



FARM TO FORK **2021 CONFERENCE**



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'Building sustainable food systems together'

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS



PILAR AGUAR FERNANDEZ

Director for Health and food audits and analysis, DG for Health and Food Safety

Ms. Aguar joined the EC working for the DG for Health & Consumers on evaluation of the performance of national authorities and food safety control systems in 2001.

From 2005 to 2012, she was involved in development and management of European Research Programmes in DG Research & Innovation in the area of Industrial Technologies.

From 2012 to 2017, she was Head of Unit at the Joint Research Centre. Her portfolio included developing testing methodologies for policymakers in the framework of EU legislation on chemicals and consumer products and working on safety and risk benefit assessments of nanomaterials, nanomedicines and health technologies.

In 2017, she returned to DG Research & Innovation, managing European research programmes in health and environment, health innovations and health systems.



RASCHAD AL-KHAFAJI

Director, FAO Brussels Office

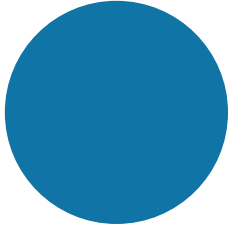
Mr Al-Khafaji, a national of Austria, holds a Master of Arts in Economics from the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration (WU). Mr Al-Khafaji has 25 years of UN experience. He joined FAO in 2003 and prior to his appointment as FAO Director in Brussels, he served as Special Assistant of the FAO Director-General.

FAO MANDATE

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.

Their goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives

FAO seeks to support the 2030 Agenda through the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind.



TARIFA A. ALZAABI

Acting Director General, ICBA

Dr. Tarifa A. Alzaabi joined ICBA as Deputy Director General in August 2019. She has 20 years of executive and leadership experience in higher education institutions, developing services and strategies through innovation, research, and capacity development.

As a social scientist, in her current role with ICBA, Dr. Tarifa A. Alzaabi promotes for sustaining food security systems and modernization of agriculture through capacity development, women and youth engagement, as well as agripreneurship. She has launched several programs focused on capacity development such as the ICBA's Youth Engagement Society (ICBA YES) and contributed to the development of the Arab Women Leaders in Agriculture (AWLA) fellowship program and the training of AWLA fellows.

Dr. Tarifa Alzaabi is a graduate of the UAE Government Leaders Program (Executive Leadership) and is certified as a trainer by the UAE Government Leaders Program to represent the UAE internationally and deliver training to local and foreign governments.

She holds a Ph.D. in Education (Management and Educational Leadership) from the British University of Dubai and an Executive MBA in Business Administration with honors from the University of Sharjah and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration from Higher Colleges of Technology.

Dr. Tarifa A. Alzaabi has represented the UAE in various local and international conferences and has co-authored several education-focused studies and academic papers.



YUTAKA ARAI

Vice-Minister, Japan

EDUCATION: Graduated from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

April 1987: Joined Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries(MAFF)

April 2014: Director, Administration Division, Fisheries Policy Planning Department, Fisheries Agency

July 2015: Vice Governor, Yamanashi Prefecture

July 2017: Deputy Director-General for Export Promotion, Food Industry Affairs Bureau

July 2018: Director-General, Food Industry Affairs Bureau

April 2019: Director-General, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau

July 2021: Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Minister's Secretariat



TOM ARNOLD

Head of EU High Level Expert Group
(International cooperation on food system science)

Tom Arnold currently serves as Chair, EU Commission's High Level Expert Group to assess the Need for an International Platform for Food Systems Science (IPFSS); the Irish Government's Special Envoy for Food Systems; Member of the Champions Network for the UN Food Systems Summit (FSS); Member, Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition (GloPan); Member, Board of Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN); Member, Malabo Montpellier Panel.

He has previously served as Chair, Irish 2030 Agri-Food Strategy Committee; Chair, EU Commission's Task Force Rural Africa; Coordinator, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement; Director General, Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA); Chair, Irish Constitutional Convention; Chief Executive, Concern Worldwide; Chair, OECD Committee of Agriculture; Chief Economist and Assistant Secretary General, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Administrator, EU Commission. His primary degree is in agricultural economics from University College Dublin (UCD) and he has Master's degrees from the Catholic University of Leuven and Trinity College, Dublin.



KARIN ATTSTRÖM

Leader, Ramboll study

Karin Attström is a senior expert in monitoring and evaluation of public policies, currently working as a manager in Ramboll Management Consulting Belgium. She has been leading the recently concluded support study for the back-to-back evaluation and impact assessment of the Sustainable Use Directive, launched by DG SANTE.

Karin has over 15 years of experience working for EU institutions and other multilateral organisations, as a senior expert and project manager in evaluations and related assignments. Ms Attström's background is in Social Sciences (MSc in Psychology).



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JOHN BELL

Director «Healthy Planet», DG for Research & Innovation

Dr John Bell is the "Healthy Planet" Director in DG Research & Innovation. He is responsible for leading the Research and Innovation transitions on Climate Change within planetary boundaries, Bioeconomy, Food Systems, Environment and Biodiversity, Oceans and Arctic, Circular Economy, Water and Bio-based innovations. This includes harnessing the investments of €10 billion Horizon Europe, Circular Bioeconomy, the EU Bioeconomy Strategy, and Governing Board of €3.7 billion in Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking.

A native of Dublin, Ireland, he was educated at University College Dublin and Doctorate (D. Phil.) at St John's College, Oxford University. During his E.C. career he has worked in External Relations Public Administration reform and on Poland's accession to the EU. Dr Bell was a member of the Cabinet of Commissioner David Byrne with responsibility food safety, tobacco control and public health. He was Chef de Cabinet to European Commissioner Meglena Kuneva on Consumer Affairs. As Chef de Cabinet to Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn on Research and Innovation, he was responsible for delivering Horizon 2020. Until 2019, he was Director of Bioeconomy, delivered the EU Bioeconomy Strategy and policy initiatives including FOOD2030 and the Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance.



AXELLE BODOY

Global Milk & Farming Sustainability Manager, Danone

Axelle Bodo graduated as an agronomy engineer, followed by an international Master in Rural Development. She started her career focusing on sustainable agricultural development and carbon mitigation projects in several areas of the world (Madagascar, Indonesia...). In 2012, she joined Danone. Driven by the interest of implementing sustainability within operations and decision making, she took action in different roles in the milk purchasing department, in France and then in Belgium, focusing on the development of long term contract models with dairy farmers to support and foster farm efficiency and resilience. During the same period she co-designed and started an innovative project financed by the Danone Ecosystem Fund to co-create solutions for manure management.

