



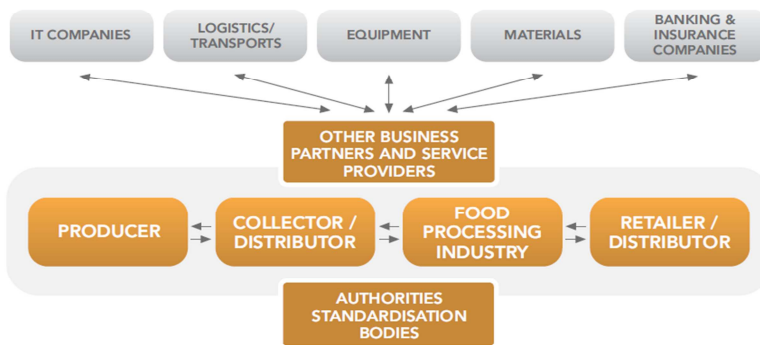
eFoodChain

Assisting SMEs to participate in digital food supply chains

The permanent need for innovation is one of the most important challenges faced by the agro-food sector. Innovation and new information technologies have become determining factors for its competitiveness and for strengthening exchanges with other sectors linked to it. Innovation requires better collaboration not only between the public and private sector but also between different business sectors.



Therefore, the FPI together with the project partners of the eFoodChain, supports the establishment of an agro-food supply chain to improve the competitiveness and efficiency of this industry by stimulating an innovative and seamless use of ICT along this chain. SMEs are at the centre of interest of this action, as it aims to facilitate their participation in global digital food value network and reinforce business relationships between SMEs and their business partners across borders.



The eFood Chain project's key objectives were to:

- ✓ Provide an in-depth market analysis in terms of the current use of ICT and eBusiness solutions in the agro-food sector.
- ✓ Develop a framework for a digital food supply chain, which will allow a seamless, paperless information and data flow.
- ✓ Demonstrate the feasibility and validity of the framework through sectoral and cross-border pilot-prototypes.
- ✓ Establish a governance model for future maintenance of the framework and propose policy recommendations for mass market adoption.

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