



Knowledge Transfer Network
 Set up and co-ordinate
Food Innovation Network
www.foodinnovationnetwork.co.uk
 @askFIN

Steering Group
 In kind from 8 industrialists

Core Results

FIN-initiated collaborations

- 3 SME - large company partnerships (circa £650K value)
- 4 companies (3 SMEs and 1 large) collaborating with academia



8 FIN events: 400+ attendees engaged
 45 one-to-one meetings/assists with industry
 26 introductions of businesses to academic/RTO
 Online portal created with >300 members
 1 place to find landscape tool, funding opportunities, and to interact with members
 28 meetings/events attended representing FIN
 Connected Defra to industry to help gather opinion on business readiness, EU reform and investment in productivity and savings (food policy)



Role of FIN acknowledged in:

- NFU 'Feeding the Future - four years on'
- Public Health England - Sugar Reduction Paper
- Industry connector stakeholder on UK Nutrition Research Partnership

Competition

- £50K prize fund from Defra
- Launched November 2017 with more than 30 quality entries
- 15 shortlisted entries judged in Dragons Den event (judges from; Mondelez, Coca-Cola, Velcourt, Nestlé, Sainsbury's and Greencore)
- 35 collaborative working offers, of match funding, worth £173k made to 10 winners
- Winning projects range from novel urban food production applications, hydroponics, simplifying automation to increase efficiency, data analytics, shelf-life improvement, to product reformulation for healthier food.



The FIN was launched in September 2016 and is co-funded by Defra/BBSRC at £50k per annum