

# »» Aging Society ««

*a Need Towards Personalised Food for  
the Nutrition of Elderly Consumers*



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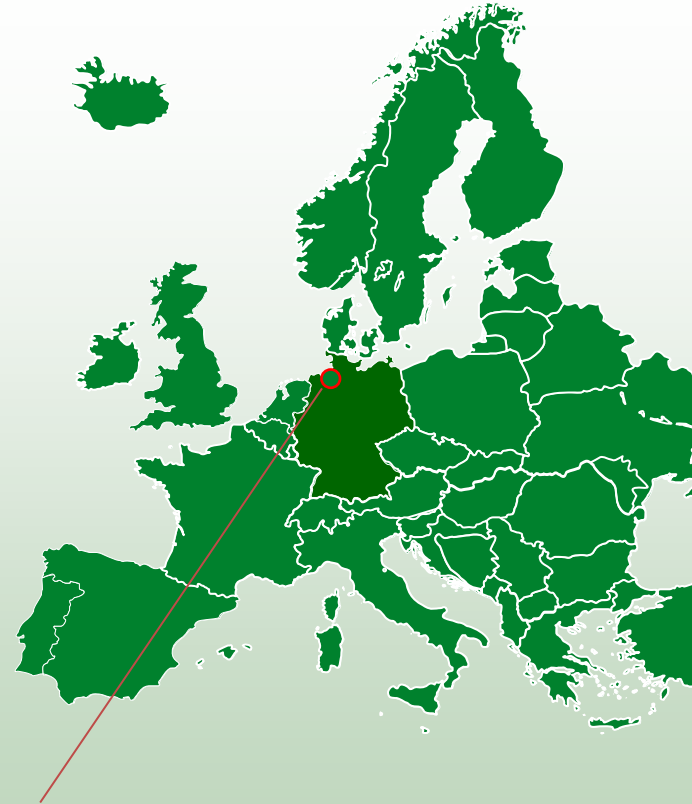


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# Company Profile



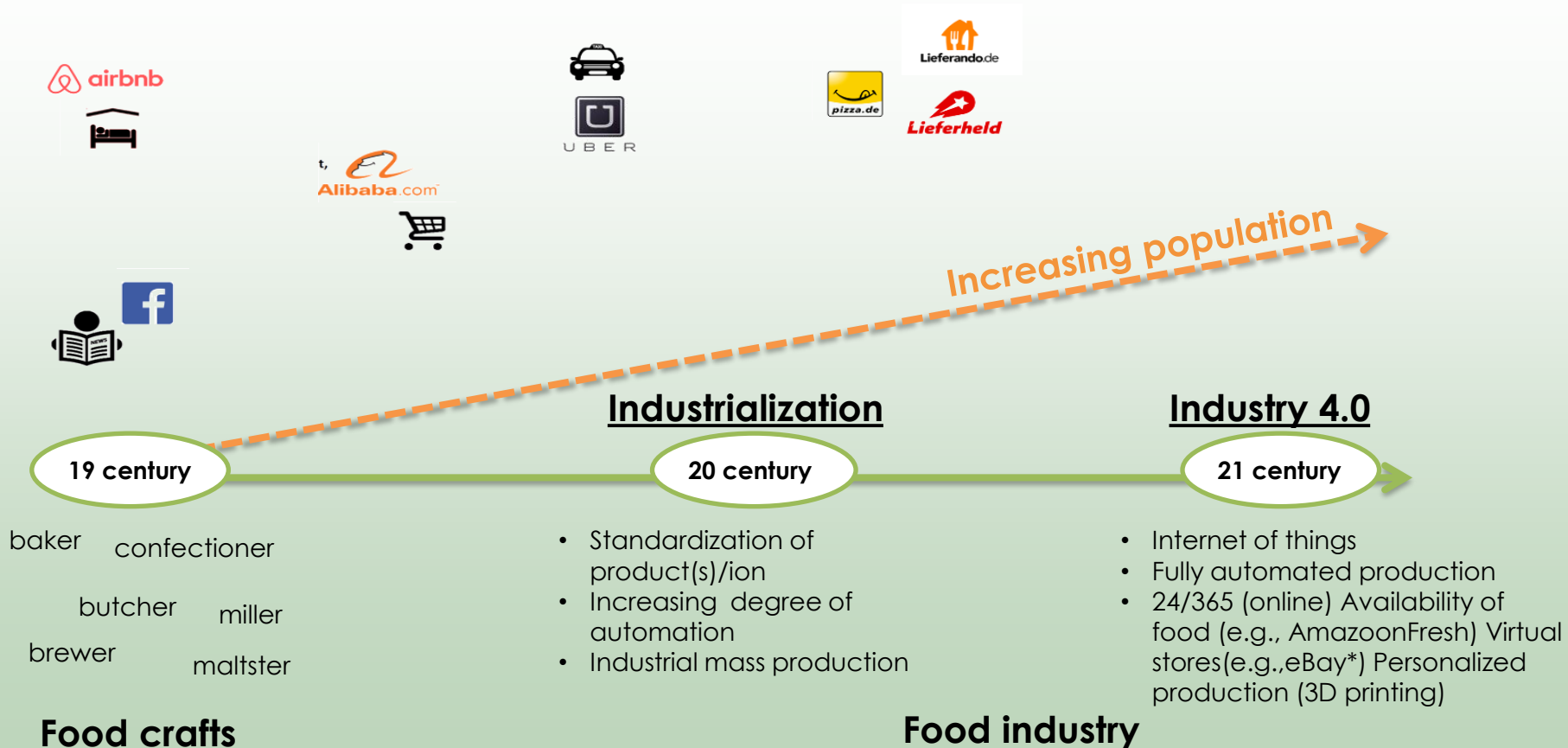
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# Business concept