Since September 2016, Axelle is leading and coordinating Danone sustainable farming programs in 17 countries, with a strong focus on monitoring and reduction of the milk CO2 footprint, directly linked with improvement of soil health of dairy and crop farms. She also takes part in different methodology groups, such as the Cool Farm Alliance, the Carbon sequestration initiative co-lead with another 5 major dairy companies, and the dairy group of SAI platform that she chaired in 2019 and 2020.



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ALEKSANDER BOMBERSKI

Director, Agricultural Advisory Center in Brwinów

Phd Engineer Aleksander Bomberski graduate of the Bydgoszcz University of Technology in the field of agrobiotechnology and biotechnology in animal production. He completed postgraduate management studies at the WSB University in Toruń. Under the supervision of prof. dr hab. eng. Sławomir Zawisza defended his scientific dissertation in the field of agricultural economics and consulting in agribusiness at the Bydgoszcz University of Technology.

Author of several articles and publications in the field of innovation in agriculture and the creation of multi-stakeholder structures for the development of rural areas. Employee of the National Network Team for Innovation in Agriculture and Rural Areas as part of the Agricultural Advisory Center Warsaw branch office.

As the main specialist, he acts as the National Innovation Broker, conducting trainings, consultations, workshops and conferences for farmers, entrepreneurs, scientists and advisers throughout the country. Board member of the European Agricultural Advisory Forum (EUFRAS). Expert of grant committees at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences. Innovation and Knowledge Officer under EIP-AGRI Network.



GABRIELA BUCHER

Executive Director, OXFAM

Gabriela Bucher is Executive Director of Oxfam International, a global network which fights inequality to end poverty and injustice. Ms Bucher is an experienced social justice leader and deeply committed to gender equality and human rights, and to tackling economic inequality. Ms Bucher, who grew up in Cali, Colombia, is a champion for feminist leadership and believes in the power of collaboration.

She worked alongside children and communities affected by Colombia's decades-long armed conflict and contributed to peace building and youth active citizenship, influencing the country's approach on restorative justice for children.

Prior to Oxfam, Ms. Bucher was the Chief Operating Officer at Plan International, and led Fundación Plan Colombia.



CLAIRE BURY

Deputy Director General for Food sustainability, DG for Health and Food Safety

Claire Bury is currently Deputy Director-General in DG Health and Food Safety with responsibility for food safety and sustainability. She is also a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges. She was previously Deputy Director-General for the Digital Single Market in DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology and Director of Modernisation of the Single Market in Directorate General Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs.

Before that, she was Head of Unit for Company Law, Corporate Governance and Financial Crime in Directorate General Internal Market and Services, and Deputy Head of Cabinet to Internal Market Commissioners Charlie McCreevy and Frits Bolkestein.

An English barrister by training, she worked in the Commission's Legal Service and, before coming to Brussels, in the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



DAVID CARY

Science Advisor, PAN Europe

David Cary is a qualified Agricultural Entomologist having studied at University of Queensland, Australia. I moved to Europe in 1994 and have been active in pursuing a more sustainable agriculture. NGOs like PAN Europe need to play a big part in achieving a European agriculture that acknowledges its obligations to society and the environment. I am a member of the board of PAN Europe.

I have also been engaged by the Microbials PPP Task Force as their Science Advisor and am active in pursuing a more equitable entry of these alternative products onto the market to facilitate the ambitions of PAN and others to have European agriculture free of pesticide dependency.

I was the first and immediate past Executive Director of IBMA where I actively participated at FAO, OECD, EU institutional, and engaged with farmer organisations, academic bodies, NGOs and other stakeholders in pursuit of a modern fit-for-purpose more environmentally accountable agriculture.

We have a responsibility to not only feed, shelter and provide employment for our citizens but also provide them and importantly our future generations with a long healthy life, having less impact on the climate of the planet and the opportunity to interact and live in a biologically rich and thriving environment whilst we are responsible. This transformation and accountability is



NATHALIE CHAZE

Director for Food sustainability, international relations, DG for Health and Food Safety

Nathalie Chaze is Director for «Food sustainability, international relations» in the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission. From 2014 to 2019, she was Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis. She has worked previously in the Directorate General for Trade and was posted in the European Delegation to the WTO in Geneva before joining the Directorate General for Health, Food Safety and Consumers to become Head of Unit for Health Systems.

She is a lawyer by training.



JOANNA DRAKE

Deputy Director General for implementation impact and sustainable investment strategies, DG for Research and Innovation

Joanna Drake is Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation since October 2021. For the previous 5 years, she held the same position in the Directorate-General for Environment, working in particular on mainstreaming the European Green Deal across EC policies. A Maltese national, Ms. Drake also has a background in business and law



LAURA FERNANDEZ CELEMIN

Director General, European Food Information Council

Dr Laura Fernández Celemín holds a degree in dietetics & human nutrition and a PhD in Biomedical Sciences from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. She joined EUFIC in 2002 fulfilling different roles in the organisation before taking its leadership in 2015. Her role as Director General of EUFIC includes inspiring a team of 25+ and making a difference in people's lives through designing strategies to increase the impact of evidence-based accessible content in Europe.

Laura is a Trustee of the European Foundation of Dietetics and Nutrition (EuFoDiN), Editorial Board Member of the Nutrition Bulletin, Chair of the Stakeholder Advisory Board of the Joint Programming Initiative Heathy Diet for Healthy Life (JPI HDHL), and Scientific Committee Member of the Sabri Ülker Research Foundation. She has published several manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, trade magazines and other specialised press, and given numerous presentations about EUFIC, EUFIC's research, EU-project research and other topics to various audiences.

EUFIC is a 25-years old non-profit organisation that aims to improve citizen's understanding of food and health topics by providing engaging science-based information to inspire and empower healthier and more sustainable food and lifestyle choices. More information can be found at www.eufic.org.



ANDREA FONTANA

EU Ambassador to the UAE

Professional Experience

Mr Fontana started his career in international finance in 1992, working as Relationship Manager at Citibank in Frankfurt (Germany).

