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# The future of agriculture and food in a climate neutral and competitive EU

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Tuesday, 11 February 2025, 16:00–18:00 CET, followed by reception

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Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Rue Montoyer 47, Brussels I  
Room: Macke/Ernst

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As the EU moves closer to climate neutrality, the role of agriculture and forestry becomes ever more central. When supported by the right incentives, the land use sectors have the potential to increasingly contribute to climate and biodiversity objectives, while continuing to ensure food security and provide income opportunities for land users. The current EU legislative period is pivotal for creating an enabling policy environment for a sustainable future of these sectors in the context of the food system and the bioeconomy.

This legislative period is a critical juncture. A new budget will be designed and the next stage in EU climate policy developed. Equipped with the outcomes of the multistakeholder Strategic Dialogue, the European Commission will publish a Vision for Agriculture and Food during the first 100 days of its new mandate. This vision will play an important role in shaping policy priorities.

At this event we will discuss the dilemmas and potentials of land use, as well as policies to maintain and develop viable and sustainable rural economies in the EU.

## Registration

Participation at this event is free of charge. You can **register here**: <https://www.agora-agriculture.org/news-events/the-future-of-agriculture-and-food-in-a-climate-neutral-and-competitive-eu>

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## Programme

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15:30 Arrival and refreshments

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**16:00 Welcome and introduction**

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**16:05 Impulse: Key dilemmas on the future of land use for agriculture, forestry and nature in the EU**

**Theun Vellinga**, Senior researcher livestock and environment, Wageningen University & Research

Based on study by Wageningen University & Research (2024): Key dilemmas on future land use for agriculture, forestry and nature in the EU

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**16:25 Impulse: Agriculture, forestry and food in a climate neutral EU**

**Harald Grethe**, Director, Agora Agriculture

Based on study by Agora Agriculture (2024): Agriculture, forestry and food in a climate neutral EU. The land use sectors as part of a sustainable food system and bioeconomy

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**16:45 Impulse: Vision of young farmers on the future of agriculture and land use**

**Marion Picot**, Secretary General, European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA)

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**17:00 Panel discussion followed by Q&A with the audience**

**Moderation: Simon Friedrich Klatt**, EU editor, AGRA Europe

**Christine Chemnitz**, Director, Agora Agriculture

**Marion Picot**, Secretary General, CEJA

**Ricard Ramon Sumoy**, Acting Head of Unit, Policy Perspectives, DG AGRI

**Theun Vellinga**, Senior researcher, Wageningen University & Research

*Panellist on bioeconomy requested*

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**18:00 Reception and continuation of the discussion**

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