

Stakeholder Event on Future Challenges of Agriculture 6th - 7th December 2022

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Introduction

DG AGRI and USDA collaborate and organise joint activities such as seminars, workshops, and meetings to share information and practices, engage with key stakeholders, and promote ties between the agricultural sectors of both sides of the Atlantic. At the December event, US and EU stakeholders will engage in both structured dialogue and informal networking about the challenges facing agriculture and how the <u>Collaboration Platform on Agriculture</u> (CPA) can be used to address those challenges, in the presence of representatives of USDA and DG AGRI.

Event concept

Objectives of the event:

- To allow EU and US stakeholders to share knowledge and experience and express opinions on agricultural issues alongside DG AGRI and USDA.
- To recap and give feedback on 2022 CPA activities and evaluate their relevance to stakeholder needs.
- To promote a dialogue between US and EU stakeholders and agricultural administrations to continue building mutual understanding and trust.
- To share knowledge and experience about agricultural practices on both sides of the Atlantic, including participation in a field trip to see how such practices are being implemented in Europe.
- To seek stakeholders' views on the 2023 CPA work program.
- To attend the EU Outlook on Agriculture Event on 8th and 9th December.

Time and place:

• 6th and 7th of December 2022 – 1-day workshop in the Borschette Centre, rue Froissart, Brussels; 1-day field trip to France

Format:

• In person discussion with streaming in 6 languages.

Target audience:

• Up to 100 (50 for field trip). Representatives of stakeholder groups from the EU and US as well as representatives of DG AGRI and USDA.

How to allow interaction among participants:

A format that allows interaction rather than speeches will be favored. Both days will provide opportunities for individual networking.

Field Trip

The purpose of the field trip is to get out of the conference room and see how European agriculture is meeting present sustainability challenges and planning to meet future ones. Issues covered could include cropping patterns, precision agriculture and models for innovation knowledge transfer.



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Day 1: 6th December 2022, 9:00 – 18:00 – Conference at Albert Borschette Conference Centre

8.30 - 9.30	Registration, Meet & Greet, Breakfast.
9.30 – 10.00	Opening remarks:
	- DG AGRI
	- USDA
10.00 - 11.00	Recapture and building on 2022 webinars. US and EU reporters.
	Agricultural Productivity 5':
	Soil health 5':
	Food security 5':
	Greenhouse gas emissions from livestock 5':
	Moderated panel discussion among US and EU stakeholders with participation from
	audience and via Slido.
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.30	Do we agree on the challenges facing agriculture?
	Moderated panel discussion among US and EU stakeholders with participation from
	audience and via Slido.
12.30 – 14.00	Networking lunch
14.00 – 15:15	How best to face up to future common challenges?
	Moderated panel discussion among US and EU stakeholders with participation from
	audience and via Slido.
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 16.30	How can the CPA improve transatlantic cooperation on agriculture?
	Moderated panel discussion among US and EU stakeholders with participation from
	audience and via Slido.
16.30 – 17.00	Summary and Conclusions
17.00 – 17.10	Information on field trip
17.30	Cocktail

^{*}Panellist names to be proposed by Stakeholder groups in coordination with USDA and DG AGRI

Day 2: 7th December 2022 – Field trip to France by Bus

The program will highlight work done to address current and future concerns for EU agriculture and contact with agribusiness.

07.30	Group meeting at Bus
	Commuting
10.30	INRAe, 80200 Estrées-Mons
	Guided Tour and discussion. Soil carbon, reduction of inputs, plant breeding, crop rotation.
12:30	Networking lunch, 80200 Estrées-Mons
	Discussion on knowledge transfer and farm innovation.
14.00	Ferme digitale d'Arvalis, Villers-Saint-Christophe
	Research, innovation and knowledge transfer in the digital sphere.
16.30	End of field trip
	Commuting
19.30	Arrival in Brussels, End of Event

8th and 9th December 2022 – <u>EU Agriculture Outlook Conference</u>