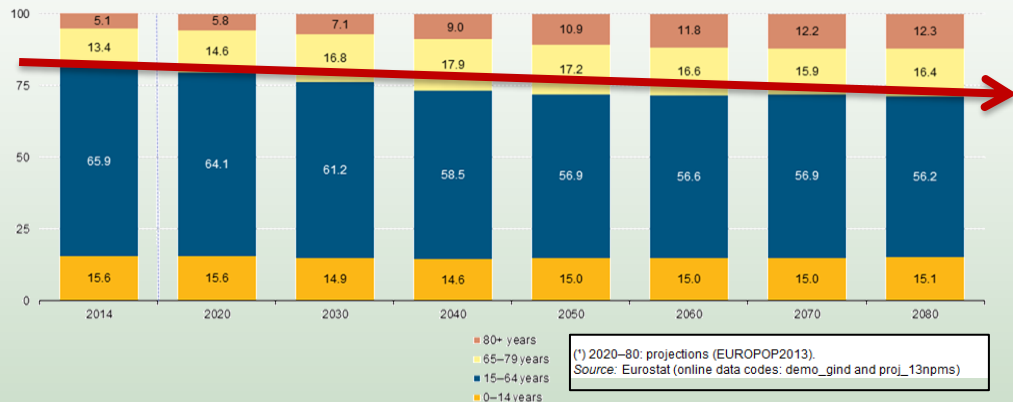
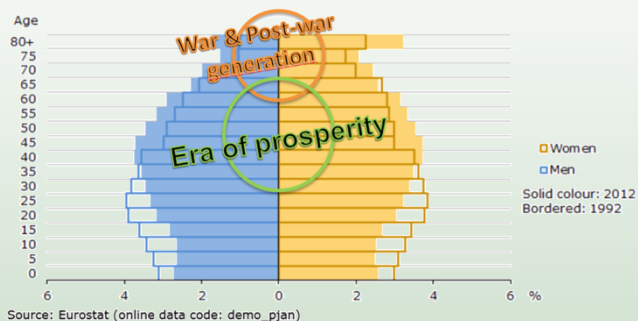
- Development and protection of food processes and products, protecting them by means of IPR and licensing
- Production and sales of own products as well as contract manufacturing
- National and international R&I project involvement and management

