



Is the EU on the right path towards long-term food security?

14 September 2015 · EU Pavilion, Expo Milano

14:00-18:30 followed by a cocktail reception

Food security is about more than ensuring global access to food; the stakes are also high for food security here in Europe. Guaranteeing Europe's long-term healthy food production capacity as well as protecting the natural resources farming relies on are both essential if we want to provide EU citizens with healthy and nutritious food - today and tomorrow. Our event is an opportunity to highlight the environmental risks that currently undermine Europe's long term-food security, discuss whether (often contradictory) policies have been successful at tackling this issue, and look at possible solutions to these challenges which can help us in the future.

Moderator: Dave Keating, Freelance journalist

- 14:00 - 14:15 - Welcome remarks, Mikael Karlsson, EEB President
 - Introductory remarks, Giovanni Lavia, MEP (tbc)
- 14:15 - 15:00 Part 1:
 Alarm bells are ringing: the declining state of our natural resources and the role of farming
 - State of the environment and farming in Europe (Jan-Erik Petersen, EEA)
 - Natural resources in Europe: a local and regional perspective (Dr. Rainer Oppermann and Laura Sutcliffe, IFAB)
 - Discussion
- 15:00 - 16:00 Part 2:
 Obstacles to long-term food security: policy contradictions
 - CAP reform: the wrong approach for EU farming policy (Faustine Defossez, EEB)
 - Food, feed, and energy: managing conflicting demands on land through EU bioenergy and bioeconomy policies (Michael Carus – Nova Institute, Germany)
 - For a real EU food waste policy (Ursula Hudson, Slow Food)
 - Discussion
- 16:00 - 16:15 *Coffee Break*
- 16:15 - 16:45 Part 3:
 The way forward: Towards sustainable farming and long term food security
 - A sustainable model of farming: is agroecology the way forward?
 (Erik Steen Jensen, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences)
 - Integrating environmental concerns into other policies: which way now?
 (Trees Robijns, BirdLife Europe)
- 16:45 - 18:15 Part 4:
 Panel discussion
 Nina Renshaw (EPHA), Matteo Bartolini (Italian farmer, tbc), Organic farmer (tbc), Beppe Croce (Legambiente), Eurotoques (Michelin star chef, tbc)
- 18:15-18:30 **Response and concluding remarks from European Commission**
 DG AGRI, Pierre Bascou, Deputy Director General
- 18:30 - 19:30 *Cocktail*