After this experience, Mr Fontana joined the EU, where he has been working for over twenty five years in different positions in external relations, dealing with the political, cultural, economic, trade and development aspects of bilateral relations.

From 2015 to 2019, Mr Fontana served as EU Ambassador / Head of Delegation to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In this position, he drew from his experience in economics, development and foreign affairs to promote stronger ties between Jordan and the EU, in line with the advanced status of bilateral relations, dealing with political issues, press and communication, culture and research, trade, investment and economic and social co-operation.

On 12 November 2019, Ambassador Fontana presented to HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, the letter accrediting him as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the European Union to the United Arab Emirates. In 2020, Ambassador Fontana was appointed as European Union Commissioner-General for EXPO 2020 Dubai.

Mr Fontana holds a Master degree in economics from Bocconi University (Milan) where he specialised in transition economics with a thesis on the economic transition of Russia. Mr Fontana completed his studies with courses at Cologne University (Germany), the London School of Economics (UK), the Harvard Kennedy School of Government (USA) and the Centre for Creative Leadership (Belgium).



THAIS ZYLBERSZTAJN FONTES

Senior Relationship Manager F&A Networks, Rabobank

Thais Zylbersztajn Fontes is a veterinarian, holds a post-graduation degree in Quality Management, and received an MBA with a focus in Agribusiness from USP. She joined Rabobank Brazil in 2012, and in 2017 assumed the Manager position of the Socio-environmental area where she was responsible for implementing the strategy of sustainability value both internally and in clients and other stakeholders.

In 2021 moved to The Netherland to join the Food And Agri Networks team where she is responsible for the public and private connections specially on Soil Health and Carbon propositions.



PROF. LOUISE O. FRESCO

President, Wageningen University & Research Executive Board

Louise O. Fresco is the President of the Executive Board of Wageningen University & Research in The Netherlands. Louise combines a long academic career as a professor at Wageningen and other institutions with an extensive involvement in policy and development, with many programs in Africa, Asia and Latin America and teaching in Sweden, Belgium and the US.

Louise O. Fresco is a member of eight Scientific Academies and holds four honorary doctorates. Ten years of her career were spent at the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN.

She is a non-Executive Director on the board of Syngenta as well as of various philanthropies while previously she served on the supervisory boards of companies like Rabobank and Unilever and at the board of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra. Her successful book “Hamburgers in Paradise, the stories behind the food we eat” was translated in several languages. In total she published thirteen books of fiction and non-fiction, and she also writes a bi-weekly column in NRC, the leading evening paper of The Netherlands. She presented a six part documentary on food and development for Dutch public television. You may have seen her TED talk in Palm Springs in 2009.



MELLA FREWEN

Director General, FoodDrink Europe

Mella Frewen is Director General of FoodDrinkEurope, representing Europe’s largest manufacturing industry.

Her previous positions include Director for Government Affairs EMEA at Monsanto and Director, International Relations for the Eridania Béghin-Say Group.

Ms. Frewen has represented the food industry in numerous Advisory and Standing Committees of the EU Commission; she is member of the Commission’s High-Level Steering Board for the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity, and of the EU Commission’s High-Level Group for Sustainable Development. She is also a member of the Scientific Jury for the EU’s Competition for Young Scientists. Ms. Frewen is Vice President of the FAO/OECD Advisory Group for Responsible Business Conduct along Agricultural Supply Chains and is involved in several food industry-related Boards.

She has worked in the Agri-food sector in Europe for close to 30 years. She has a Master of Science degree from the National University of Ireland and worked a post-graduate course at the University of Brussels (ULB). She also holds a Harvard certificate on Agribusiness and an INSEAD certificate on International Operations Management.



MARTIN FRICK

Deputy to the Special Envoy for the UN Food Systems Summit

Martin Frick is the Deputy of the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Food System Summit 2021. He served before as the Senior Director of UN Climate Change where he was overseeing the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the secretariat's Climate Action work.

As Programme Director for former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's Foundation, he developed the founding narrative of climate justice. He previously served as Director for Climate Change at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He was the German representative for human rights and humanitarian affairs at the UN General Assembly and served as the European Union's lead negotiator in the establishment of the UN Human Rights Council. As Ambassador to the international organizations based in Germany, he helped building up the UN's sustainability hub in Bonn. He holds a PhD in Law from Regensburg University and was a guest lecturer at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.



CHRISTINE FUELL

Senior Technical Officer, FAO

Dr. Christine Fuell is biologist and ecotoxicologist by training.

She works as Senior Technical Officer at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in Rome, Italy. Ms Fuell leads one of the Teams in FAO's Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP) and coordinates the FAO-part of the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat.

Ms Fuell has more than 25 years of experience in pesticide risk assessment, organization of multistakeholder meetings and working groups on pesticide related topics and project management gained in national and international contexts.

Prior to FAO Ms Fuell was Deputy Head of Unit at the European Food Safety Authority (Parma, Italy), coordinated a multilateral project on hazardous substances at the Helsinki Commission (Helsinki, Finland) and carried out pesticide risk assessments at the German Environment Agency (Berlin, Germany).



PEDRO GALLARDO

Chair of the Phytosanitary Questions group, Copa-Cogeca

Pedro Gallardo is a 4th generation farmer from Cádiz, Andalucía, one of the biggest regions in Spain. His farm, Cortijo Carvajal, produces cereals and oilseeds and holds nearly 450 hectares of sunflower, rape seed, wheat, durum wheat, maize and beans.

Pedro studied a Master Degree in Management and Business in Cádiz University, before pursuing a Course on Leadership and Management in the Francisco de Vitoria University in Madrid

He is currently President of ASAJA Cádiz, the farmers' organization for young farmers and producers in his region. He is also President of the Spanish Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture (ALAS). Besides and more at international level, he is currently Vicepresident of Copa, representing EU farmers from Brussels, and Chair of two Working Parties in Copa and Cogeca: Oilseeds and Protein Crops, and Phytosanitary Questions.

Among his future projects, we would want to start a grape vineyard.



MONIQUE GOYENS

Director General, BEUC

As Director General of BEUC, Monique represents 46 independent national consumer associations in 32 European countries, acting as a strong consumer voice in Brussels, ensuring that consumer interests are given weight in the development of policies and raising the visibility and effectiveness of the consumer movement through lobbying EU institutions and media contacts.

