The Topsector TU & Health The FHLE^{NL} Approach

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Topsector Horticulture

- Executive policy making body for the primary production sector in The Netherlands
- Non-dilutive funding of RDI-projects & PPPs in the sector
- Focus on societal challenges & solutions through customized Impact TU program
- Liaison to broad network of companies (LEs & SMEs), research institutes and governmental institutions in the sector in the Netherlands



How to define the FHLE-continuum

Food	The availability, accessibility, and affordability of healthy food options can impact food choices and diet quality. Food deserts, which are areas with limited access to healthy food options, can contribute to poor dietary habits and related health conditions.
Health	The physical, social, and economic conditions that influence health outcomes can include access to healthcare services, environmental factors, and social determinants of health
Living environment	The quality of housing, neighborhood safety, and community resources can also impact health outcomes, particularly for vulnerable populations
Behavioral factors	Health behaviors, such as diet, physical activity, tobacco and alcohol use, and sexual practices, can have a significant impact on health outcomes.
Socio-Economic-Status	Income, education, employment, and social status are important determinants of health across the continuum. These factors can influence access to healthy food options, healthcare services, and community resources.

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Action line 1

Knowledge development & deployment

Action line 2

Healthy youth & schools

FHLE ROADMAP



Action line 3

The healthy region

Action line 4

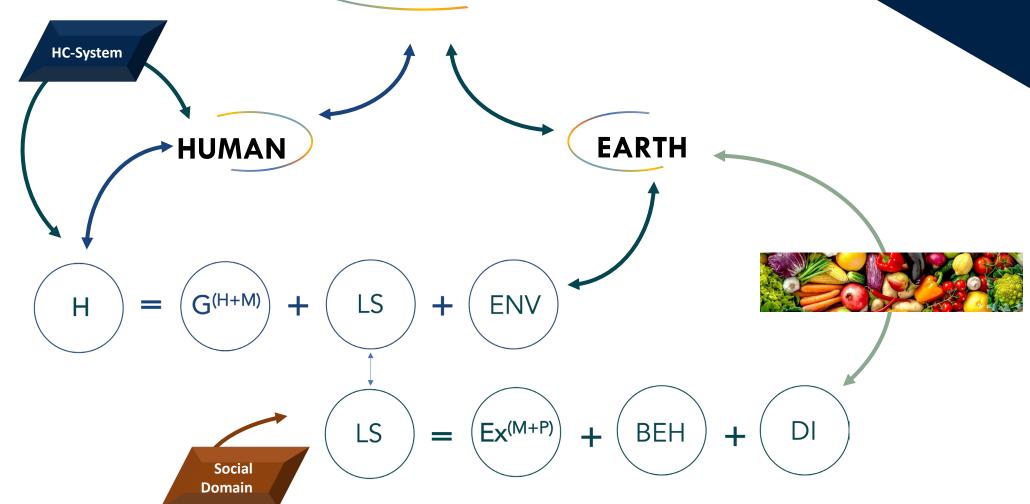
Knowledge platform

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PLANETARY HEALTH

The goal is to boost Earth Health and Human Health through cross-overs & systems integration



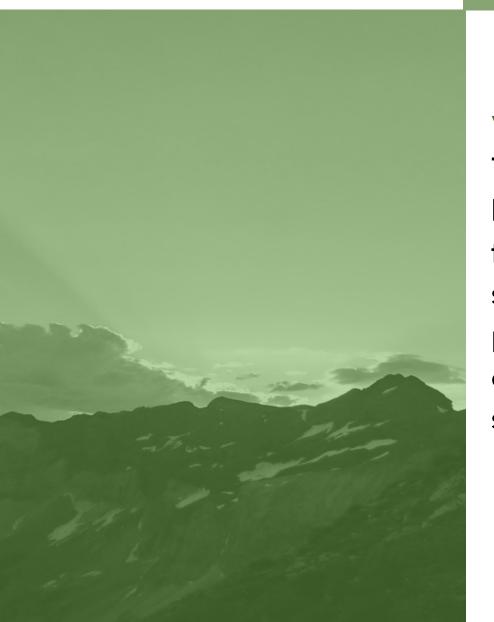
SYNERGY

DK-NL





Joint Program Partnership



What?

To create a new bilateral funding instrument between Denmark and the Netherlands to provide significant traction to better integrate the food system, health system, and living environment. It offers a strategic pathway to enhance innovation, policy alignment, economic cooperation, and global leadership in sustainability and public health.



Joint Program Partnership



WHY?

- The prominent position of Danish and Dutch ecosystems in the FHLE continuum in the World
- The intertwined challenges in the food system, healthcare system and living environment call for immediate action
- Not only the sense of urgency to deal with the problems we face, but certainly also the opportunity to stimulate human health and preserve earth health simultaneously