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Graduated from the Faculty of Economic Sciences at the University of Warsaw (1988) and obtained a PhD degree in economics (IAFE-NRI, 2007) and a postdoctoral degree in social sciences in the field of economics and finance (IAFE-NRI, 2020). Since 1988, she has been employed at the Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute in the following positions: assistant, senior assistant, assistant professor, professor at the Institute. She was the Head of the Department of Food Industry Economics (2008–2019), and then the Head of the Department of Agribusiness and Bioeconomy Economics (since 2020). In the years 1990–2002 she cooperated as an independent economic expert with the consulting company Business Analyses & Advisers Poland. Since April 2025, he has also been the Deputy Director for Scientific Affairs of the Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute. In December 2025, she was appointed by the Minister of Science and Higher Education as an expert of the Science Evaluation Committee to evaluate the quality of scientific activity for the years 2022–2025.

Her main scientific and research interests are: international economics; competitiveness of the Polish food sector; foreign trade in agri-food products; economics of the food industry; development of agricultural markets; the evolution of the agri-food sector in the period of systemic transformation, Polish membership in the European Union and globalization of the world economy; innovation of the food industry; food security; food losses and waste in the food chain.

Prof. Iwona Szczepaniak has managed many tasks and research topics concerning the impact of globalization and European integration processes on the transformations of the Polish food industry and the international competitiveness of the Polish food sector as part of research funded by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, as well as the Multiannual Programmes of the IAFE-NRI financed by grants from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. She is the author or co-author of approximately 280 scientific publications and approximately 150 expert opinions for government administration bodies and food sector entities. Co-contractor of several domestic and foreign research projects, active participant in many scientific conferences in Poland and abroad. She was the secretary of the habilitation committee, a reviewer of five doctoral dissertations and approximately 20 scientific monographs. She also works as a lecturer at postgraduate studies at IAFE-NRI (subject: agribusiness economics).