



European Food Forum Event

**“Consequences of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine,
from the supply and demand sides at
European and International level.”**

11 May 2022 (11h00–13h00 CET)

Zoom meeting

Hosting MEPs

EFF Chair, MEP Mrs. Roza Thun und Hohenstein

MEP Mr. Asim Ademov

MEP Mr. Brando Benifei

MEP Mr. Franc Bogovič

MEP Mr. Salvatore De Meo

MEP Ms. Alessandra Moretti

MEP Ms. Marlene Mortler

MEP Ms. Christine Schneider

MEP Ms. Michaela Šojdrová

Event description:

Just when our societies and economies were starting to regain pace after a two-year recession caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine is adding to the woes of global economic recovery and putting massive pressure on the functioning of supply chains. The first disruptions in the form of higher energy and food prices and scarcity of certain products have immediately followed.

Beyond the suffering and humanitarian crisis caused, the economic impact of the current war is leading to higher prices for commodities, such as food and energy, pushing inflation further up. According to the IMF, food costs have jumped, with wheat, for which Ukraine and Russia make up 30 percent of global exports, reaching historical record. Europe, and particularly neighboring countries, are coping with disrupted trade, supply chains and social pressure from the refugee crisis. Outside Europe, the ongoing war is sending shock waves across developing countries as well. Egypt, for example, imports about 80 percent of its wheat from Russia and Ukraine. An UNCTAD rapid assessment of the war in Ukraine’s impact on trade and development has confirmed a rapidly worsening outlook for the world economy, underpinned by rising food, fuel and fertilizer prices.

This event, organized by the European Food Forum, will look at the consequences of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, both from the supply and demand sides. It will focus on how companies in the food sector are coping with disrupted supply chains and trade routes and analyze the impact on commodity prices, and how this may lead to long-lasting effects on our consumption habits. Special attention will be paid to the implications of the crisis for developing countries. The impact on the legislative agenda and current EU’s sustainability goals (Farm-to-Fork and Green Deal) will be also featured in the discussion.



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Moderator: Angelo di Mambro (Journalist ANSA)

Draft PROGRAMME

- 11:00 - 11:10 Opening remarks **EFF Chair, MEP Mrs. Roza Thun und Hohenstein, MEPs Michaela Šojdrová, Brando Benifei and Asim Ademov**
- 11:10 – 11:20 Key note speech
Taras KACHKA
Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Trade and Agriculture Ukraine
- Comments by MEP Alessandra Moretti**
- 11:25 – 12:10 **Panel 1 - The impact of the Ukraine-Russia war in the Food Supply chain**
- **Tiffanie Stephani** - Director, European Government Relations and External Communications Yara International
 - **Petr Krogman** - Owner and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Agromino
 - **Iliana Axiotiades** - Secretary General COCERAL
 - **Louis Hinzen** - Senior manager FoodDrinkEurope
 - **Miriam Schneider** – Director EU Affaires BVLH
- Q&A
- Comments by MEP Christine Schneider**
- 12:10 – 12:55 **Panel 2 - Food demand: How do we establish lasting food security?**
- **Leonard Mizzi** – HoU Sustainable Agri-Food systems and Fisheries DG INTPA EU Commission
 - **Arnaud Petit** - Director International Grains Council
 - **Wandie Kazeem**, CEO Wandieville, Founder Nutrition Conversation Africa.
 - **H.E. Dr. Badr Abdel Aty** – Head of Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the EU and Ambassador in Brussels
- Q&A
- Comments by MEP Marlene Mortler**
- 12:55– 13:00 Conclusions by **MEP Franc Bogovič and MEP Salvatore De Meo**