Collaborative and circular food systems can significantly reduce pollution of the environment, in particular by addressing food waste along the agri-food value chain, and can at the same time improve health of consumers and increase the resilience of local economies and communities. This event will present the innovative approaches of 5 European projects working in synergies (CO-FRESH, FAIRCHAIN, FOODRUS, LOWINFOOD, PLOUTOS) and an expert panel will address issues related to the sustainability of food systems at local and regional level.

12:00 Introduction (Philippe Micheaux Naudet, ACR+, and Mihai Pera, European Commission)

12:10 The Farm 2 Fork strategy’s contribution to sustainable food systems (Luis Vivas-Alegre, European Commission)

12:20 Sister project presentation: Inés Echevarría (CO-FRESH), Geneviève Gesan-Guizou (FAIRCHAIN), Ainhoa Alonso (FOODRUS), Clara Cicatiello (LOWINFOOD), Nikolaos Marianos (PLOUTOS)

13:00 Panel discussion on the sustainability of food systems at local and regional level (Natalia Brzezina and Luis Vivas-Alegre (European Commission), Máximo Torero Cullen (FAO) and sister projects representatives)

13:20 Q&A session (Philippe Micheaux Naudet, ACR+)

13:25 Conclusions & key messages to take home