As a consumer expert and advocate, and on behalf of BEUC, Monique is a member of the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance and of the Euro Retail Payments Board. She is a member of the European Commission's Consumer Policy Advisory Group, High-Level Roundtable on the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, and Structured Dialogue on Security of Medicines Supply. She is also a member of the Advisory Group on Noncommunicable Diseases of WHO-Region Europe. Previously, she was a member of the expert group on "Online Disinformation" (2018), the expert group on "trade agreements" (2018-2019), the EU High Level Forum for the Capital Market Union (2020) and sub-group on Artificial Intelligence, Connected Products and other new Challenges in Product Safety (2020). She was also Vice-Chair of the European Advisory Board of the Open Society Foundations (2017-2020).

In her capacity as BEUC Director General, Monique is currently EU Co-Chair of the Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD) a network of EU and US consumer organisations, and she also represents BEUC at Consumers International, the international consumer organisation.

Apart from championing consumers' rights, Monique's passions/challenges are her family & cooking for friends.



ABDUL KARIM HANIF

Moderator

Abdul Karim is a multicultural and a homegrown talent of the UAE, with over 8 years of experience in Broadcast Journalism.

Currently, Abdul presents the morning breakfast talk-show 'Morning Majlis,' on Pulse 95 Radio and is also a multimedia journalist for UAE's national news outlet Khaleej Times. An allrounder when it comes to presenting, Abdul covers current affairs, news developments as well as sports and leisure stories for the media outlets.

The international upbringing in the UAE and UK has developed Abdul's ability to speak English, Urdu and Arabic.

On the sidelines of his broadcast career, Abdul also works as an Emcee/Event Host and has hosted events ranging from product launches, forums, sports competitions, national day ceremonies for embassies, business conferences and internal corporate events.



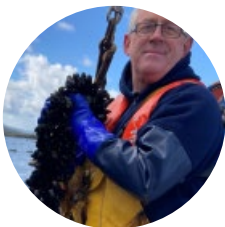
TASSOS HANIOTIS

Acting Deputy Director General, DG for Agriculture and Rural Development

Tassos Haniotis is Acting Deputy Director General for «Strategy, Simplification and Policy Analysis» in the DG for Agriculture and Rural development of the European Commission (and currently also Acting Deputy Director-General for Directorates ABC, DG AGRI). During his 30-year career in the European Commission he has also held posts as Acting Director for Direct Payments, Head of Unit in the Agricultural Policy Analysis and Perspectives Unit and the Agricultural Trade Policy Analysis Unit in DG AGRI, as Deputy Head of Cabinet of former European Commissioner for Agriculture Franz Fischler, and as Agricultural Counsellor in the European Commission's Delegation in the US.

Tassos holds Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Economics from the University of Georgia in the U.S., and a B.A. in Economics from the Athens University of Economics and Business in his native Greece, and was a visiting Fellow at the Centre for European Agricultural Studies, Wye College, University of London.

A member of the Executive of the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium during 2012-14, Tassos currently represents the European Commission in the G20's Rapid Response Forum, which he chaired in 2020-21.



JOHN HARRINGTON

Managing Director, Kush sea farms, Ireland on sustainable aquaculture

John Harrington is the pioneer who put the first organic rope mussels on the market under Kush Seafarms Ltd. A former teacher who has spent his working life at rope mussels since 1987. The owner of Kush Seafarms Ltd, which operated in Kenmare Bay in the South West of Ireland. John Harrington is a former chairman of the Irish aquaculture Association, a member of the MSSC (Molluscan Shellfish Safety Committee) , a member of the SFPA (Seafisheries Protection Authority) advisory committee. John Harrington is MD of Kush Seafarms which is Naturland certified, Biosuisse Certified CQA certified (Global Sustainable Seafood Alliance) and EU Organic certified and is the most certified organic company in the world.

John Harrington is an exporter of Irish rope mussels from all production points in Ireland to mainland Europe and is well known to all shellfish importers in France Italy Spain the Netherlands and The UK. The company Kush Seafarms under the direction of John Harrington is highly regarded for its quality and service. « Naturally Fresh , Naturally on time» is the mission of the company and it delivers on that mission.



CARLA HILHORST

EVP R&D Foods & Refreshment, Unilever

Carla Hilhorst is a Food Scientist by training at the University of Wageningen in The Netherlands. She joined Unilever in 1993, starting as a product developer in the margarine category. She led and implemented a number of R&D innovations in the area of Heart Health margarine products. After a number of years, she became responsible for the Global R&D program for spreads brands like Blue Band after which she made the step to become responsible for running a global product design centre for margarine, dressings, mayonnaise and dairy. From 2009-2012 she was responsible for the Regulatory Affairs function within Unilever based in > 100 countries across the globe.

In 2012 she became the Vice President R&D Foods Europe, moved to the role of VP R&D for Savoury globally in April 2016 to subsequently become responsible for Foods R&D globally as of January 2018.

In Q4 2019 she took over the overall responsibility of Foods, Ice-Cream and Tea R&D within the Foods & Refreshment division in Unilever.



CHRISTIAN HOLZLEITNER

Head of Land use and finance for innovation unit, DG for Climate Action

Christian Holzleitner is currently Head of Unit responsible for Finance for Innovation and Land Use in the Directorate-General for Climate Action in the European Commission. Previously, he worked as assistant to the Director-General for Climate Action covering all issues related to EU and international climate policy; and at the Directorate-General for Competition in the area of State aid for services of general economic interest in the postal, transport, and health sectors.

Before joining the European Commission, Christian worked as senior manager with KPMG Germany on international transfer pricing.

Christian is an economist and holds a PhD from the University of Linz (Austria).



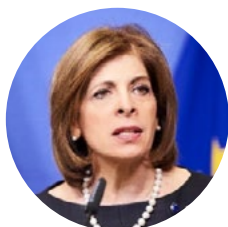
SUSANNE KÖPPEN

Study on FaST

Susanne Köppen is a senior scientist and project manager at ifeu – Institute for Energy and Environmental Research Heidelberg. She is a landscape ecologist and mainly works on modelling agricultural greenhouse gas emissions as well as greenhouse gas emissions of biofuels. She has developed several GHG calculation models for international purposes (GEF, FAO). and has participated in the BioGrace project where among other a GHG calculation tool was developed to prove compliance with the RED sustainability criteria.

