



Smartphone analyzers for on-site testing of food quality and safety

Summary

A paradigm shift in food quality and safety testing is required in order to free resources for an intensified combat against fraud in the food chain. As an enabling technology solution to the problem, FoodSmartphone proposes the development of smartphone-based (bio)analytical sensing and diagnostic tools, for simplified on-site pre-screening of quality and safety parameters and wireless data transfer to servers of relevant stakeholders. The consortium has been built upon highly complementary disciplines: (bio)analytical chemists, biologists, physicists, micro/nano-engineers, mathematicians, organic- and food chemists will work together on the joint supra-disciplinary goal. FoodSmartphone offers the ESRs (early-stage researchers) an extensive programme of both mandatory and optional network-wide training events and intersectoral secondments. The scientific training in novel smartphone-based sensing technologies plus the complementary skills training provided, will have a major impact on future EU monitoring practices and, moreover, pave the road for Citizen Science.

Facts & figures

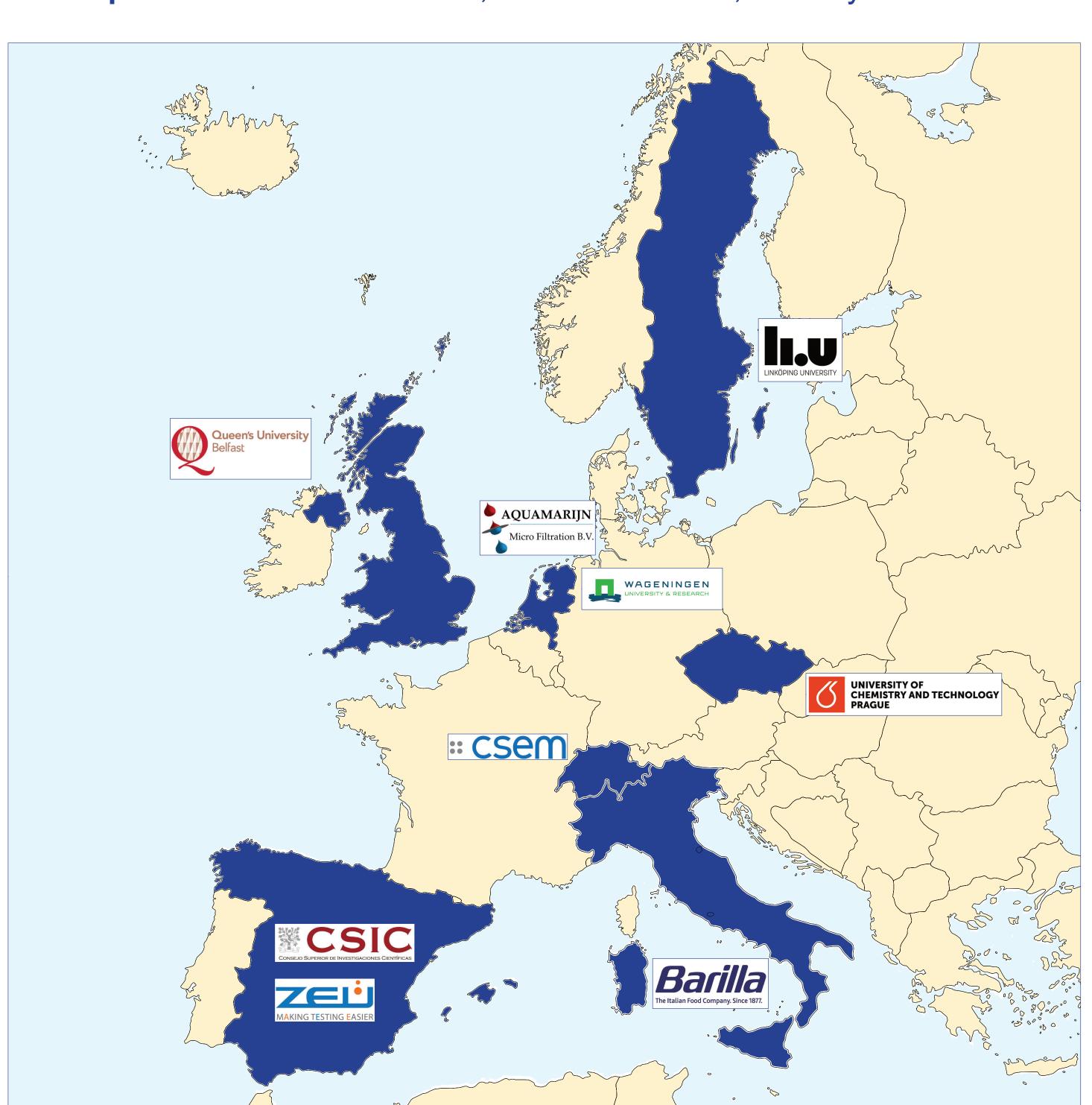
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The individual ESR projects

Topic	PhD	Country
Multiplex Smartphone assay for allergens	ESR1	NL
FoodSmartphone-mass spectrometry confirmation	ESR2	NL
LSPR smartphone for marine toxins	ESR3	UK
LSPR smartphone for food spoilage organisms	ESR4	UK
Novel image analysis software	ESR5	UK
Enzyme paper assays for AChE inhibitors	ESR6	CZ
DNA-addressable multiplex binding assays	ESR7	SP
Electrode arrays for multiplex smartphone assays	ESR8	SP
Lab-on-chip for iSPR smartphone detection	ESR9	SE
Bioaffinity microsieves for integrated sample prep	ESR10	NL
Aptamer-based smartphone assays for aflatoxins	ESR11	CH

The training program

Summer school on Smartphone-based assay development

Summer school on food applications, QA/QC, validation

Summer school on software design and on FoodSmartphone exploitation

Final FoodSmartphone conference and Open Day

Plus 10 more knowledge and skills courses offered in the network

Plus 16 optional and 11 mandatory intersectoral secondment opportunities in the network

Dissemination program

Open access scientific papers, posters, lectures

11 PhD theses

Final FoodSmartphone conference

Website, stakeholder e-Letters, social media strategy

Best practices in a joint training manual

Results implemented in continuous PhD and MSc education programmes

Outreach activities

Open Day

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