

**Call:** HORIZON-CL6-2023-FARM2FORK-01**Topic:** HORIZON-CL6-2023-FARM2FORK-01-12**Type of action:** HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions**CATALYSE 3rd General Assembly Meeting - M18**

Activity/Event: Consortium meeting in person

WP	All consortium
Participants (organization)	UCSC, UCP, ILSI, EFFoST, WU, QIB, SYREON, Nofima, FFA, FDE, ANIA, FF, Agroscope, ANSES, FIAB, ProCheese.
Event	3rd General Assembly Meeting
Dates of the event	06/06/2025
Place	UCP, Porto, Portugal
Participation/dissemination material	Oral presentations of each WPL and brainstorming activity.
Other comments	

CATALYSE 3rd General Assembly Meeting

The 3rd General Assembly Meeting of CATALYSE project, was held on 6th of June 2025 Portugal Catholic University, (UCP) in Oporto, Portugal. This meeting was 18 months after starting the project and had the particularity to be in presence.

During this meeting each Work Package Leader (WPL) made a 20 min presentation to share the progress of their task, their main achievements and challenges; additionally, there were 10/15 minutes for questions and discussion (Q&D).

In the afternoon, an interactive activity titled “Future Map of CATALYSE” was held. During this session, we brainstormed about the current status of the project, its short-term future (end of the project), and after its conclusion. The aim was to explore possible strategies for sustaining the Community of Practice (CoP) - platform beyond the project's lifetime.

In this report, we shared the minutes of the discussion and the main ideas obtained during the interactive session, including photos, presentations, agenda and main conclusions.

In summary, the session provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen collaboration among project members and to identify potential actions to further develop our CoP platform.

Minutes of the General Assembly 6 of June 2025

Meeting Title:	3 rd General Assembly Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	6 th June 2025; 9:00 – 15:30
Meeting Type:	In presence	Meeting Location:	UCP, Oporto, Portugal
Meeting Coordinator:	UCSC and UCP	Issue Date:	16/06/2025

Attendee Name	Present	Organisation / Email
Daniela Bassi, François Bourdichón, Agustina Sarquis, Diana-Elisabeta Teodorescu.	Yes	UCSC
João Cortez, Paula Teixeira, Diana Fonseca	Yes	UCP
Edward Sliwinski	Yes	EFFoST
Ruchi Shah	Yes	ILSI
Marcel Zwietering, Dionysios Tsoukalas	Yes	WU
Melissa Antoniou-Kourounioti	Yes	QIB
Ákos Jozwiak, Luca Gyimesi	Yes	Syreon
Solveig Langsrud, Trond Møretrø	Yes	Nofima
Suvi Joutsen	Yes	Ruokavirasto
Lorenza Liroso, Alejandro Rodarte	Yes	FoodDrinkEurope
Ariane Voyatzakis	Yes	ANIA
Ines Colle	Yes	FlandersFood
Helena Stoffers, Ghazal Nemati	Yes	Agroscope
Corinne Danan	Yes	ANSES
Concha Ávila, Gabriela Alcat	Yes	FIAB
Natalia Kagadiy, Oksana Chernova	Yes	ProCheese
Radoslav Židek	No	UNIAG

Meeting Agenda

The coordinator of the project Daniela Bassi (UCSC) opened the session. Then, each work package (WP) made a 20min presentation about the progress of the tasks and future activities with 10 min for questions and discussion.

The order of presentations were:

- 1- WP3 Database Development (Ákos Jozwiak – Syreon)
- 2- WP6 Link library of educational materials (Dionysios Tsoukalas – WU)
- 3- WP7 Company support, Exploitation (Gabriela Alcat – FIAB)
- 4- WP8 Communication and Dissemination (Edward Sliwinski – EFFoST)
- 5- WP4/5 CoP Development and Deployment (Diana Fonseca – UCP)
- 6- WP1 Coordination (Agustina Sarquis – UCSC)
- 7- Administrative session (Diana Teodorescu – UCSC)

In the afternoon after lunch an interactive activity “*Game-storming Activity*” for discussing about the future of the project was done.

Closing – The meeting finished at 15.30h.

Agenda of the event: [20250606 CATALYSE Mid Term Meeting M18 Agenda \(2\).pdf](#)



Meeting Summary

Minutes of the 3rd General Assembly meeting:

WP3 presentation: Ákos explained the pilot developed during the first 18M of project to collect and select data for the knowledge database. The first pilot was about the topic “novel microbiological detection methods” and did a comparison between the used of AI in some filtering steps and the selection process done by human reviewers.

The main conclusions were that the AI was as good as human reviewers, so it can be used for the screening. However, it is important to improve the selection criteria before the automation of the process.