Currently she works on a farm-level GHG calculation tool within the scope of the EU FaST Navigator project. Further project work relates to Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) of biomass (both material and energy use), biomass potential studies, sustainability criteria for biomass use and economic efficiency calculations in the field of bioenergy applications.

She provides trainings in the field of GHG emission calculation and its verification for legislative purposes (under the Renewable Energy Directive) and for monitoring purposes in Germany and abroad.



STELLA KYRIAKIDES

Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, European Commission Responsible for the Farm to Fork Strategy

She has been leading the Commission's work to coordinate the EU's health response to COVID19. She is responsible for the establishment of a strong European Health Union and Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. She is leading the new Farm to Fork strategy for sustainable food. Her responsibilities include enforcing EU food, animal welfare, animal and plant health laws. Previously, she was a clinical psychologist for the Cyprus Ministry of Health. In 2006-2019, she served in the Cyprus Parliament for the Democratic Rally party. She was appointed Head of the Cyprus Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). In 2017, she was elected President of the PACE.



ISIDRO LASO BALLESTEROS

Expert at Commissioner Gabriel Cabinet

Isidro is the Cabinet Expert of Commissioner Gabriel for Innovation, research, Education, culture and Youth at the European Commission. He has been a senior official at the European Commission since 2001 with responsibilities such as head of Startup Europe for 9 years and Deputy head of Innovation Ecosystems at the European Innovation Council.

From 2015 to 2019 Isidro was also nominated "Thought Leader at United Nations ITU Agency", and is member of several advisory boards to international networks of startups. He combines his professional activities with academic activities such as being "Cambridge University CSAP Continuing Fellow", visiting lecturer to CEPADE (Universidad Politecnica de Madrid) and writing books and papers which are included as citations by hundreds of academics.

After graduating as an Engineer from the Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, he set up two Innovative SMEs on software business in the Tech AgriFood area before becoming a strategy advisor to CEOs of large corporations. Afterwards he became director in charge of IT and Change Management Projects in a large corporation (Atos Origin). In 2001 he moved into the public sector where he has been mainly working on strategy and innovation within the European Commission.



DIANA LENZI

President, CEJA

Diana Lenzi is a young farmer from Tuscany where since 2008 she manages her family's winery. She cultivates and process grapes to make Chianti Classico wines, olives for EVO and ancient grains for flour and pasta. Diana has been involved and active in Confagricoltura (ANGA) since 2012, when she founded the section for Siena of which she was President for 6 years. Since then she has been President at the regional level and Vice-President at the national level from 2015 to 2019. Following that she became ANGA delegate for CEJA, targeting her experience at EU level. She is since 28 June 2021 CEJA's President.



JENNIFER LEWIS

Executive Director, International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association

Mrs Jennifer Lewis is passionate about IPM, reducing the reliance on traditional pesticides through the uptake of these integrated programmes of pest and disease control in crop production throughout Europe. Prior to IBMA, Jennifer Lewis was Head of Innovation and Development for IBMA Member Certis Europe and part of their Management Board. Certis Europe is a company involved since many years in biocontrol with a large portfolio including products from all biocontrol four groups Microbials, Macroorganisms, Natural Substances and Semiochemicals. Jennifer was responsible for the development and previously the registration of Certis' portfolio in Europe as well as already involved in IBMA as Vice Chairman of the UK branch of our association. Furthermore, Jennifer has worked on building the Certis Europe range of biocontrol products integrating them into IPM systems. She has advocated for the practicalities of reducing reliance on pesticides, while retaining agricultural yields.

Between 2005 and 2009 Jennifer was former IBMA Member BCP General Manager, a beneficial insect production company selling beneficial insects for pest control throughout Europe.

Jennifer has worked in crop protection since she graduated, including testing the environmental effects of pesticides in Brazil, the US and Australia and latterly in various marketing, regulatory and stewardship roles in the US and Europe. This broad background allows her bringing to the role the blend of experience, knowledge of the business and the technical elements as well as a shared passion for our industry.



GEOFF MEADE

Moderator

Geoff Meade is a journalist with 40 years' experience covering EU affairs, and an experienced speaker and moderator of conferences and seminars on EU issues.

He is the former Europe Editor of the Press Association, the UK and Ireland's national news agency, and still broadcasts on radio and television. He is also a well-known columnist and creator of the Brussels Press Revue, an annual comedy theatre show about the EU.



LADISLAV MIKO

EU convenor, EU Food Systems Summit citizen dialogues

At present Head of Representation of European Commission to Slovakia, former DG (acting) and DDG of DG Health and Food Safety (2011-2017), before Director for Biodiversity in DG Environment. In 2009 Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic, 2002-2005 Deputy Minister of Environment, Czech Republic. In earlier career scientist (soil biology) in Slovak Academy of Sciences and Director of Nature Department of Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

Active scientist in soil biology and ecology, teaching at Antwerp University, Belgium (Prof.) and Charles University in Prague (Associate Professor). Author of tens of scientific papers and popular articles, including co-editor of European Soil biodiversity Atlas and Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas, filmmaker of awarded film documentaries on nature management and soil biology (Geoderma-living skin of the planet Earth, Let soil stay alive).

Born 1961, married, 2 children.



BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS



CARLA MONTESI

Director Green Deal, Digital Agenda, DG for International Partnerships

Carla Montesi is Director at the European Commission's Directorate General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA), responsible for "Green Deal and Digital Agenda", covering policy areas such as climate change, environment, sustainable energy, agri-food systems, transport, technology and digitalisation. A former lawyer specialised in European affairs her earlier career encompassed diverse responsibilities in the field of EU external policy for development and cooperation, both at Headquarters and in EU Delegations in Africa. Between 1997-1999 Member of the Cabinet of Emma Bonino, EU Commissioner for External Policy and Humanitarian Affairs. Prior to 2014, Director at the DG for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. In the former DG DEVCO Director for Western and Central Africa (2014-2018) and Director for "Planet and Prosperity (2018-2021).



JAMIE MORRISON

Director Food Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO

Dr. Jamie Morrison is Director, Food Systems and Food Safety Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization. He has more than 25 years of experience in the provision of research, capacity development and technical assistance in relation to the impact of trade and economic policy reform on food security during processes of structural transformation. He was lead author of FAO's State of Agricultural Commodity Markets 2015-2016: Trade and food security: achieving a better balance between national priorities and the collective good.

