



Pamela Byrne
Chair of the JPI HDHL



In June 2013, Dr. Pamela Byrne took over the role of Chair of the JPI "A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life" (JPI HDHL). Since taking up this role, she has worked together with the Member States of the Management Board, the Scientific Advisory and Stakeholder Advisory Boards on the development of the first implementation plan for the JPI HDHL. Prior to taking up the role of Chair, she was the Vice Chair and Irish Delegate to the Management Board for 3 years.

Pamela Byrne holds a PhD in Environmental Toxicology from University College, Cork (UCC), Ireland; an MSc in Aquatic Resource Management from Kings College, University of London, UK; a BSc in Zoology from UCC and a Higher Diploma in Environmental Law from the University of Aberystwyth in Wales. Prior to taking up the position of CEO at the Food Safety Authority of Ireland in March 2015, Pamela Byrne held the global role of Director of Regulatory Policy and Intelligence with Abbott Nutrition. Having previously held senior positions in the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland, she has extensive experience of the food regulatory environment, as well as expertise in risk assessment and food safety management at both national and international levels.

During her time at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Pamela Byrne gained a deep knowledge of the food sector as an environmental toxicologist and risk assessor, and was instrumental in developing Ireland's research and innovation policy programmes in relation to food and the bio-economy. Pamela Byrne also worked in the Cabinet of the European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation - Commissioner Maire Geoghegan-Quinn.