# Business models are changing



# Demographic change

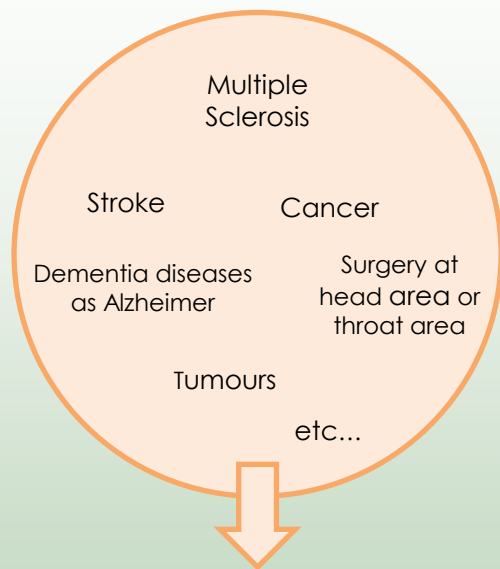
**Population ageing is taking place in nearly all the countries of the world.**  
**Ageing results from decreasing mortality and declining fertility**



**Age-related Diseases and Disorders such as chewing and swallowing difficulties become more frequent and can lead to malnutrition.**

**Malnutrition can cause additional estimated costs for the European health system of approximately 170 billion Euros annually<sup>1)</sup>**

# Health Status – Direct Impact on Food Intake



**May cause Chewing & Swallowing**

**Difficulties - A Reason for Malnutrition**

More than 30 million people only in Europe<sup>2</sup>

Further weakening of the body including the chewing and swallowing process



**Dysphagia**  
(decreased ability to swallow)  
→ Low food intake



Malnutrition and physical impairments:  
Muscle dystrophy, osteoporotic fractures, weakened nervous system, decreased mobility

