EFSA’s collaboration with the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University

In 2018, EFSA and the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy established a collaboration to develop and adapt procedures for the implementation of FoodEx2, EFSA’s food classification and description system, in select dietary datasets within the Global Dietary Database (GDD).

This database, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is a global initiative that aims to tackle the global scarcity of dietary data by characterizing intake for 61 dietary factors in all countries and publicly disseminating these data for use by a range of stakeholders in public health and global nutrition. The overall goal of GDD is to perform novel research on global dietary intakes and diet-related disease burdens, thereby informing evidence-based policy and interventions to create a healthier, equitable, and more sustainable food supply.

Guided by EFSA’s valuable experience and expertise, GDD will publicly disseminate the resulting harmonized data via its online platform, reaching a network of 500+ corresponding members in more than 160 countries worldwide. Through this partnership, both organizations reaffirm their commitment to expanding the scope of high-quality, publicly-available, and harmonized dietary data.