

European Food Forum Event

**“Innovation in the agri-food chain to
improve the sustainability of the EU food
system” -**

15 July 2021

Event Hosted by:

MEP Asim ADEMOV
MEP Clara AGUILERA
MEP Brando BENIFEI
MEP Christine SCHNEIDER
MEP Irene TOLLERET

Moderator: Prof. Vladislav H. Popov, PhD Vice-rector Science and Projects - Agricultural University of Plovdiv

14:00 – 14:20

Opening remarks: MEPs Mr. Ademov, Ms. Aguilera, Mr. Benifei, Ms. Tolleret

14:20- 14:40

Sabine Juelicher

Director for food and feed safety, innovation DG for Health and Food Safety EU Commission
“EU Commission study on NGTs, conclusions and follow-up”.

Comments from **MEP Ms. Schneider**

Q&A

14:40- 15:15

Panel 1 - Latest developments in the EU on innovative technologies and case studies on innovation in different sectors of the food chain

André van Wageningen

Director Public Affairs – DSM

“Innovations supporting Farm-To-Fork ambitions”

Deborah Piovan

President of the Working Group of protein and oil crops – Confragricoltura

“Farmers' experiences and challenges”.

Dominic Widmer

Speaking on behalf of CropLife Europe, Business Sustainability Growth Strategies Lead EAME- Syngenta

“Digital Label Compliance: a game changer for crop protection and sustainable food production”

15:15 - 15:55

Panel 2 – Main issues and watch-out for innovation in the EU agri-food chain and how to overcome them

Christoph Then

Executive Director at Testbiotech

Piet van der Meer

Professor Faculty of Sciences and Bioengineering Sciences, Free University Brussels

Marta Messa

Slow Food

Director of the European Office & Member of the International Council

15:55- 16:00

Conclusions by MEPs Mr. Ademov, Ms. Aguilera, Ms. Schneider, Ms. Tolleret