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## Our objectives:

- Job creation by developing new technologies and production processes.
- Improvement of the supply of skilled personal in the agricultural and food sector.
- Supporting Lower Saxony's businesses in research and development (R&D).
- Creation of a business-oriented network with high recognition.
- Networking with further thematic state initiatives of Lower Saxony.

## Our responsibilities:

- Networking
- Cooperation and projects
- Qualification; education and continuing education
- Public relations
- Participation in building up long term partnerships with companies

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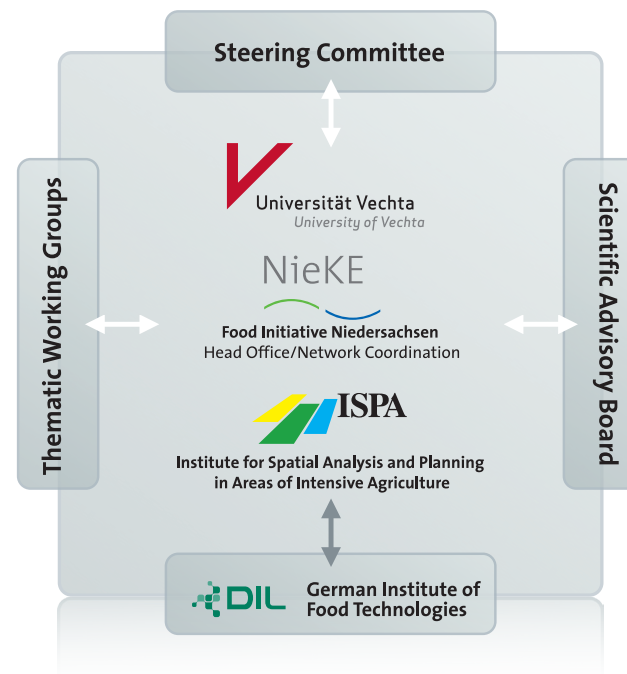
The **Lower Saxony Competence Centre for the Food Industry (NieKE), the Food Initiative Niedersachsen**, bundles competence and know-how in all areas of the food industry in Lower Saxony and facilitates synergies between the participating organisations.

The long term objective is to improve the performance capabilities of businesses in the food industry as well as to emphasise Lower Saxony's advantages as a prime location for a sustainable and efficient market-oriented food industry.

NieKE cooperates with many efficient partners of the food and agricultural sector. Among those networked under the NieKE umbrella are scientific institutions, production and marketing enterprises, service industries, banking houses, educational institutes, public administration etc.

## Main fields of activity:

- Food processing and food safety
- Development of new functional foods
- Designing and implementing optimized production lines
- Innovative machinery and equipment in agricultural engineering
- Education, qualification, professional training and further education



The Food Initiative Niedersachsen is managed by the head office, which is based at the Institute for Spatial Analysis and Planning in Areas of Intensive Agriculture (ISPA), University of Vechta (Germany). The thematic focus is professionally handled by the partners of the Food Initiative, ISPA and DIL (German Institute of Food Technologies).

The work of the Food Initiative is accompanied by a steering committee, which involves mainly SMEs that represent the whole value chain. At regular meetings, the steering committee obtains information about the work of NieKE and makes recommendations for action. In addition to this, NieKE has a scientific advisory board, which supports the work of the initiative in scientific questions and offers recommendations. The thematic working groups (e.g. business financing, quality management, research) are engaged in current issues and continue the successful cooperation with the food industry.

Due to its long experience in knowledge transfer, NieKE successfully supports innovative processes and links suitable partners in research and the business sector. In this context, maintaining and extending existing networks is of great importance. The objective is to improve the performance of businesses in the food industry as well as to emphasize Lower Saxony's advantages as a prime location for a sustainable and successful food industry.

## Our contributions:

- Improving the supply of skilled and qualified workers for agricultural and food businesses by professional development and qualification courses.
- Developing and implementing new technologies and techniques for improving the quality and safety of food products.