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The aim is an effective consultation to be held within all stakeholder communities [industry, SME, research, consumer bodies, regulators, national funding bodies, ministries, academies of science, banks and venture capital] across the whole of Europe. The commitment and support of these national stakeholders is vital for this ETP to have maximum impact and deliver health, employment, economic and social benefits to all parts of Europe. Such commitment and support for the ETP can only be forthcoming if national stakeholders have an opportunity to learn about its activities, are able to feed their ideas in and are able to see that the programme of the ETP addresses their opportunities and needs. Such inputs are especially important in the smaller countries of Europe, the new Member States and Candidate Countries and those additional countries that are likely to enter into closer relations with the EU over the period of the ETP [2020 and beyond].

Target audience are the representatives of agriculture / food / science and technology / agro-food sectors [industry, researchers, regulators, consumer organisations, national funding bodies and policy makers] from member countries of the Central European Initiative (Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine).