

# Basmati adulterators in UK pay heavy price

● Local Court Slaps Fine Of £8,000 On Two Cos

'Wild' fish found to be farmed  
Ten per cent of samples wrongly labelled

Food labelling remains 'disturbing' a year after horse-meat scare





## Funder's perspective

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# Policy drivers

- We have complex, changing **global food chains**
- **consumers preferences and demands** are **changing**
- driving **new types** of **food fraud**.
- We need to stay ahead of the curve and work together.
- Need to **maximise use /impact of budgets**  
.....against a backdrop of decreasing resources  
and increased globalisation



## Policy drivers

Food fraud is:

- no longer incidental or far away,
- not simple,
- big and everywhere



Food fraud is not only creating possible health issues;

it is also affecting economy and other (personal and social) interests, fi.:

- Prosperity
- Sustainability
- Fair Labour
- Personal safety

# Funder's challenges

- The landscape for food fraud research across the EU is currently complex to understand, fragmented and inaccessible
- As funder's we didn't know:
  - which countries have a research programme/funding on food authenticity,
  - how that funding works on a national level
  - what areas they are funding
  - what their future strategic priorities are
  - what their lab capabilities/areas of expertise are
  - if they would be interested in working collaboratively on issues.
- As funder's we want to collaborate on funding research and on sharing knowledge, exchange expertise, knowledge and information on food fraud by building an EU network to support future collaboration.



# What are the benefits from being involved in Authent-net ?

- Know who our counterparts are
- link to the right people with the right knowledge
- A 'safe space' to share information, partner
- Be part of a network to collaborate on research
- co-ordinate with other funders with similar priorities
- maximise investment and impact
- Avoiding duplication

# Different countries, different ways to fund



# Example The UK

- Food Authenticity Programme
- <http://www.foodauthenticity.uk/research>



# Example The Netherlands

- No special food authenticity / food integrity research programma
- Part of food safety
- No earmarked research budget

Research budget:

- The main part of the research budget is posted at the so called Topsectors, which is a collaboration of private sector and government, these Topsectors decide yearly on focus-subjects to which private-public co-operators can subscribe their research projects to
- Another – smaller – part is posted at two scientific research organisations to allocate (KNAW and NWO)
- Another part is spend on research on legal basis (WOT)
- That leaves a really small part of the budget ‘free to spend’ on specific policy subjects, allocated yearly

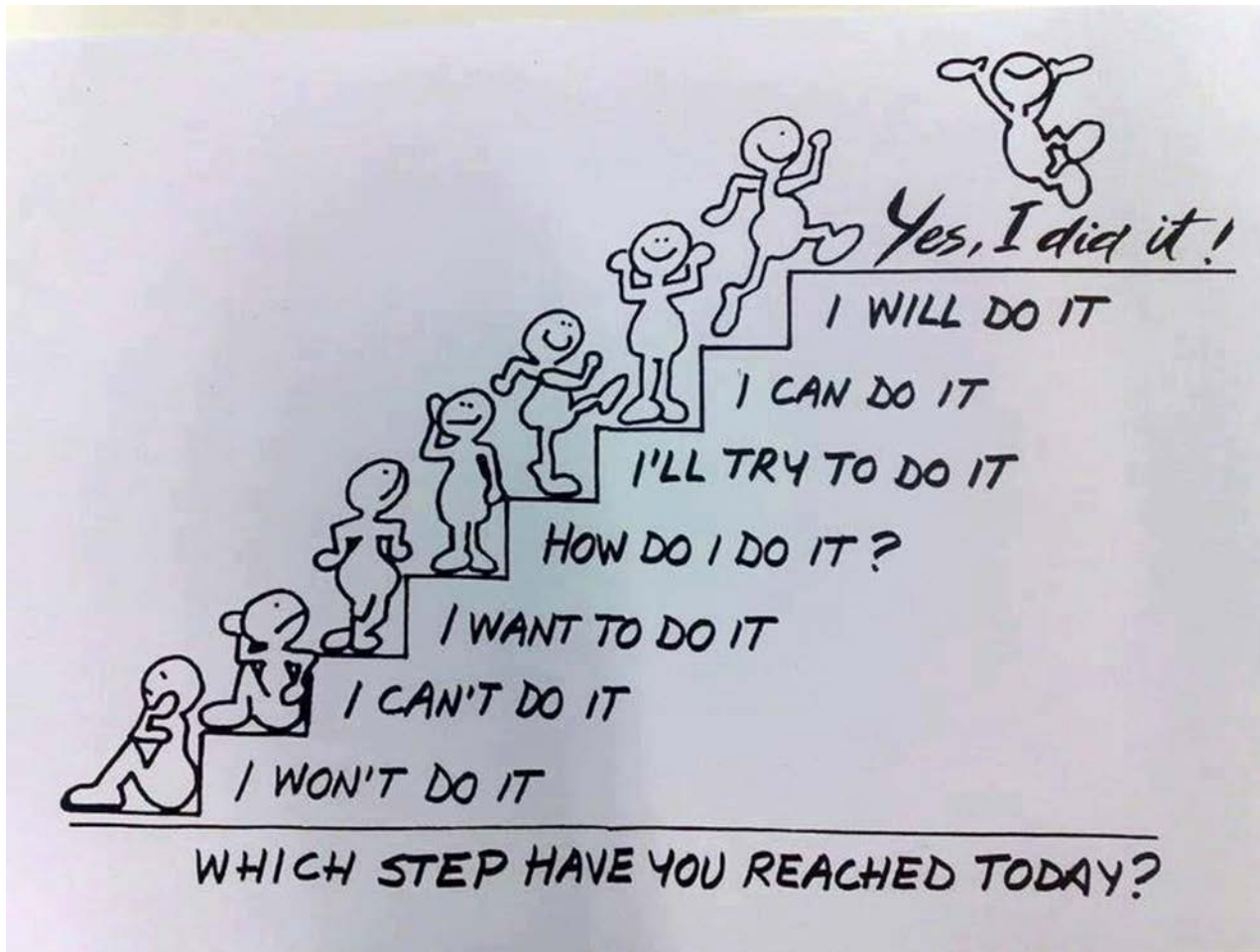


# Different priorities

- Type of research
- Commodity
- Tailormade collaboration

# Future cooperation





# Summary

- Need for collaboration on research
- What Authent-Net did
- Challenges

# Questions to the stakeholders

How would you like to see the funders work together?

Who else should we involve in the network?

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