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He received his PhD in Food Value Chain Management from Wageningen University. Currently he is (emeritus) professor at the Business Management & Organization Group of Wageningen University. His education and research interests include (international) food chain and network management and business operations management. Next to his professorship at Wageningen university, Jacques Trienekens has been visiting researcher at Cornell university (USA) in 2003, and visiting professor at University of Bonn in 2005, University of Pretoria in South Africa in 2009 and 2018, and Lincoln university in New Zealand in 2015. He has a wide experience in national as well as international research projects on food value chain development and has published more than 150 peer reviewed articles.

In recent years he has collaborated in several Erasmus+ projects on the enhancement of skills in the agri-food area:

- in the Erasmus + project ESCAPE, from 2015-2019, with education and business organisations from France, The Netherlands and Italy. The project focused on the design of an online education package - a MOOC – on business management for food technology students. The course, followed by 60 food technology students from The Netherlands, Italy and France was concluded with a week of business practice at SIAL-2018 in Paris.
- in the (ongoing) Erasmus+ project FIELDS, 2020-2023, with 30 partners from 12 EU countries. The aim of the FIELDS project is to contribute to skill enhancement of workers in the agriculture, food industry and forestry sectors, to be able to make full use of the opportunities and comply with requirements of the "Twin" Green and Digital transition. The FIELDS project focuses on the domains Digitalization, Sustainability, Bio-Economy and Management & Entrepreneurship and soft skills.
- in the "follow-up" project of the Fields project, I-Restart, started in September 2022, with 28 partners from 11 countries. This project furthers on the work of the Fields project while focusing on animal production, food industry and the veterinary sector with attention to sustainability, digitalisation and one-health approaches. Next to the development of training, a key aim of this project is to support the European agri-food pact for skills, launched in 2022.

In his presentation he will focus on the findings in the Fields project.