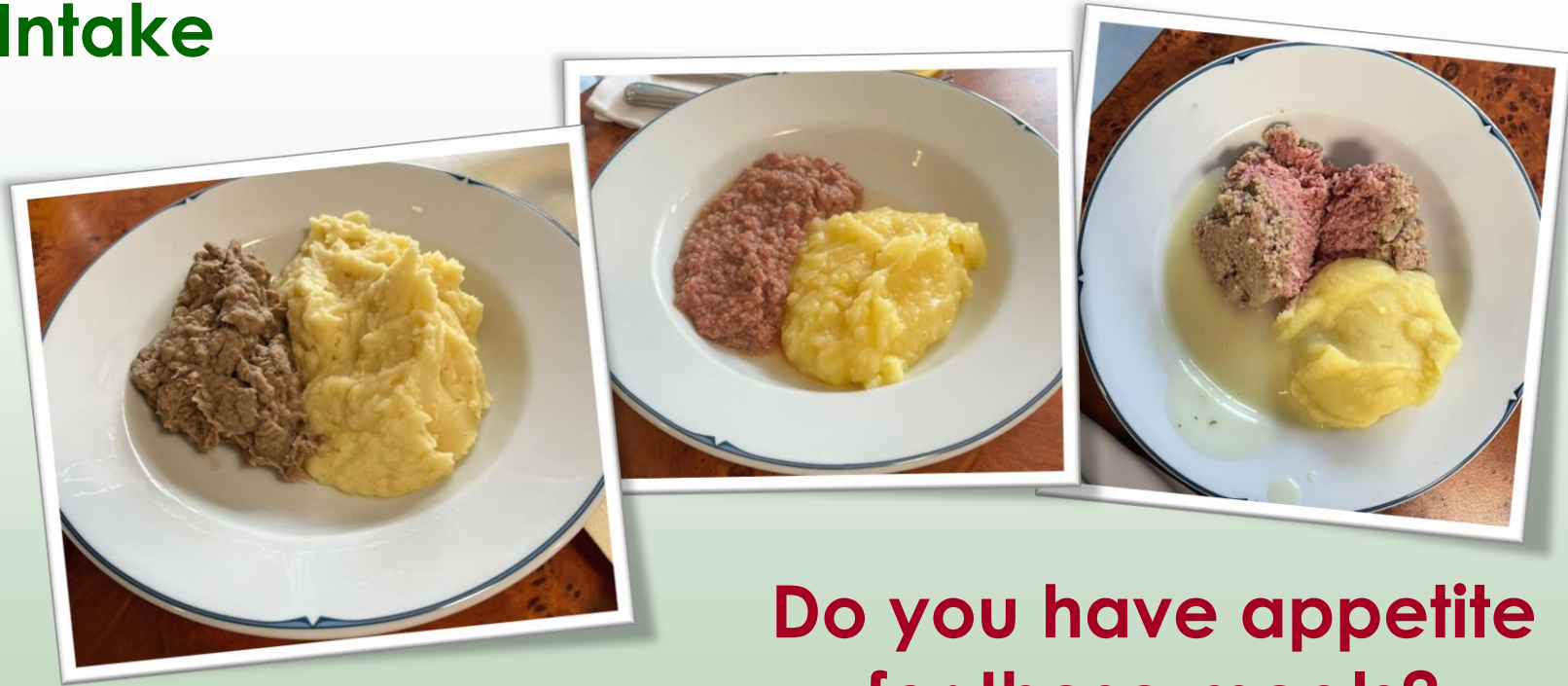


Low energy and nutrient intake (e.g. Protein)



**Food preparation and how the food is served becomes a more and more important issue!!!**

# Health Status – Direct Impact on Food Intake



**Do you have appetite  
for these meals?**

→ Ethical responsibility to react on malnutrition  
in elderly care!!

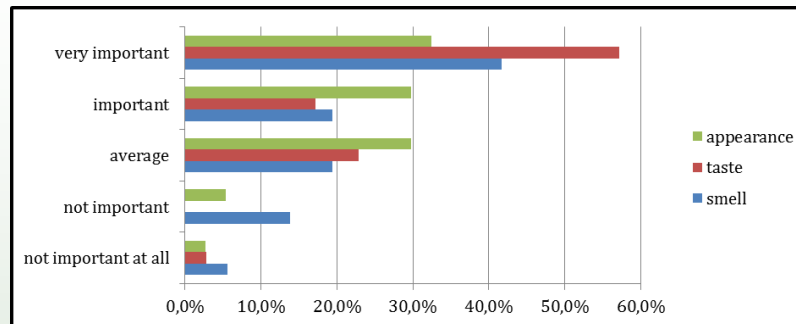
# Motivation ⇔ Aspects related to food intake (survey)

## Strong influence of the social context on eating behaviour

- 34.5% not feeling alone anymore
- 31% thinks the food tastes better
- 27.6% like to speak while eating

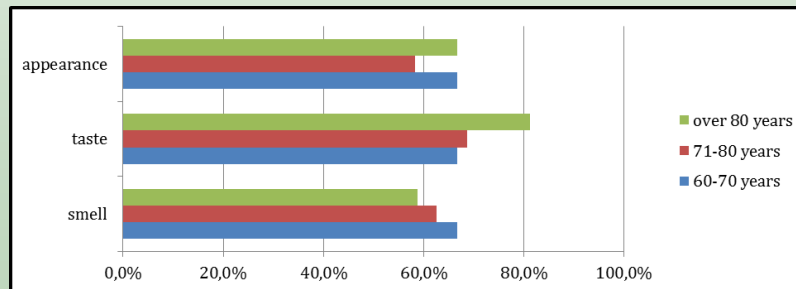
## Strong negative connection between eating difficulties and eating behaviour

- 60% feel affected by their difficulties (e.g. dysphagia)
- Consequently over 50% is not looking forward to eat



## Supplementing the meals in order to avoid malnutrition

50% of the respondents confirmed, that portions are too big



## Strong influence of meals sensory aspects on eating behaviour

- Importance of taste and appearance are higher with increasing age
- Importance of smell is decreasing with higher age



## INPUT

- Gender
- Weight
- Physical Activity level
- Higher protein demand?



