The 2030 Agenda recognizes that food value chains (FVCs) can have a leading role when it comes to the implementation of the SDGs. The “Geography of Food” Education program aims at educating young researchers and future decision-makers to assess FVCs, their related challenges and potentials for sustainable development and finally to develop and implement new solutions for sustainable food chains that “leave no one behind”.

**Objectives**

Towards the achievement of the goal, the international “Geography of Food” Education program has been developed with the following objectives:

1. Foster exchange of knowledge between participating institutions.
2. Provide students with international exchanges that enhance their ability to understand global challenges in different local contexts.
3. Offer hands-on possibilities to learn about and solve sustainability issues in real food value chains in intercultural settings.
4. Offer a free e-learning programme, addressing major challenges of food systems that can reach and educate a larger public.

**Impact**

The summer school programme will contribute to objectives 1, 2 and 4 of the SFS programme. Objective 1 constitutes the core of the Summer School activities.

**Objective 1**

The input course and case studies use a holistic, systems approach to tackle these issues and raise awareness among participants.

**Objective 2**

Students are future stakeholders in food systems and the Summer School programme will contribute to their capacity building and help provide technical assistance in those systems where they engage.

**Objective 4**

The creation of the Summer School and e-learning has already helped build synergies and cooperation between international institutions and the alumni network will be an important feature to promote and facilitate cooperation in the future.

**Study week**

After completing the e-learning course and working on a mini-case study in their specific local context, students take part into the study week. The program includes input presentations from invited speakers, plenary discussions, workshops and excursions. Students will work in small international and interdisciplinary groups on a case study and develop a concrete concept concerning the structuring of sustainable food value chains.

Participants from the summer schools will be encouraged to engage in an international Alumni Network, to allow for future exchange and cooperation.