

ENAJ/EU-FarmBook Press and Networking Event

July 8-10, 2024 | Theme: Moving towards resilient farms

Networking Monday, 8 July from 14:00-21:00

14:00 **Arrival of participants at Gent University** (Snack)
Auditorium Oehoe, Blok E Campus Coupure
Address: [Coupure Links 653, 9000 Gent](#)



15:00 **Welcome and keynotes** (Auditorium/Oehoe Gent University)

- Lisa Bellocchi, ENAJ Chairwoman
 - Pieter Spanoghe, Coordinator EU-FarmBook, Gent University
 - Inge van Oost, Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG AGRI
 - Matija Žulj, CEO AGRIVI
- Moderator: Peter Rakers, ESSET, EU-FarmBook

16:00 **Panel discussion; Moving towards resilient farms** (Auditorium/Oehoe)

- Inge van Oost, Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG AGRI
 - Jelte Wiersma, Secretary General, CEMA
 - Pieter Spanoghe, Coordinator EU-FarmBook, Ghent University
 - Justine Arkens, Groene Kring, young farmers association of Flanders
- Moderator: Peter Rakers, ESSET, EU-FarmBook

17:00 **Coffee Break** (Lobby/Ahora)

17:30 **Wrap-up and discussion** (Lobby/Ahora)

- Katharina Schobersberger, Vice President, CEJA
- Pieter Spanoghe, Coordinator EU-FarmBook, Gent University
- Filip Fontaine, General Director, VLAM
- Michiel van Andel, farmer
- Els Vanneste, Ferm – TBC*

Moderator: Damien O'Reilly, Irish Co-operative Organisation Society, ENAJ

19:00 **Networking Evening with Flying Dinner** (Lobby/Ahora)

*TBC: To Be Confirmed

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Innovation Tuesday, 9 July from 08:00 – 13:00

08:00 **Setting up of info stands of innovators** (Lobby/Ahora)

09:00 **Welcome to the “Innovation Dating” – Journalists meet innovators**

Panel discussion: How do agricultural journalists report on innovations?

- Vedran Stapic, Chief Editor, Agrokлуб, Croatia
- Liviu Gordea, Ferma Media Group, Romania
- Melanie Epp, Freelance Agricultural Journalist, Belgium/Canada
- Yanne Boloh, Freelance Agricultural Journalist, France
- Konstantin Kockerols, Correspondent, top agrar, Germany

Moderator: Katharina Seuser, Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg, EU-FarmBook

10:00 **Innovation Dating – Companies present themselves in the Ahora**

Journalists meet innovators from different agricultural sectors.

Plant Production/High Tech:

[Apha Bio](#), [Fytec](#), [Avecom](#), [N-Fix](#), [Biotalys](#), [Anorel](#), [Protealis](#)

Live Stock/High Tech:

[Pathosense](#), [Vivoret](#), [Proluent Poultry Lightning](#), [Biocheck](#), [AutoDry](#) by GEA (DE), [CattleEye](#) by GEA (IE), [Inalca](#)

[ETIFOR](#), [2Grow](#)

12:00 **Light Meal** (Lobby/Ahora)

End of Innovation Dating

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Excursion for Agricultural Journalists

Excursion for Journalists Tuesday afternoon, 10 July

12:30 **Bus leaves from Gent University,**

13:30 **Visit to Hof Te Katterm**

Fifth-generation farmer Pieter Van Wilderode produces organic grain, potatoes, and raises 1,000 organic pigs annually. Piglets are produced by Wim Haeck of BioVar. Pieter works with local butcher Bart Vuylsteke who specializes in charcuterie and aims to use the entire pig. He is also involved in a unique solar energy project with Kioz Energy.

Address: Monnikbosstraat 5, 1761 Roosdaal

TBC **Bus departs**

17:15 **Visit to UGent Demonstration Farm in Bottelare**

UGent's 50-ha experimental farm in Bottelare is a well-equipped facility that carries out multidisciplinary and innovative fundamental and applied agricultural research. Research at UGent's Demonstration Farm is centred around breeding crop production and crop protection. The farm is home to a variety of field experiments with focus the sustainable production of small grain cereals, legumes and canola.

Address: Diepestraat 1, 9820 Merelbeke

19:00 **Dinner – BBQ at UGent Demonstration Farm**

21:00 **Return to the Hotel**

B&B Hotel Gent Centrum, Voldersstraat 17, 9000 Gent, Belgium

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Excursion for Agricultural Journalists

Excursion for Journalists Wednesday morning, 10 July

08:00 Bus leaves from hotel

B&B Hotel Gent Centrum, Voldersstraat 17, 9000 Gent

08:30 Visit to the Flemish Institute for Biotechnology (VIB)

Hilde Nelissen, plant biologist and Group Leader at VIB, and her colleagues are investigating drought stress in arable crops and its impact on growth and yield. The facility uses growth chambers to allow for complete control of lighting, temperature, water and nutrients. The crops are also tested in greenhouses and in the field. The aim of their research is to make important crops such as maize more resilient to drought and climate change.

VIB scientists are also investigating the influence of soil and soil bacteria on the growth of different soy varieties. Good matches could be important for local production of resilient and sustainable protein plants for feed or food.

TBC Bus departs VIB

10:15 Visit to Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (ILVO)

Topic 1: Dairy farming: Visit to ILVO's 120-cow dairy research barn.

Participants will learn about a climate scan tool that calculates the carbon footprint of a single liter of milk. The tool helps farmers to develop a more climate friendly end product. Participants will also learn about ILVO's emissions reduction research and innovative tools that support preventive and curative claw care in dairy cattle.

Address: Scheldeweg 68, 9090 Melle

Topic 2: Arable farming: Visit to ILVO's HYDRAS field, a state-of-the-art, multi-sensor and drought-controlled field equipped to perform both above- and belowground phenotyping. The field allows researchers to test the climate resilience of newly-bred plant varieties.

HYDRAS was developed to address two critical challenges in plant breeding for climate adaptation: Access to below-ground plant traits; and translation of results from basic plant science to realistic field conditions.

Address: Caritasstraat 39, 9090 Melle (Host: Waldo Deroo)

11:30 Snack and return to the Hotel
End of the program