	1	2	3	4
Patient	Smith	Hernandez	Muller	Gonzalez
Gender	man	woman	man	woman
Weight	80kg	56kg	100kg	75kg
FAL	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4
Higher Protein demand	No	Yes	No	Yes

Calculation of the individual nutritional needs

- Kcal/kJ
  - Protein (15%)
  - Carbs (55%)
  - Fat (30%)
- DGE-requirements

→ Divided into 4 meals

Development of recipes/food

- Ingredients Database
- Development of recipes
- Entering of experienced consumed amount of the individual
- Calculation of individual fortification

## OUTPUT

- 4 meals per day for up to 20 persons on 28 day basis
- Calculation of daily intakes/nutritional status
- Personalization/ Fortification
- Detailed recipe directions for the chef

Week 2

		1	2	3	4	5
	Patient	Smith	Hernandez	Muller	Gonzalez	Anderson
overlapping	Gender	man	woman	man	woman	man
remaining	Weight	80kg	56kg	100kg	75kg	75kg
no fortification	FAL	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.4
fortification	Higher Protein demand	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
nutritional data	energy demand	1932 kcal	1627 kcal	2984 kcal	1666 kcal	1524 kcal
	Carbohydrate	250.9 g	201.2 g	298.9 g	233.2 g	284.5 g
	Protein	68.7 g	81.9 g	79.3 g	93.3 g	72.1 g
	Fat	61.9 g	94.2 g	79.9 g	62.2 g	66.1 g
daily intake	Energy	1606 kcal	1617 kcal	1676 kcal	1678 kcal	1618 kcal
	Carbohydrate	212.0 g	294.7 g	222.7 g	226.9 g	212.0 g
	Protein	70.9 g	70.9 g	70.9 g	71.4 g	68.0 g
	Fat	56.0 g	55.9 g	55.3 g	56.5 g	56.4 g
nutritional status (daily intake - nutritional data)	Energy	-226 kcal	-9 kcal	-439 kcal	-191 kcal	-110 kcal
	Carbohydrate	-59.9 g	94.4 g	-47.9 g	-42.3 g	-65.0 g
	Protein	-14 g	80.9 g	-2.9 g	-41.9 g	-2.9 g
	Fat	-51.9 g	17.2 g	-52.2 g	-5.7 g	-7.7 g
Foodcomponent	Multivitamin (Biozonon Gm)	60.0 g	no fortification	60.0 g	10.0 g	60.0 g
	Protein plus (Biozonon Gm)	no fortification	20.0 g	20.0 g	20.0 g	10.0 g
	Essential oil (g, natural)	10.0 g	no fortification	20.0 g	10.0 g	10.0 g

### Scenario 1

Elderly living at home and are responsible for themselves (cooking, shopping etc.)

### Scenario 2

Elderly living in nursing homes, catered by centralised cooking with common food

### Scenario 3

Elderly living in nursing homes, suffering from dysphagia, catered by centralised cooking with pureed food



# PAL – Physical activity level

## Calculating daily energy need:

Women >65 years:

$$(0,0377 \times \text{weight in kg} + 2,75) \times 239 = [\text{kcal/day}]$$

Men >65 years:

$$(0,0491 \times \text{weight in kg} + 2,46) \times 239 = [\text{kcal/day}]$$

## Example for the nutritional need of a woman, 66 years, 75kg:

$$(0,0377 \times 75\text{kg} + 2,75) \times 239 = 1333 \text{ kcal/day}$$

## Calculating example of individual PAL for a day:

A Person sleeps 8 hours per night, followed by hard work for 8 hours and resting on the couch for the last 8 hours:

$$\text{PAL} = (8\text{h} \times 0,95 + 8\text{h} \times 2,0 + 8\text{h} \times 1,3) = 1,416 (\sim 1,4)$$

## Calculating example of the individual Total Energy Consumption combined from both examples above:

$$\text{TEC} = 1333 \text{ kcal/day} \times 1,4 = 1866 \text{ kcal/day}$$



PAL 0,95

Sleeping



PAL 1,2-1,3

Immobile, bedridden



PAL 1,4-1,5

Mobile elderly



PAL 1,6-1,7

Mainly sitting, immobile, strong restlessness



PAL 1,8-1,9

For mainly walking and standing lifestyle, mobile, demented with strong restlessness



PAL 2,0-2,4

Immobile (2,0) to mobile (2,4) severe pronounced sore or consumptive disease



# Facing new demands

- Increased request of appealing dishes
- Less tolerance towards mash-type food
- Rising number of people suffering from masticating and swallowing difficulties

## ***Problem***

- Increased home care
- Often lack of knowledge for preparation of nutritional diets
- Time pressure in nursing home kitchens
- Insufficient detection of nutritional status and reporting

***Solution?***

# Nutritional concept for frail and elderly with chewing and swallowing difficulties

**seneoPro<sup>®</sup>**

Soft gel-  
pureed/strained  
food, attractively  
served



Compact food  
foams

- warm and cold
- sweet and salty



Airy foams for  
taste stimulation



Thickening of  
liquids



Enrichment of food  
and beverages



# Respect to the affected persons - breakfast foam

Please don't do it like this!



