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Preface

This book is the outcome of the FOODCOST project, an international 3-year project with nine partners from eight EU countries. The project has been co-funded by the 'Food Quality and Consumer Studies' Erasmus+ program of the European Union. In addition to the 'Augmented reality for food marketers and consumers' book, three other books have been published entitled 'Neuromarketing in food retailing', 'Consumer trends and new product opportunities in the food sector' and 'Sensory and aroma marketing'.

The aim of the FOODCOST project was to modernize and improve the quality of university education in the field of food science, food marketing and consumer studies. University education represents the highest form of formal education. Universities have to prepare professionals for the job market who can implement innovative solutions into the practice. For this purpose, universities should have access to quality and modern curricula and methodologies, reflecting the developments in the society, research and industry.

Augmented reality is a new topic, even the term itself is unknown to most people. In this book the authors explain what augmented reality is and how it is/can be applied in the food sector. The authors also address the challenges that augmented reality has to overcome in order to meet its potential. There is still a lot of research to be done before augmented reality is ready for the general public but all the major technology companies are working on augmented reality. According to Apple CEO Tim Cooke, augmented reality is a core technology and will be a big technological step forward, similar to the release of the smartphone.

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