Jamie is a member of the United Nations Food Systems Summit Secretariat. He holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of London, an MSc. in Agricultural Economics from Wye College, University of London and a BSc. in Agricultural Science from Massey University, New Zealand. Prior to joining FAO in 2004, he was Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Economics at Imperial College London.



DARIO NARDELLA

Mayor of Florence and President of Eurocities, the network of major European cities

Dario Nardella, born in Torre del Greco (Naples) in 1975, he graduated in Law with first class-honours at the University of Florence, where he got a Ph.D. in Public Law, Construction and Environmental Law and in violin from the "Conservatorium Cherubini" in Florence.

Professor at the University of Florence where he teaches Cultural Heritage Law, Nardella started his political career in 2004 when he was elected Councilman for the City of Florence in the Democratic Party. Before being elected once again to the City Council and appointed Vice Mayor (in 2009), Nardella served as legal advisor to the Minister of Institutional Reforms (2006-2008) and was also selected by the U.S. State Department as young Italian politician to attend the International Visitor Leadership Program. In February 2013 Nardella was elected to the Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament and Member of the Commission for tourism, industry and trade but he get back to Florence after winning primaries for the Democratic Party, in May 2014, been elected Mayor of Florence also serving as Mayor of the Florence Metropolitan City. Having this role, he has been elected as ANCI (National Association of Italian Municipalities) Coordinator for the Metropolitan Cities. Being part of Eurocities since 2003, Florence was elected member of the Executive Committee in 2015 and in 2018 Dario Nardella was elected Vice President of Eurocities. After the re-election of Mayor of Florence (2019), for his second term, in 2020 Dario Nardella was elected President of Eurocities.



BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS



MARIA NOICHL

Member of the DEVE Committee, European Parliament

Maria Noichl (S&D) is a German member of the European Parliament. She is a member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, the Committee on Development as well as the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality where she is the coordinator for the S&D group. Currently, she is also a member of the Committee of Inquiry on the Protection of Animals during Transport. Furthermore, she is Vice-President of the Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals

Maria Noichl is the S&D shadow rapporteur for the Common Agricultural Policy's Strategic Plan Regulation. Prior to her decision to run for the European Parliament, she was a representative of the Bavarian Parliament and the spokesperson for agriculture and forestry. She used to work as a teacher for nutrition and handicrafts.



LAURENT OGER

CropLife Europe

Laurent Oger is the Director for Regulatory Affairs at CropLife Europe. The association represents the highly innovative, R&D-driven crop protection and plant biotech industry in Europe. After studying European Law, Laurent worked for the French Agri Cooperative Association in Paris, then at Brussels level. He joined the European Crop Protection Association (ECPA) in 2008 which became CropLife Europe in January 2021.



JAVIER OJEDA

Chair of the Aquaculture Advisory Committee

Javier Ojeda is General Secretary of the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP) and Chair of the Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC), besides holding relations with the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee, FAO, IUCN and other relevant international organisations. He is also General secretary of the Spanish Aquaculture Farmers Association (APROMAR).

He is Vice president of the Spanish Technology Platform for Fisheries and Aquaculture (PTEPA), Counsellor at the Spanish Economic and Social Council and Chair in the Spanish Standardisation Bureau on aquaculture. From these positions he pursues the promotion of responsible aquaculture in front of public authorities, policy makers, trade unions, media, NGOs and researchers.

Javier is Biologist (University of Madrid, Spain) with a MSc degree in Oceanography (University of South Carolina, US).



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FELIPE ORTEGA SCHLINGMANN

Head of Division of Bioeconomy, EIB Project directorate

Felipe Ortega Schlingmann is Head of Division in the Bioeconomy Division within the Projects Directorate of the European Investment Bank. This Division is responsible to provide support to the operational units in the technical, economic, environmental and social due diligence of the investment proposals. It also defines the sectorial lending strategies and policies and establishes the financing eligibilities in the sectors relevant for the Division based on the Banks priority lending objectives.

Felipe Ortega, a Spanish and German, national studied Agricultural Engineering at the Polytechnic University of Madrid. He holds a Ph.D in Agronomy by the University of Bonn and an MBA by IESE-Universidad de Navarra. Before joining the EIB, Felipe Ortega worked for more than 15 years in agricultural, microbiological and chemical research, development and innovation both in the public and the private sector.



LIISA PIETOLA

Head of Environmental Affairs, Central Union of Agricultural Producers

Liisa Pietola received her Ph.D 1995 and serves also as an adjunct professor (docent) at the University of Helsinki in Agricultural Chemistry and Physics (1998-). She has 100 scientific papers and led courses on soil structure, hydrology and plant nutrition over 20 years. Currently, she is a Head of Environmental Affairs at the Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK, 2011-) and farmers/private sector representative in Finland's Committee of Sustainable Development (chair PM) 2011-.

Her responsibility focus on climate change and environmental externalities and impacts related to agriculture and forestry, such as carbon sequestration to balance greenhouse gas emissions and climate change adaptation by soil care, recycling of nutrients and water quality protection, air quality and biodiversity of agro-forestry ecosystems, including landowner's property rights and legislation proposals both in Finland and EU level.

She is vice chair (2021-) and former (2014-2018) chair of the Working Party on the Environment at Copa-Cogeca, an umbrella organization of farmers and their cooperatives in the European Union, former member of the European Commission multi-stakeholder platform on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the EU (2017-2019), and head of secretariat in the Baltic Farmers Forum on Environment (www.mtk.fi/bffe) and HELCOM (www.helcom.fi) representative (2013- 2019).

She is also an active farmer and round wood producer. Her family grows barley and wheat and has pastures and grasses on the family farm in South-Western Finland. Forests include both conservation areas and wood production areas.



JOŽE PODGORŠEK

Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food - Slovenian Presidency, Council of the European Union

Dr Jože Podgoršek was born on 17 March 1974 as the fourth child in a traditional farming family and grew up on the family farm. Having an innate understanding of agriculture and working with the soil, he began his education at the Grm Secondary School of Agriculture and continued his studies at the Biotechnical Faculty, where he obtained his doctoral degree in agricultural economics. He began his professional career in the economic sector, where he became well acquainted with vegetable production and the vegetable cultivation sector in Slovenia. While working at the company Zeleni hit d.o.o., he developed, together with his colleagues, the production of vegetables and introduced new technological solutions to Slovenian vegetable growing farms.

