

Knowledge for Young Farmers

15-16 October 2015, Brussels



Indicative Agenda

Albert Borschette Congress Centre (Room 0A, 1st floor. Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels)

Day 1: 15th October

Time	Programme 15 October 2015
13.30-14.30	Registration and welcome buffet lunch
	Opening speech <i>Director-General of DG AGRI, Jerzy Bogdan Plewa (tbc)</i>
14.30-14.45	Introduction to the Pilot project Exchange schemes for young farmers Ecorys undertook with LEI and Aequator a study on the needs of and exchange schemes for young farmers and drafted a guidance for exchange schemes for young farmers. The results are launched at this conference. <i>Atze Verkennis, project director, and Marie-Jose Zondag, project manager, Ecorys (Netherlands)</i>
14.45-15.30	First session (I): The needs of young farmers in Europe <i>Carolien de Lauwere, LEI, WUR (Netherlands)</i> The needs of young farmers will be presented, based on interviews with 2205 European young farmers, literature review and focus groups in EU28. You will get insight in what are their needs for knowledge, if this differs throughout Europe and what sources they use to obtain information.
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17.00	First session continued (II): The needs of young farmers in Europe Moderated by: <i>Marie-Jose Zondag, Ecorys (Netherlands)</i> Young farmers will reflect on their needs for knowledge in a panel discussion and give examples of how they obtain and update their knowledge. The panel consists of (tbc): <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ <i>European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA) (tbc)</i>✓ <i>Association of Slovak Young Farmers (Slovakia) (tbc)</i>✓ <i>policy officer at Ministry of Agriculture (Italy) (tbc)</i>✓ <i>Head of the department for agriculture policy at the Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment (Slovenia) (tbc)</i> In an interactive session there will be the possibility to ask questions and discuss in smaller groups.
17.00	Closing of the day by DG AGRI Chair
17.15	Shuttle to the Hotel Bloom
17.30	Dinner cocktail at the Hotel Bloom

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Day 2: 16th October

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09.30	Opening of the day
09.30-11.00	<p>Second session: The existing exchange schemes for young farmers <i>Peter Sloot, Aequator (Netherlands) and Andreas Pauer, Ecorys (Belgium/Austria)</i></p> <p>You will get an overview of the exchange schemes that exist throughout EU and also several within OECD countries. You will get insight in the different type of exchange schemes, different scope, good and bad practices of exchange schemes. After the presentation there will be short presentations from participants and hosts of exchange schemes and possibility to ask questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ <i>Hans-Henrik Jørgensen, Scheme manager Travel 2 Farm (Denmark)</i>✓ <i>Dessislava Dimitrova, Participant in exchange scheme Slow Food (Bulgaria)</i>✓ <i>Charlotta Hibbs, Host in Agriventure exchange scheme (USA, Sweden)</i>✓ <i>WWOOF, Scheme Manager (Romania) (tbc)</i>
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.30	<p>Third session: Launching guidance on exchange schemes for young farmers <i>Peter Sloot, Aequator (Netherlands) and Andreas Pauer, Ecorys (Belgium/Austria)</i></p> <p>The Guidance document on drafting or improving exchange schemes for young farmers will be launched and presented. There will be a discussion with several stakeholders on how to proceed with exchange schemes for young farmers, followed by a debate and voting with the audience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ <i>Erasmus for young entrepreneurs (tbc)</i>✓ <i>DG AGRI (tbc)</i>✓ <i>Bastiaen Viaene, Groene Kring (young farmer) (Belgium)</i>✓ <i>President ELARD (Czech Republic)</i>
13.30- 13.45	Closing of the conference
13.45-15.00	Lunch break