Q&A:

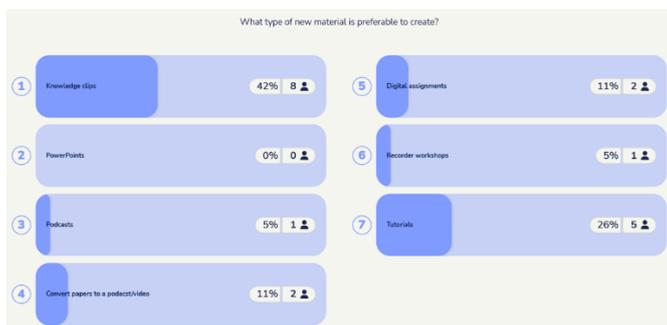
Edward asked about the selections of the patents. Agustina asked which criteria should be change to improve the process and Marcel asked if inside the criteria is considering the type of publication (open access/private).

WP3 presentation: [WP3 June 2025 M18 CATALYSE Syreon.pptx](#)

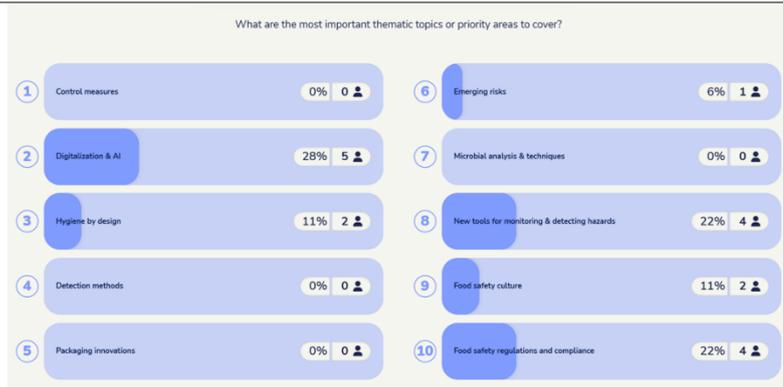
WP6 presentation: Dionysios (WU) explained the selected methodology to collect existing education materials for the production of the link library and he present the main results: amount of materials obtained and uploaded to the CoP-platform, their classification and organization, the brief description done and the use of key words to simplify the research for a more friendly use for the potential users of the platform.

In addition, he present some interactive questions to the consortium to understand which is the best way to complete the second task related with creating new materials.

- What type of material is preferable to create?



- What are the most important thematic topics?



During Q&A:

François asked about the topics missed (such as Dairy and Cheese chapter). Dionysios explained that chapter is in charge of Agroscope and ProCheese. He also clarified that there are still many topics pending because the screening phase is ongoing. He mentioned that if any gaps are identified later, the team will focus their research on those areas.

WP6 presentation: [WP6 June 2025 M18 CATALYSE WU.pptx](#)

WP7 presentation: Gabriela (FIAB) did the presentation on behalf of FIAB. She gave an overview of all the activities done inside the WP and in collaboration with other WPs. The organization of 4 workshops to map the needs, actions for SH engagement, mapping needs and engage innovators.

She reminds all the members of the consortium the importance of keeping update the list of innovative solutions: [Shortlist innovations for end-users needs.xlsx](#) .

She showed 4 cases of effective connections between solution providers and end-users: matchmaking between startups and industry, encouraging all the members of the WP (FDE, FF, etc.) to facilitate more of these cases.

WP7 presentation: [WP7 June 2025 M18 CATALYSE FIAB.pptx](#)

WP8 presentation: Edward (EFFoST) showed on-going tasks of the communication and dissemination action plan, the progress of the website and social media interventions. He showed interesting upcoming events for CATALYSE; he proposed to combined Catalyse policy workshop with TITAN final event in Brussels. Other point of discussion was how to improve collaboration with other projects and in which point we are with the list of European infrastructures and biosafety pilot plants, to be available in the CoP-platform.

WP8 presentation: [WP8 June 2025 M18 CATALYSE EFF01.pptx](#)

WP4/5 presentation: Diana Fonseca (UCP) made a summary of the main tasks of WP4 (finish in M18) related with the development of the CoP-platform. Then, she introduced WP5 about the deployment of Catalyse, and after showing the main goals of the WP5, she opened the discussion about the sustainability of the CoP after the project finish, **asking which partner would be interesting in keeping the CoP**. ASK THE PICTURES OF MENTIMETER.

WP4/5 presentation: [WP4 June 2025 M18 CATALYSE UCP.pptx](#)

WP1 presentations: Agustina (UCSC) introduced the most important points on behalf of the coordination of the project. She talked about the upcoming Mid-term report period for which all the consortium should: update the EU Portal with their information and keep update the Teams share folder with all the reports, documents, minutes of meetings done during the development of the projects. Diana T. (UCSC), as part of the administration of the coordination, she explained some interesting points about the budget and the deliverables.

