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Dr Kostas Gkatzionis is Assistant Professor at the School of Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham (UK) since 2013 with focus on microbiology. Before moving to Birmingham, he has benefited from being exposed to a number of industries, universities and cultural environments throughout his career. Kostas Gkatzionis received his Bachelor's degree in food technology from ATEI, Thessaloniki, Greece and worked as food technologist and quality control manager in food industry. He completed his Ph.D. degree at the Division of Food Sciences, University of Nottingham, UK, and has held appointments as a KTP associate with Pepsico (2008) and research associate with the University of Northampton (2009). Throughout his academic career, he has supervised >10 doctoral and >30 M.Sc. projects and post-doctoral researchers and is involved in teaching, at both undergraduate and post-graduate level, a variety of subjects related to food sciences including food safety, hygiene and management Masters.

Dr Kostas Gkatzionis' teaching and research take a multidisciplinary approach in applied research addressing industrial problems and challenges as well as fundamental investigations. His group investigates areas of formulation, microbial removal and food microbiology and safety. He has been involved in a number of successful research and infrastructural grants totalling ~ 4.5million euros including Horizon 2020, research council funding, iNETs and industry funding.

Dr Kostas Gkatzionis is member of the BBSRC Peer Review Panel (subject food safety), member of the Institute of Microbiology and Infection (IMI, UK), and his academic citizenship includes links to and collaborations with Asia and Africa as well as partnerships within the EU, materialised through joint consortia, projects and consultancy with industries, academic institutions and food SMEs.