From 2004 to 2018 he was employed at Grm Novo Mesto – Centre for Biotechnics and Tourism, where he became familiar with the functioning of the public sector. During his time at the school he headed a group for the reform of educational programmes in agriculture, helped establish and subsequently became head of the Grm Inter-Company Educational Centre, helped establish the Grm Research and Development Institute and was head of this Institute.

In March 2015 he assumed the position of the first Food Supply Chain Relationships Ombudsman. His main tasks included monitoring actions by stakeholders in the food supply chain. In September 2018 he was appointed State Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food. He served until October 2020, when he was appointed Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food.



JACEK PODLEWSKI

Director, Large Polish cooperative

Jacek Podlewski is a manager with many years of experience. This experience is made up of many projects in the private and government sectors. For the last 8 years, he has been managing a large agricultural enterprise located in Poland.

The company deals with the production of plants (cereals, rape, corn), livestock (beef and dairy cattle and fish) and is a producer of regional products (dairy products, fish products).

He runs over 7,000 hectares.



SARA ROVERSI

President, Future Food Institute

Sara is an experienced entrepreneur and thought leader in the food ecosystem. As a seasoned growth expert, she works with globally recognized, high-profile think tanks on setting the agenda for the sustainable food industry.

Described as a game-changer who knows how to drive change, she has a flair for exploration and prosperity thinking. Over the past 10 years, she has focused on a mission to take food leaders and youth to the next phase of action through education, research projects, and innovation challenges.

In 2013, she founded Future Food: a purpose-driven ecosystem facilitating positive transformation in life on earth, promoting food innovation as a strategic element to achieve sustainable and impactful growth. She is the Italian Focal Point for the UNESCO network of the Emblematic Communities of the Mediterranean Diet, she recently co-founded the goodaftercovid19.org initiative and, among others, she is also a member of the Google Food Lab, B20 Task Force; partner, and board member of the Food For Climate League; Ambassador of the Agrifood Tech & Wellbeing thematic area of the Federated Innovation project @MIND; and President of the Scientific Committee of «Fondazione Italia Digitale».



NATHALIE SAUZE-VANDEVYVER

Director Quality policy, Research & Innovation, Outreach, DG for Agriculture and Rural Development

Since 1987, Mrs Nathalie Sauze-Vandevyver has held various positions within the services of the European Commission (Financial Control, DG Enterprise and DG AGRI). After 18 years in DG AGRI legal department, she has been nominated in October 2017 as Director of the Directorate «Quality, Research and Innovation, Outreach». Her mission is, in particular, to promote EU agricultural products while increasing awareness of EU production methods, quality and organic policy on the internal market and in third countries.'



ANNETTE SCHNEEGANS

Senior Expert, DG for Agriculture and Rural Development

Annette Schneegans is senior expert at the European Commission with an almost 20 year track record on European research policy and research funding, notably in the areas of life sciences and agriculture.

Within her current activities, Annette is responsible for research programming in the areas of crop production and natural resources. As secretariat for the Mission Board Soil Health and Food she is closely involved in the development of a Horizon Europe mission to improve soil health.

Annette has an academic background in agricultural sciences and international agricultural development with a focus on plant nutrition.



KATRINA SICHEL

Master of Ceremonies

Katrina is a London-born and bred, Brussels-based moderator and communications specialist, with a degree in French and Russian from Oxford University. As part of an eclectic career path spanning steel-trading in West Africa to business development in the post-Soviet states, she spent four years as Director and Head of Production of an award-winning broadcast PR company. Here she produced news packages for the BBC, Sky News, Channel 4, ITV, AP and Reuters, interviewing high profile figures from the arts, sport, fashion, financial and political arenas. In the early 2000s, she worked as a video producer and media trainer at a unique UK film, television, radio and theatre training facility. Delivering media and presentation training to the public and private sector, clients included BBC, Visa International, Siemens and Rolls Royce.

Since 2007 when she moved to Brussels, Katrina has moderated events covering diverse topics and policy areas. These span R&I, technology and digitisation; agriculture; aviation; environment and climate change; social affairs, human rights and development; energy, mobility and transport; fisheries and maritime affairs; and health(care). Alongside, until 2017, she managed the content design and roll-out across Europe of multimedia, multilingual communications campaigns targeting the public, and EU and national stakeholders from diverse sectors for two of Brussels' leading communications agencies working with the EU. Katrina speaks fluent French, rusty Russian and a dash of German alongside her native tongue.



ROLF SOMMER

Director Agriculture and Land Use Change, WWF

Rolf Sommer is director of the department of Agriculture and Land Use Change at WWF in Germany. Before joining WWF in 2019 he worked as Principal Scientist at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), Nairobi, Kenya.

Developing and finding sustainable management solutions addressing the complexity of achieving food and nutritional security, sustainable agricultural development, the conservation of nature, biodiversity and agro-ecosystem functioning has been at the core of his work ever since. This includes protecting or rehabilitating soil fertility and health at field level, improving the livelihoods of smallholders through improved, competitive and eco-efficient productions systems at farm level, biodiversity, nature and landscape protection and rehabilitation at the watershed /regional level, and carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation at global scale.

He holds a PhD in Agronomy and a MSc in Biology, and in the last 18 years he has published over 50 peer-reviewed articles and numerous conference proceedings and online publications (see <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=tAlw8ykAAAAJ&hl=en>).



JEAN-FRANCOIS SOUSSANA

Member of the Mission Board for Soil health and food

Jean-Francois Soussana is Vice-Chair for international of INRAE (French National Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Food). He obtained his PhD in plant physiology at USTL Montpellier in 1986 after an engineer degree in agronomy. He has led a research lab on grassland ecosystems and global change until 2009 and is member of the Working Group II of IPCC and was Lead Author for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Assessment Reports.

He coordinates national and European (EC FP5, FP7 and H2020) research projects on climate change, soils and agriculture. Dr. Soussana is member of the Climate High Level Council reporting to the French Prime Minister, member of the governing boards of the Joint Programming Initiative on agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE JPI, 22 countries) and of the Mission Board of the EC on soil health and food. Dr. Soussana was a highly cited researcher (Clarivate Analytics, 2018). He has published over 180 refereed research papers in international journals, cited close to 25,000 times (Google Scholar).