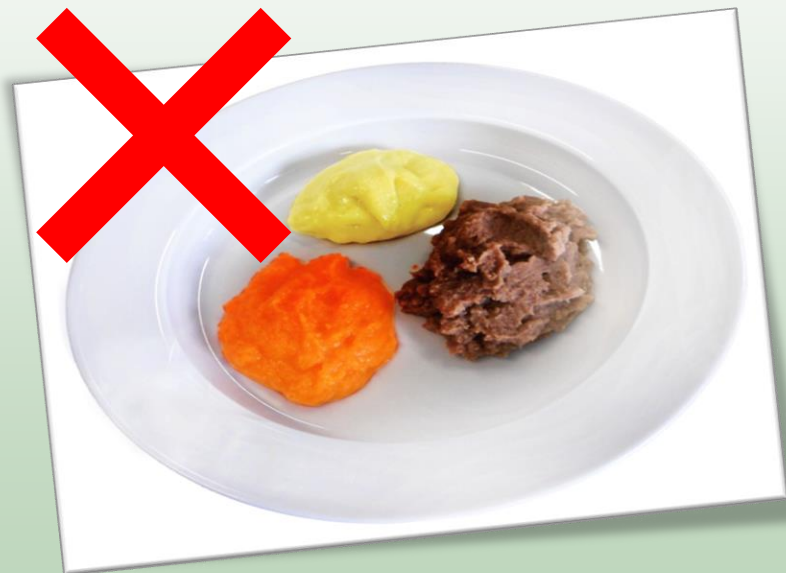
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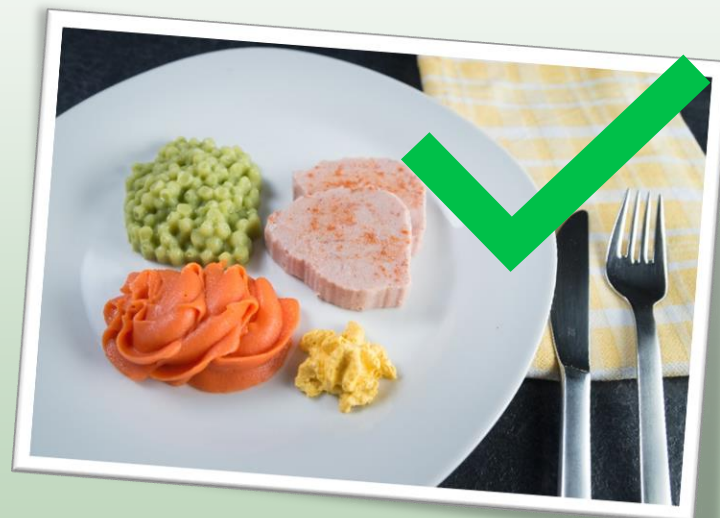
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# Respect to the affected persons – meat with vegetables

Please don't do it like this!



