



European Food Forum Event
"European research and innovation
for the Agri Food Sector beyond 2020"

9 December 2020

Hosting MEPs:

Asim ADEMOV (EPP, Bulgaria)
Franc BOGOVIČ (EPP, Slovenia)
Petros KOKKALIS (GUE/NGL, Greece)
Irene TOLLERET (Renew Europe/France)

Moderator: Svetlana Boyanova – Chairperson Institute for Agrostrategies and Innovations

Draft PROGRAMME

10:00 - 10:05

Opening remarks: MEP Asim ADEMOV

10:05 – 10:15

Isidro Laso Ballesteros - Cabinet Expert at Cabinet of Commissioner Mariya Gabriel for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

10:15 - 10:30

Peter WEHRHEIM – HoU Bioeconomy and Food Systems DG Research & Innovation EU Commission
"EU Policy framework for R&I in the agri-food sector"

Q&A

10:30– 10:45

Mr Jan HÜCKMANN – Policy Officer Robotics and Artificial Intelligence A1 Unit DG CNECT
"Digital Europe Programme: agri-food sector & testing and experimentation facilities"

Q&A

"INNOVATION IN PRACTICE along the food supply chain"

10:45– 11:10

PANEL 1 - DIGITAL INNOVATION - Precision farming, IoT and New Breeding Techniques.

- **Jürgen VANGEYTE** - Research institute for agriculture fisheries and food (expert in AgTech) - Belgium
- **Ferran ROURE** - Responsible of the perception line in the Robotics & Automation Unit, at EURECAT – Spain.
- **Oana DIMA Oana DIMA** Science Policy Manager, VIB-UGent Center for Plant Systems Biology, EU-SAGE (European Sustainable Agriculture through Genome Editing) network.
- Comments from **MEP Irene Tolleret**

Q&A

11:10– 11: 40

PANEL 2 - FOOD INNOVATION Agri-food start-up and Blockchain

- **Ayca DUNDAR** - SoloBlue - EIT Food 1st Prize 2020 Food Innovation
- **Grigoris CHATZIKOSTAS** - VP for Business Development in FoodScale Hub
- **Borre MOOLENAAR**, Global Digital Product line Leader at Cargill

Q&A

11:40 – 12: 20

PANEL 3 - Smart villages and digital innovation hubs: green and digital transition for the quality of life in rural areas

- **Prof. Emilija STOJMENOVA DUH** – Head of Public, Private, People Partnership Digital Innovation Hub – 4P DIH and FabLab Network Slovenia coordinator
- **Dr. ir. George BEERS**, SmartAgriHubs Project Coordinator and Project manager at Wageningen University & Research
- **Professor Evangelos HRISTOFOROU** Agribator in Peloponnese, Greece, the Center of Excellence and the Digital Innovation Hub in Agriculture of Peloponnese Region.

Comments from **MEP Franc Bogovič**

Q&A

12:20 – 12:30

Conclusions by **MEP Petros Kokkalis**