He was awarded a shared Nobel Prize for Peace (2007) (with all Lead Authors of IPCC AR4), the French civil merit for Agriculture (knight 2009, commander 2017), the Légion d'Honneur (knight, 2020) and the gold medal of the French academy for agriculture (2011).



JOANNA SULLIVAN

Moderator

Joanna is founder and CEO of Conscience Consulting, the first sustainability agency in Brussels, the first ethical advocacy agency, the first change agency. Joanna advises institutions, business and civil society on strategic communication for a better world.

Joanna came to Brussels in 1988 to work in the European Parliament and subsequently worked in corporate affairs for the world's biggest brand, and then for ten years as communication and campaign director advocating for consumer and environmental rights.

Joanna is Professor of Climate Diplomacy at the European Institute in Nice, published author on sustainability engagement, dynamic moderator of sustainability events and facilitator of intersectional policy debates. Joanna has degrees in Law and Politics and went on to study Psychology in her first maternity sabbatical.

Joanna builds bridges for inclusive sustainable societies, convenes coalitions and designs campaigns that drive positive change - striving to shape a world that is environmentally sound and socially just.



ANGEL TARANCON Director, Grupo Pastores

Master's degree in economics from the University of Zaragoza and specialising in management of social economy enterprises at the former School of Cooperative Managers at the University of Zaragoza. Son of breeders and farmers in a small village in Soria, strongly linked to rural areas and cooperatives. He started working in the cooperative on financial management in 1997 – a growth process led to the current Pastores Group.

Currently Managing Director since 2019 of the Pastors Cooperative Group.

Since 2019 Managing Director of the Pastores Cooperative Group.



FRANS TIMMERMANS Executive Vice-President, European Commission

European Commission Executive Vice President for the European Green Deal

December 2019-present: First Vice-President of the European Commission, in charge of Better Regulation,

Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights

2014-2019: Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

2012-2014: Member of the Dutch parliament, Partij van de Arbeid (Dutch Labour Party)

2010-2012 and 1998-2007: Minister of European Affairs, The Netherlands

2007-2010: Senior Advisor and Private Secretary to High Commissioner on National Minorities of the OSCE Max van der Stoep

1995-1998: Staff member of EU Commissioner Hans van den Broek

1994-1995: Deputy Head of the EC Affairs Section, Directorate-General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs., The Netherlands

1993-1994: Second Secretary, Dutch embassy in Moscow

1990-1993: Policy Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

1987-1990: Postgraduate courses in European Law and French Literature, University of Nancy

1984-1985: Degree in French language and literature, Radboud University Nijmegen



IKA VAN DE PAS

Director, Milieu Centraal - JRC Policy Lab expert group member

Ika van de Pas is Director of Milieu Centraal which is the Dutch name for the public information organization on sustainability and environment. Their mission is to enable consumers to make sustainable choices. Their information is independent, reliable, and practical.

Most of her career she worked at the Ministry of agriculture where she have been head Food Quality for several years. After this she worked 5 years at a big retailer where she was responsible for quality development policy on sustainability and health.



JANUSZ WOJCIECHOWSKI

Commissioner for Agriculture, European Commission

Member of the European Commission since 1 December 2019, responsible for Agriculture. Lawyer; Attorney.

Commissioner Wojciechowski grew up on a farm in Rawa Mazowiecka, a rural community in the Łódzkie region in central Poland. He holds a Master's degree in law, having graduated from the University of Łódź Department of Law and Administration. His professional career as a judge spanned different levels up to membership of the Supreme Court of Poland. From 1995 to 2001 he held the important post of President of the Polish Supreme Audit Office.

From 2001 to 2004, he represented the Łódzkie constituency as a Member and also Vice-Marshall of the Parliament of the Republic of Poland – the Sejm. From June 2004 until May 2016, he served three terms as a Member of the European Parliament. He sat as a Member of the European Parliament's Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals from his first term and from 2014 to 2016 he was President of the Intergroup.

From May 2016 to November 2019, he was a Member of the European Court of Auditors.

Commissioner Wojciechowski has been the author and co-author of five comments on the Polish Penal Code, as well as the author of more than 100 articles and publications on criminal law in various Polish legal magazines. He also writes on socio-legal issues.



DANIEL ZIMMER

Director Sustainable Land Use, Climate-KIC

Dr Daniel Zimmer has an engineering and hydrology background and is leading the Sustainable Land Use theme at Climate-KIC. In this position, he developed a portfolio of innovation projects aiming to accelerate the systemic transformation of land use and food supply chains in response to climate change in both mitigation and adaptation areas. He gained an in-depth and broad experience of land management issues and potential solutions. He has been before the Director of the World Water Council where he developed a global experience on water-related issues spanning from research & engineering to finance and geopolitics.

In this position he connected science, policy and water experts in multistakeholder processes aiming to address the current water crisis and implemented high level panels and political processes on adaptation. He has also managed research teams in the environment sector and developed expertise on the environmental impacts of land use. He has worked in developing countries as well as in industrial ones.



ANDY ZYNGA

CEO, EIT Food

Dr. A. M. (Andy) Zynga is the CEO of EIT Food.

Before joining EIT Food, Andy built and turned around several businesses in Europe and the USA, and most recently engineered a successful exit for Open Innovation Service Leader NineSigma, which he ran for 10 years and sold in 09/2017. The majority of NineSigma's clients are from the Agri-Food Industry.

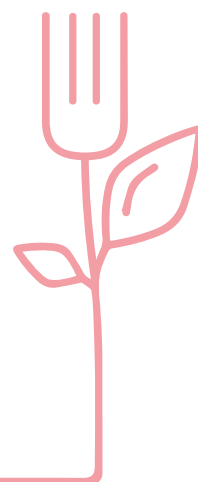
Other stations in his career include 6 years at KPMG Consulting, where he built an international telecommunication strategy practice, and 5 years at Vanco plc, where as CEO North America and Central Europe he was part of the Executive team that took the business public on the London Stock Exchange. Andy joined EIT Food as CEO in November 2018.

Andy holds a Master's degree that combines Business Administration and Mechanical Engineering from the Technical University of Berlin, and he earned a Doctorate's Degree with a thesis on (Open) Innovation Management from RWTH Aachen.



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