



# A Vision for **Agriculture and Food**

Shaping the future of farming  
and the agri-food sector

## **Vision Conference Shaping the future of farming and the agri-food sector**

**Brussels, 8 May 2025**

On-site event with web streaming (only for plenary sessions)

### **Draft agenda**

The 2025 Conference on the **Vision for Agriculture and Food** aims to bring together key stakeholders – including representatives of the European agri-food sectors, civil society, rural communities, consumers, think-tanks, academia, Member States, Members of the European Parliament – to contribute on the debate to shape an attractive farming and agri-food sector for current and future generations.

#### **The conference aims to:**

- Continue the engagement and dialogue with stakeholders around the Vision and its roadmap
- Discuss and gather feedback on the way forward, focusing on key initiatives outlined in the Vision
- Engage with participants on the future direction for the CAP post-2027

**Location:** The Square, Mont des Arts, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

**Languages:** EN, FR DE, PL, IT



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Time	Topics
08:00-09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00-09:30	<b>Opening of the conference</b>  Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission (video speech)
09:30-10:30	<b>PLENARY 1</b>  <b>From vision to action: fostering an attractive, competitive, resilient, future-proof and fair EU agri-food sector</b>  <b>Keynote speech:</b>  Christophe Hansen, Commissioner for Agriculture and Food  <b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Czesław Siekierski, Polish Minister of Agriculture</li><li>• Eric Sargiacomo, Vice-Chair of COMAGRI, European Parliament</li><li>• Piotr Całbecki, President NAT Commission, Committee of the Regions</li><li>• Peter Schmidt, President NAT section, European Economic and Social Committee</li><li>• Massimiliano Giansanti, COPA President</li></ul>
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00-12:00	<b>PLENARY 2</b>  <b>Building an attractive farming sector for the future: fostering investment and entrepreneurship for generational renewal</b>  <b>Keynote speech:</b> Gelsomina Vigliotti, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank



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	<b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peter Meedendorp, CEJA President</li><li>• Norbert Totschnig, Austrian Federal Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management</li><li>• Jean-Christophe Roubin, Director for Agriculture, Crédit Agricole S.A.</li><li>• Martin Siemen, Vice-Chair, Rural Youth Europe</li></ul>
<b>12:00-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:30-15:30</b>	<b>INTERACTIVE BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>
	<b>BREAKOUT 1</b> <b>Enhancing resilience to risks and crises</b>  <b>Introductory speeches:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Luis Planas Puchades, Spanish Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food</li><li>• Frank Lee, Head of Division - Financial Institutions Advisory, European Investment Bank</li><li>• Irina Schuman, Senior agriculture economist, World Bank</li><li>• Tommy Dalgaard, Professor, Department of Agroecology - Agricultural Systems and Sustainability, Aarhus University</li></ul> <b>Wrap-up:</b> Prof. Erik Mathijs, Head of Division Bioeconomics, KU Leuven
	<b>BREAKOUT 2</b> <b>Developing excellence in livestock production chains</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pierre-Marie Aubert, Director, Agriculture and food policies programme, IDDRI</li><li>• Gillian O'Sullivan, Veterinary Surgeon and Dairy Farmer</li></ul> <b>Wrap-up:</b> Holger Thiele, Professor of Agricultural Economics and Statistics, Kiel University of Applied Sciences





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	<b>BREAKOUT 3</b> <b>Leveraging opportunities for farmers from bioeconomy, nature and climate protection (i.e. carbon and nature credits)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sari Essayah, Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Finland</li><li>• Tristano Bacchetti de Gregoris, Coordinator of the Soil Mission project “CREDIBLE”</li><li>• Caroline Ploux, Senior EU Affairs Manager, Mars Inc.</li></ul> <b>Wrap-up:</b> Nataša Lovric, Senior Researcher, University of Eastern Finland
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>WRAP-UP SESSION</b> Representatives of academia will present key takeaways from the breakout sessions including possible actions proposed by the participants.
<b>16:30-16:45</b>	<b>Closing speech:</b> Mihail Dumitru, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
<b>16:45-18:30</b>	<b>Networking event</b>