

# The PERFORMANCE\* project – towards 3D printing of food

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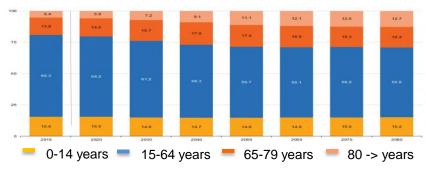
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Population structure development 2016-2080<sup>1</sup> (% of total population)

#### Factors such as

- Apoplexy; craniocerebral injury,
- multiple sclerosis, tumours, stroke,
- surgery at head area or throat area,
- dementia diseases as Alzheimer etc..





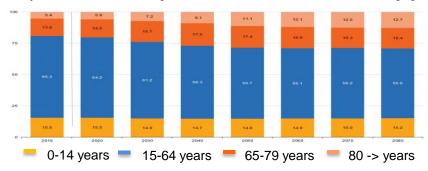


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... often lead to dysphagia ("When eating becomes a pain")





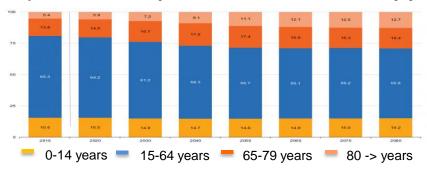


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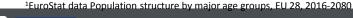
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... in consequence it causes often malnutrition









### **Nutritional Situation in care facilities today**



- Mashed food
- Visually not appealing
- Reflection of one's own situation
- Loss of interest and appetite
- Nutrient deficiency and Dehydration
- Malnourishment /under nutrition





# Do you get appetite for this meal?







### Facing new demands



- Increased request for healthy, tasty and visual appealing food/menus
- Less tolerance towards mash-type food
- Growing number of people suffering from dysphagia

### **Challenges**

- Growing care market (aging society)
- Often lack of knowledge for preparation of nutritional diets
- Time pressure and lack of personnel in nursing home kitchens
- Insufficient monitoring of nutritional status and reporting







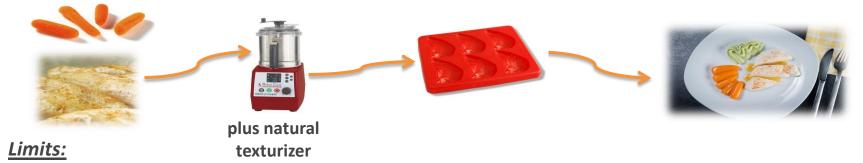


### Solution



#### smoothfood 1.0

This food concept is based on fresh food (meat, fruits and vegetables) which are modified in their consistency. It allows already today the personalisation of food while valuable *ingredients, taste and* aroma as well as the visual appealing remain similar to the original.



- requires skilled personnel
- Logistic challenge for larger nursing homes, personalisation limited
- Limitation in the variety of meals (due to the need for silicon moulds)









### The PERFORMANCE innovation



Yesterday:

#### Today:

#### Tomorrow:







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Chicken wing mash

Hand-made smoothfood chicken wing

smoothfood 3D printing

#### Result



"PERFORMANCE" personalised smoothfood, industrially manufactured

(smoothfood 2.0)







# Motivation for the project/objective



Elaboration of **smoothfood 1.0** towards **smoothfood 2.0** by making use of 3D printing technology

### **Expected advantages**

- Automated production of personalised smoothfood menus
- Production of large quantities
- Personalisation down to individual level on a daily basis
- Enabling implementation nutritional strategies for an individual person
- No limitation in the variety of meals (no need for silicon moulds)









# The PERFORMANCE concept



→ Development of **novel processing** and **packaging technologies** for a **personalized food supply chain** which allows the automated manufacturing of individual, specially textured and healthy food for frail and elderly people and a convenient packaging design

### Personalized:

- →recipe concept
- →food printing technology
  - → (individual portion size, nutrient content, texture softness...)
- →packaging technology
- →IT-system for recording&processing nutritional requirements



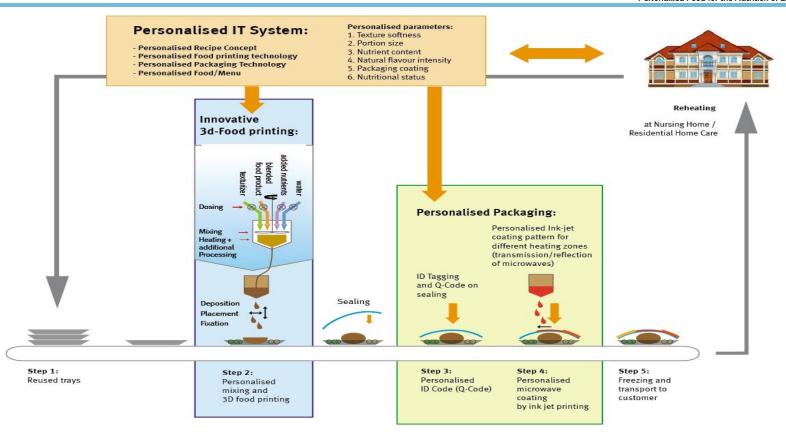






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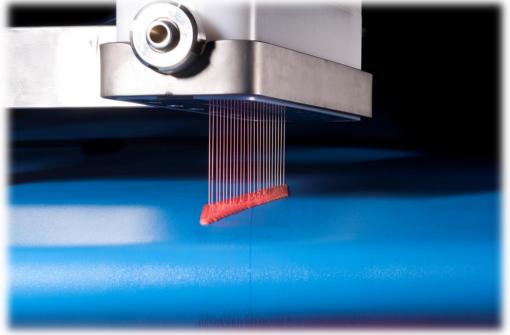




### **smooth** food 2.0 - the process



### **Achievements**











# smoothfood 2.0 - open questions



- Food is a natural product
  - limitation in what can be added
  - food composition/quality is always different
- Speed of the printing process

Homogenous reheating requires special packaging solutions

- Yet unknown scale and cost of the most promising printing solution
- Consumer acceptance?







### Acknowledgement



Proposal full title: PERsonalised FOod using Rapid MAnufacturing for the

Nutrition of elderly ConsumErs

Proposal Acronym: PERFORMANCE

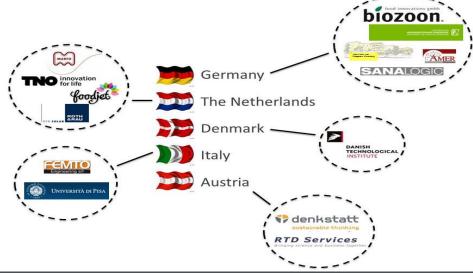
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