... much better





# Personalisation through “Print on demand”

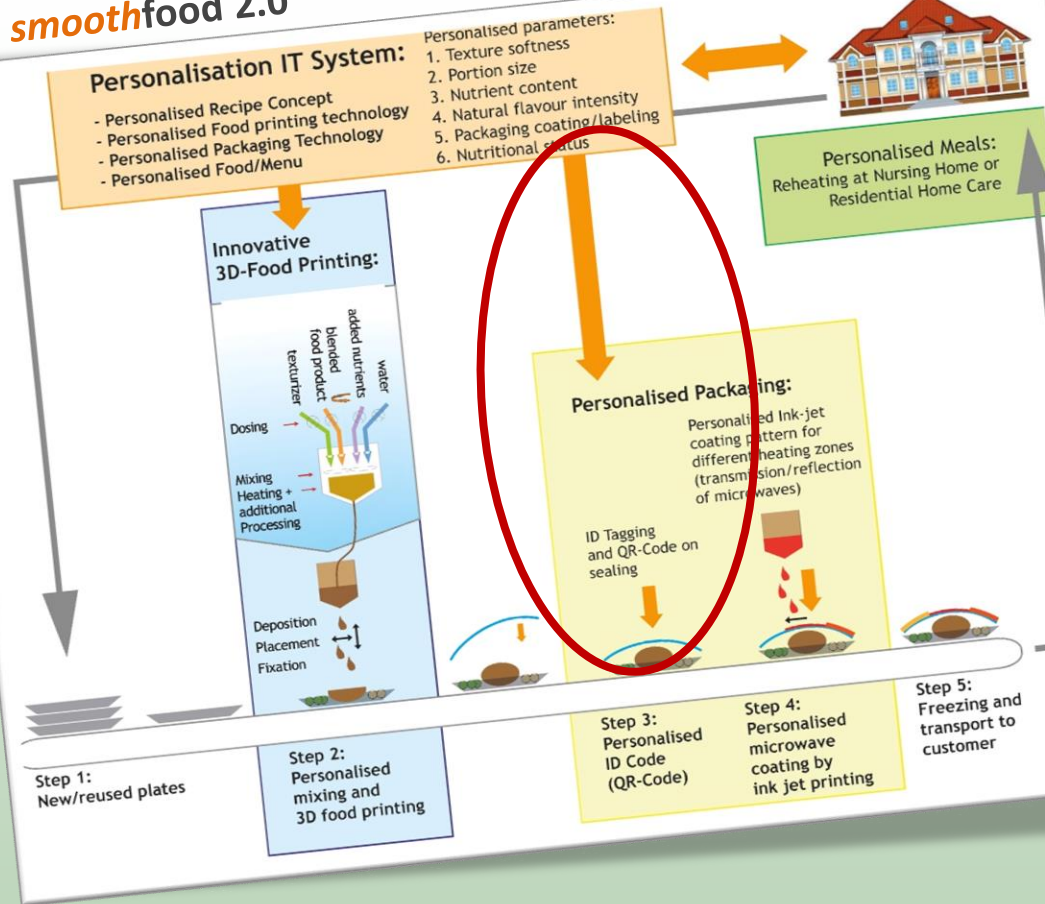
*smooth*food 1.0



*smooth*food 2.0



PERFORMANCE



## 3D printing

- ✓ Individual image selection (data file)
- ✓ Individual portion size

→ **Personalisation**

## Prototype 3D food printing reduction line



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# Food ingredients: „when less means more!“

Since the early 90's an epidemic growth of dietary induced diseases has been observed among the European population



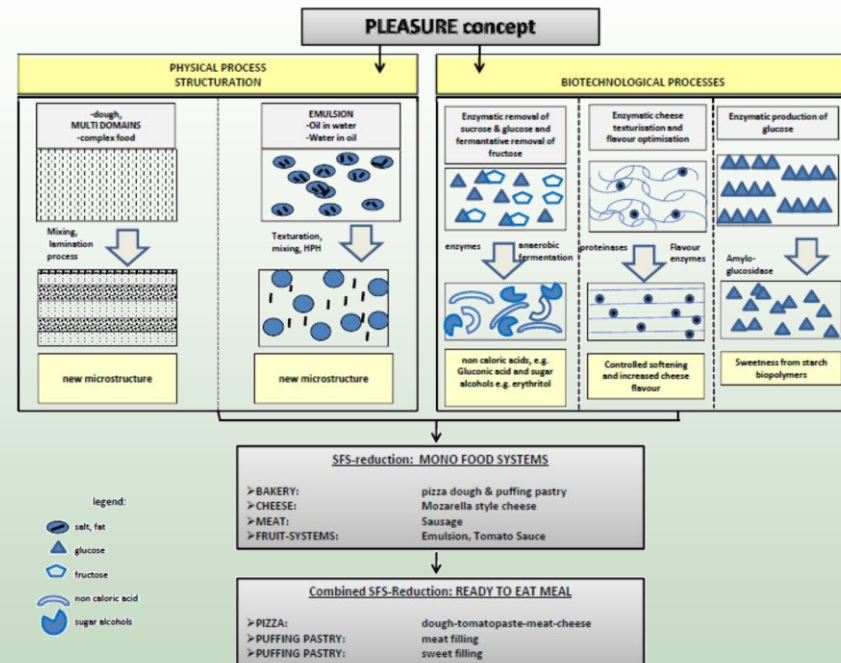
novel processing approaches for the development of food products low in fat, salt and sugar reduced

New micro structured and naturally reduced in foods

with similar

sensory properties

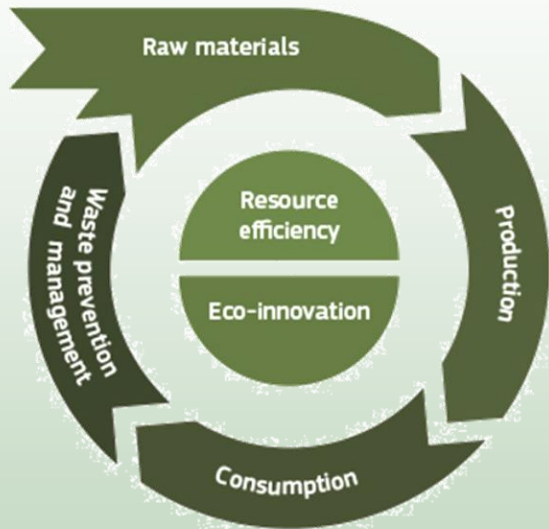
conventional products



✓ 30% less salt

✓ higher saltiness perception (27%)

# Food ingredients: „towards circular economy and sustainability!“



Source: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment>



**Originated to improve consumer's nutrition (all behaviors) by the *Smart Personalized Nutrition App*:**

- ❖ Implementation of a wearable body device which will monitor important body functions
- ❖ Provide healthy recipes

- Food database
- Recipe database
- Monitoring body functions

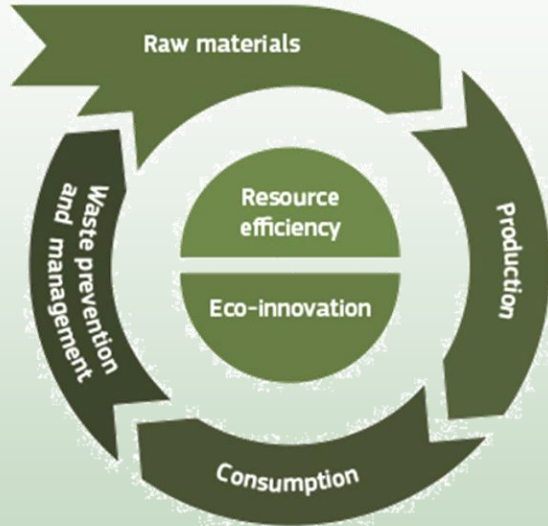


**By-products from wineries, olive mills, nut oil processing industry:**

- ❖ Grape pomace
- ❖ Nut press cake & nut discards
- ❖ Olive pomace
- ❖ Olive pits

- XOS
- Polyphenolic compounds

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## NEXTGEN PROTEINS

**Use of biomass/energy sources to process:**

- ❖ Micro algae growth
- ❖ Insect growth
- ❖ Microbiobal growth

for:

- ❖ Aquaculture
- ❖ Poultry
- ❖ Food

- Microalgae protein meal
- Insect Protein meal
- Single cell protein meal

## Like a Pro

From niche to mainstream – alternative proteins for everybody and everywhere

**Aims to shift alternative protein food products from niche to mainstream:**

- ❖ Developing 16 alternative protein products from 7 novel & improved protein sources

Proteins from:  
rapeseed kernels,  
meaworm, krill,  
microbial biomass,  
mushrooms,  
fermented fungus  
and peas

## ALEHOOP

**Recovery of LOW-COST DIETARY PROTEINS to meet requirements of consumers and industry:**

- ❖ Green and brown residual macroalgae
- ❖ Legume by-products

Proteins from:  
Green and brown residual macroalgae and legume by-products

# Thank you very much!



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