WP1 presentations: [WP1 June 2025 M18 CATALYSE UCSC.pptx](#) ;

[WP1 June 2025 M18 CATALYSE UCSC Adm.pptx](#)

In the afternoon there was an interactive session to discuss the sustainability of CATALYSE after the project finished.

There were 4 tables with 4 topics coordinated by:

- 1) Paula Teixeira: **Future deployment of CoP**
- 2) Joao Cortez: **Legacy and platform sustainability,**
- 3) François Bourdichon: **Innovators networking**
- 4) Daniela Bassi: Platform **resources update** (literature, educational materials, data repository)

The rest of the consortium were divided in these tables and during 15min they discussed about each topics.

Here are the main conclusions about each topic for the future of Catalyse:

- 1) Future deployment of the CoP (define how to sell the CoP and engage new followers
 - Using easy vocabulary, facilitate to find information in only one place
 - Do surveys frequently to update the interest of users, have a “feedback” option in the resource part of the CoP.
 - Have a monthly plan: invite to write for the blog, each partner will invite to contribute.
 - Organized webinars, organize meeting in place for innovations.
 - Do a section of *expert’s opinions*.
 - Have “Expert groups” to answer users’ questions
 - Define target groups (ex. Industry needs practical information given by someone that talks their language).
 - Jobs opportunities, call for projects.
 - Involve structures at national level (to facilitate data to the users)
 - Ask foundations to support maintaining the CoP.
- 2) Legacy and platform sustainability
 - Have a subscription (part for free and part of subscription; pay for access)
 - Pay for services (pay for advisory; pay for trainings)

- Monthly fee (providing special services: newsletter; selected information; link to webinars; consultants)
- Yearly meetings (for members)
- Improve connections with other EU projects; develop a new call for next 5 years; propose EU to make CoPs-call and partners.

3) Innovators networking:

- In the present: difficult to get innovators in Catalyse, when everything is still in progress – now that the CoP is launched is possible to increase the engagement and show successful cases of matchmaking innovation-industry.
- How to engage innovators we don't know? Increase visibility with innovators; newsletters for innovators; pitching sessions online.
- Define which is the benefit for the innovators
- Future: maintain visibility, update regularly the networking, extend the CoP to a funded company.

4) Resources of data:

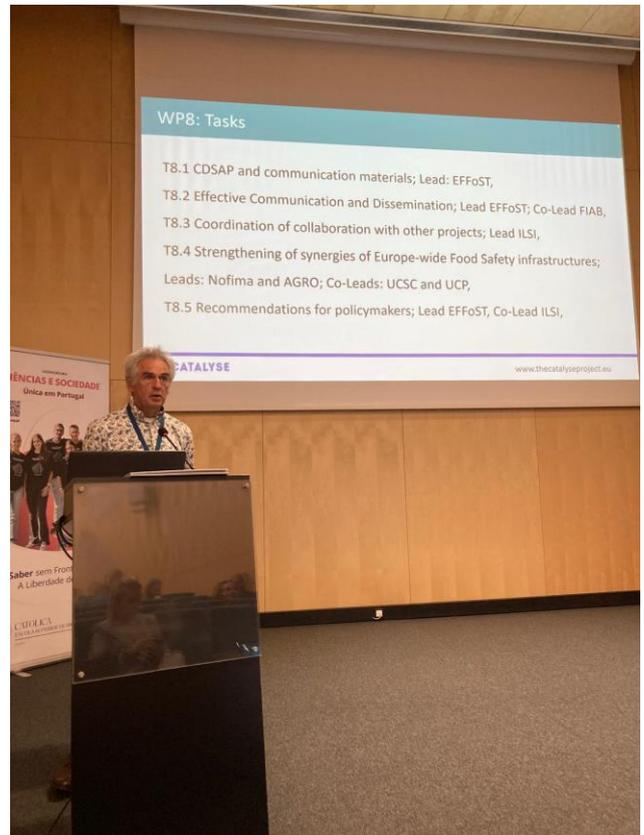
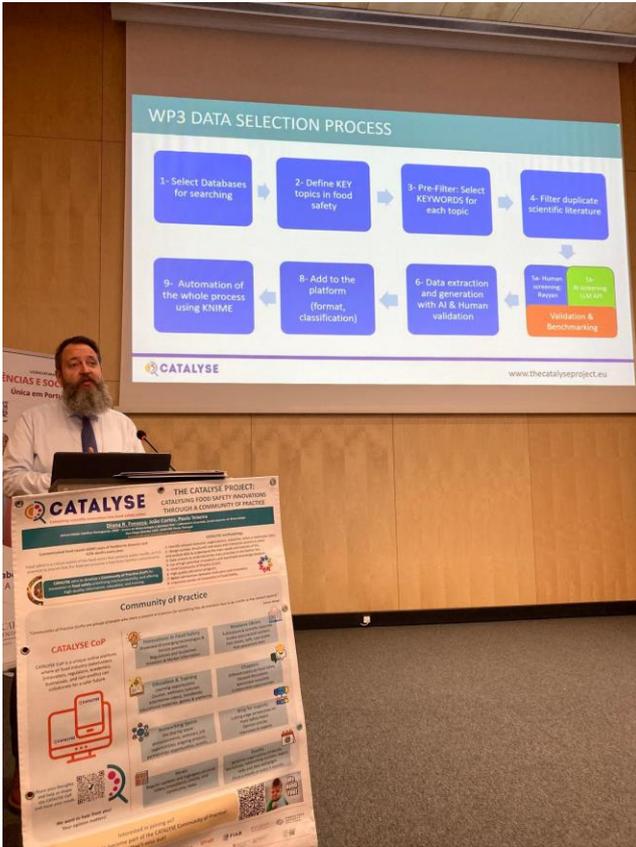
- Database: improve sources on legislation (a different services we can decide).
- Continuing mapping the needs of the stakeholders
- Provide educational materials of innovative solutions
- Near future: easy to use pipelines to be applied by no-expert people; Interval LLM chat on the existing material to understand their applicability; Quality assessment of resources made by SH from the companies; Think about direct end-users needs and create tailor-made educational materials for them.
- Future: self-maintenance of the database (using AI and human filter) and with the innovators resources.

