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GFVP Pre-Event in Udine

University of Udine Scientific Campus “Rizzi” | Via delle Scienze 206, 33100 Udine| Rooms B013-B014

In the framework of the 30th Workshop of the Italian PhD Students in Food Science, Technology and Biotechnology, the Global Food Venture Programme (GFVP) Pre-Event offers a unique opportunity for doctoral candidates of the National PhD Programme in Food Systems to connect, collaborate, and exchange ideas. Through interactive networking activities, PhD pitches, and thematic discussions, participants will strengthen their professional network and explore opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration. The programme also provides insights into the GFVP journey and EIT Food initiatives, fostering innovation and entrepreneurial thinking in the agri-food sector. A dedicated workshop on protein diversification will further stimulate discussion on emerging challenges and solutions for sustainable food systems. Together, these activities aim to empower the next generation of researchers shaping the future of food.

Date: 16 September 2026

Moderated by: Chryssa Dimaki

AGENDA		
	Cohort 41 (B-014)	**Cohort 39, 40 (B-013)**
08:30 – 9:00	**Registration to the mail Event**	
09:00– 09:30	**Welcome & Coffee (Chryssa Dimaki & Luca Cocolin)**	
09:30 – 10:30	**Ice Breaking** activities (20MIN) **Pitch your PhD (1MIN)** The **GFVP Journey** and EIT requirements + Q&A (30MIN)	**Speed Networking** with Thematic Groups (In pairs, Pitch you PhD for 5MIN, 15MIN rotations, 4 rotations)

10:30 – 11:30	**Marketplace** (1MIN Pitches of Cohort 39 in front of their poster for everyone to visit. Infographic poster on the highlights and outcomes of your PhD work)
11.30– 11.45	**Break**
11.45 – 12:30	**Workshop** on Protein Diversification by Federico Casanova, DTU, Denmark, Presentation + Q&A (B-013)
12:30 - …	**Light lunch**