

Comment Form 【FR2】

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Title of the Project	Lifeworlds of Sustainable Food Consumption and Production: Agrifood Systems in Transition		
Research Term	FR2	Project Leader	Steven McGreevy
General advice and comments of the EREC:			
<p>The Committee noted that this project has come a long way since it was launched, having initiated a large number of activities under the FEAST umbrella. Food provisioning was seen as a highly important topic and the project has developed a very interesting approach to it. The bottom-up, voice-enabling nature of much of the work was appreciated.</p>			
<p>The main concern EREC members raised was that the project is very complex, with lots of activities in different sites. Doing so many things simultaneously makes it sometimes hard to see the forest for the trees. Members suggested that the project needs to be streamlined and that specific impact variables should be identified. What are the final outputs and outcomes? What aspects of the food system will the project tackle for real-world change?</p>			
<p>The analytical approach of the project would also be strengthened by developing a cross-site comparative framework. With activities differing in the respective sites, there is a need to indicate which aspects will be examined across the sites in what way. This will also help guide synthesis for eventual publications.</p>			
<p>It was also observed that the project mostly seems to address consumption rather than production and that inequality was missing as a point of attention. The term “transition” needs to be defined and the project’s approach to it be made explicit.</p>			
<p>Finally, the EREC felt that FEAST should identify policy dimensions more explicitly: what policies, at what levels, drive food transitions and how can the project engage with policy development processes?</p>			