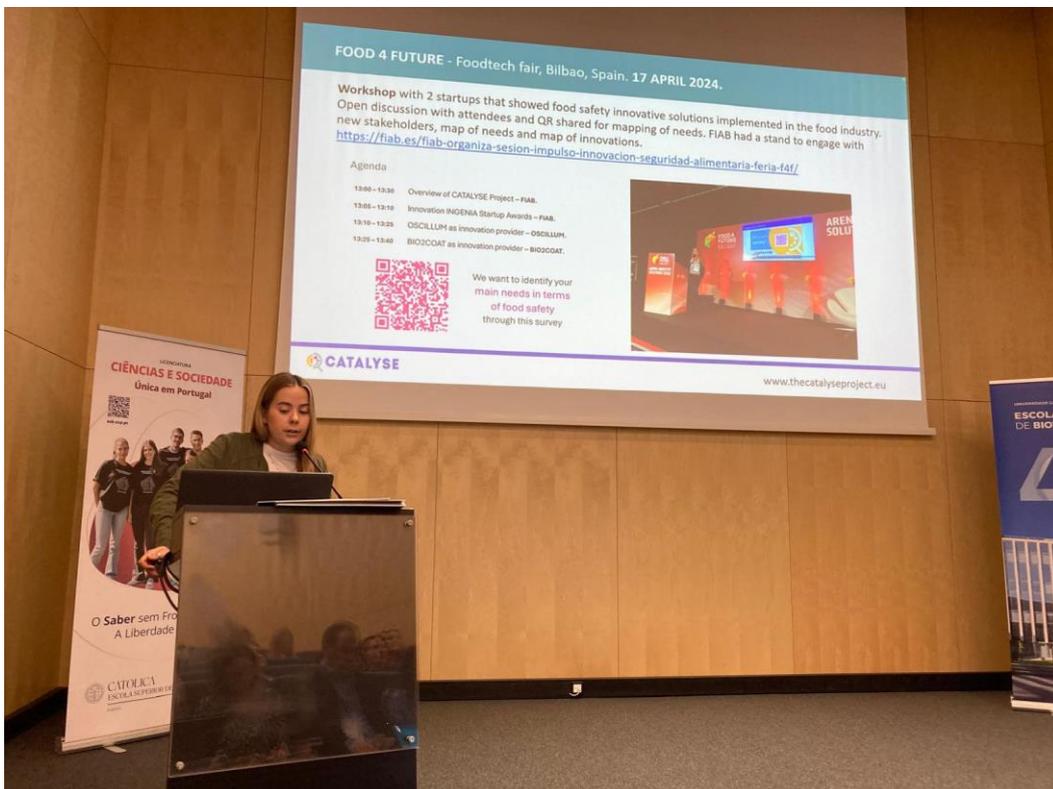
For this activity this presentation was done:

[Future Map Activity Presentation.pptx](#)



Pictures of the General Assembly and the Game-storming activity:





Afternoon Session: Future Map of CATALYSE



