



Welcome Letter

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I am delighted to invite the scientists interested in participating in the conference **“Towards circular economy in the agri-food sector: strategies and challenges”**, which will be held in **Pisa, Italy, on September 12th, 2023**.

The agri-food sector faces many problems with the increasing threat of climate change, causing biodiversity loss and the need to feed an expanding world population. The goal is to gather scientists and provide an opportunity to communicate research results on selected topics related to the strategies and challenges in the agri-food sector from a circular economy point of view, hoping to share knowledge, expertise, and perspectives.

The conference program will include invited lectures from international experts and oral and poster sessions. In addition, this event is undoubtedly the ideal place to network and interact, establishing the starting point for future collaborations and breakthrough innovations. The success of the conference mainly depends on your contributions, so I sincerely hope that you will become actively involved. The deadline for the submission of the abstracts is fixed for July 7th, 2023. The abstracts, selected by the scientific committee, will be included in a book of abstracts to be distributed during the conference.

Since, during the conference, the results of the PRIMA FEDKITO project, that I am coordinating, will be also presented, it is my privilege to host the conference without any subscription fee for all the participants.

It is for me a great honour to host this conference in the beautiful town of Pisa: its historical and magnificent context sets the perfect scenery for the conference, which will be hosted in the Aula magna of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment, founded by Cosimo Ridolfi in 1840 and being, therefore, the oldest site of Agricultural Science studies in the world.

Abstracts and applications for participation must be sent to the following address: **info.fedkito@gmail.com**

Looking forward to welcoming you at the conference in Pisa and on behalf of the Organizing Committee,

Barbara Conti

Pisa, the 7th of June 2023