#), [UNIZG](#), [EFDN](#), [DOT](#), [LOKI](#), [FBPA](#), [FINT](#), [TVE](#), [Q-PLAN](#), [KEPKA](#), [ICLEI](#), [ASUFIN](#), [TUE](#) and [EIT FOOD](#).

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