

Forum on Best Practices in the Agri-Food Supply Chain

AGENDA

3rd Meeting

Responses to the Cost-of- Living Crisis

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The CAP Implementation Contact Point (CAPI CP) of the EU CAP Network, in partnership with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, is organising a third session of the 'Forum on Best Practices in the Agri-Food Supply Chain', launched in 2021 as one of the actions envisaged under the Farm to Fork Strategy with the aim of enhancing cooperation between primary producers, improving their position within the food supply chain and increasing market transparency.

Aims of the event

Building on discussions and outcomes of the previous sessions of the Forum, the present event will focus on the impacts of inflation. In particular, the event will:

- Discuss the key challenges from the perspective of farmers, producer organisations, processors, retailers, citizens, and researchers, driven by **rising costs for business** and **higher prices for consumers**, in particular with regards to the green and digital transition.
- Present **experiences and good practices that illustrate how market actors, policy makers and consumers have responded to increased costs and increased prices.**



Timing	Agenda 16 November 2023
8.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 9.45	Opening messages and introduction to the day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Lamb, <i>CAP CP (EU CAP Network)</i> • Pierre Bascou, <i>DG AGRI</i>
9.45 – 9.50	Icebreaker activity. Getting to know each other.
9.50 – 10.30	Framing presentations Food inflation: experiences from Member States. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susanna Sällström Matthews, <i>Swedish Competition Authority</i> • Isabelle Senand, <i>Fédération du Commerce et de la distribution, France</i> • David Gouveia, <i>Ministry of Agriculture, Portugal</i> Q&A
10.30 – 11.00	Discussion in break-out groups (interactive activity).
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30-12.45	Panel discussion: Food inflation, challenges for consumers and producers. <i>Facing the Cost-of-Living Crisis: Causes, consequences, and solutions</i> <i>Panel discussion with representatives from:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers´ representative: Pieter Verhelst, <i>Boerenbond / COPA COGECA</i> • Food industry´s representative: Evelyne Dollet, <i>Food Drink Europe</i> • Retailers´ representative: Alexis Waravka, <i>Independent Retail Europe</i> • Consumers´ representative: Camille Perrin, <i>BEUC</i> Q&A
12.45 – 13.45	<i>Networking lunch</i>
13.45 – 14.00	Framing presentation. Enhancing sustainability: Inflation and the economics of the green and digital transition in the agri-food supply chain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Matthews, <i>University of Dublin Trinity College, Ireland</i>



<p>14.00 – 15.00</p>	<p>Break-out sessions (group discussions)</p> <p>How are agri-food market actors and consumers coping with the green and digital transition in the context of inflation and increased costs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Farmers’ initiatives. Anna van de Moosdijk, <i>European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA)</i> • Group 2: Agrifood industry’s initiatives. Luca Contrino, <i>Assembly of European Regions producing Fruits, Vegetables and Ornamental Plants (AREFLH)</i> • Group 3: Retailers’ perspective. Leena Whittaker, <i>EuroCommerce</i> • Group 4: Research’s perspective. José Manuel Moreno Rojas, <i>Andalusian Institute for Agricultural, Fishing, Food and Organic Production Research and Training (IFAPA)</i> • Group 5: Citizens’ responses. Luisa Crisigiovanni, <i>Euroconsumers</i>
<p>15.00 – 15.20</p>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
<p>15.20 – 16.00</p>	<p>Break-out sessions (group discussions)</p> <p>What are the medium- to long-term implications of the green and digital transition for agrifood market actors and consumers on costs and food prices?</p>
<p>16.00 – 16.30</p>	<p>Feedback from group discussions</p> <p>Presentation of the outcomes from the breakout sessions in the plenary.</p> <p>Q&A</p>
<p>16.30 – 16.45</p>	<p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Lamb, <i>CAP CP, EU CAP Network</i>
<p>16.45 – 17.00</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabien Santini, <i>DG AGRI</i>

