

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **AGRI-FOOD ETPs JOINT STATEMENT**

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**Plants for the Future ETP in association with the Agri-Food European Technology Platforms (EATiP, FABRE TP, ETP ‘Food for Life’ and TP Organics) released a joint statement calling for the formal integration of ETPs into the EU’s policy, advisory and governance structures as FP10 and the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) are being shaped.**

European Technology Platforms call for formal integration in Europe’s future research and innovation governance. As the EU advances negotiations on FP10 and the European Competitiveness Fund, the undersigned ETPs urge policymakers to embed ETPs within Europe’s policy and advisory architecture. For more than twenty years, ETPs have provided coordinated, sector-driven expertise across value chains, supporting Europe’s ambition for a competitive, resilient and innovation-led economy.

Envisioned by the European Commission in the early 2000s, ETPs were the first structured public-private partnerships in EU research and innovation policy, spanning sectors from agriculture and food to nanoelectronics, nanomedicine, transport and manufacturing. Through their Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas (SRIAs), ETPs have helped shape EU, national and regional R&I programming. Their relevance has been reconfirmed by Commission and Parliament assessments, as well as by the Council’s 2024 conclusions recognizing ETPs as key mechanisms supporting Member States.

As Europe prepares its future policy frameworks, ETPs call for structured involvement in FP10 and ECF governance, advisory bodies and consultation processes. Their established multi-actor communities provide ready-to-deploy expertise and coordinated, sector-led priorities across value chains. Ensuring their participation would improve alignment between public investment and industrial needs, strengthen strategic coherence and reduce remaining fragmentation across Europe’s R&I landscape.

ETPs offer an efficient and cost-effective platform to enhance Europe's innovation capacity, accelerate private-sector engagement and support the translation of research into solutions. Formally integrating ETPs into future EU R&I and competitiveness frameworks would reinforce impact, industrial ownership and long-term strategic continuity without adding administrative complexity.

**ETPs stand ready to contribute directly and constructively to FP10 and the European Competitiveness Fund and call on EU institutions to ensure their formal involvement in the governance, advisory and consultation processes shaping Europe's future research and innovation landscape.**

Read the full statement [here](#).

**Plants for the Future ETP (Plant ETP)** is a multi-stakeholder European Technology Platform representing the plant sector, from the seed and breeding sector, the farming community and academia. Plant ETP brings stakeholders from the plant sector together to consider the challenges and opportunities of agricultural value chains in a holistic way, while developing a vision for future systems spanning food, feed, and biobased raw materials. In this way, Plant ETP provides strategic direction, recommendations of essential research and innovation, and science-based advice for the benefit of policymakers, research funding providers, practitioners, and innovators throughout agricultural value chains.