

Executive Course

Vision for Agriculture and Food

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Online Training

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Introduction

The CAP 2028–2034 Proposal: Priorities, Reforms, and Expected Impacts

The reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for 2028–2034 comes at a moment of significant transition for European agriculture. Farmers face rising input costs, climate-related shocks, geopolitical uncertainty, and growing expectations around sustainability. In this context, the CAP reform is more than an adjustment of financial instruments: it is a rethinking of how Europe intends to support farm incomes while strengthening competitiveness and long-term resilience.

The European Commission's factsheets introduce a substantial redesign of income support, centred on the new Degressive Area-Based Income Support (DABIS). By integrating several existing payments into a single, more coherent structure, DABIS reduces fragmentation and links income support more closely to policy objectives. Its underlying principles are clear: support should reach active farmers, be fairer and more comparable across the EU, and reflect the diversity of European farming systems. The reform prioritises structurally vulnerable groups—including young and new farmers, women, small farms, and those operating in areas with natural constraints—while mandatory degressivity and capping redirect resources away from land concentration and toward resilience-building. Member States' Partnership Plans will ultimately determine how these principles translate into practice.

It is within this evolving policy landscape that the Vision for Agriculture and Food (EC, 2025) should be understood. The Vision provides strategic direction for shaping a fairer and more competitive CAP, built around four priorities—Attractiveness, Competitiveness, Future-proofing, and Connection—which together aim to support a more dynamic, resilient, and globally connected agri-food system. It emphasises diversified trade relations, crisis preparedness, regulatory simplification, and technological innovation as essential for future resilience. Yet its operationalisation will require careful choices in areas such as climate, trade, and the bioeconomy, where economic, social, and environmental interests often intersect.

This intensive online training will engage you for three full days, exploring key elements of the CAP reform and the Vision, and helping you understand the new strategic, targeted, and forward-looking policies that will shape European agriculture.

Draft Programme

20 April	Day 1 – From the Vision to the CAP Proposal
9.30 - 9.40	Welcome Fabio Santeramo Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia Marina Cascella Florence School of Regulation, EUI
9.40 - 10.10	Lecture 1: The CAP after 2027 ? How does it follow from the Vision Ricard Ramon DG AGRI
10.10 - 10.25	<i>Break</i>
10.25 - 11.00	Lecture 2: Evolution or revolution: Assessing the Commission’s CAP 2028-2034 proposal Alan Matthews Trinity College Dublin
11.00 - 11.30	Lecture 3: CAP Reform: The regional dimension and implications for EU enlargement Stephan Cramon Taubadel University of Göttingen
11.30 - 11.45	<i>Break</i>
11.45 - 12.30	Group Activity to prepare Q&A for the panel – SWOT Analysis
12.30 - 14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14.00 - 15.15	Panel: the Vision & the new CAP Chair: Fabio Santeramo Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia Moderator: Angelo di Mambro Euroactiv Panelists Tassos Haniotis IIASA Marco Contiero Greenpeace Patrick Pagani COPA COGECA
15.15 - 15.30	Questions and Closing

22 April **Day 2 - The Single Market**

9.30 - 9.40 Welcome

Fabio Santeramo | Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia
Marina Cascella | Florence School of Regulation, EUI

9.40 - 10.10 Lecture 4: "Policy prospects"

Gijs Schilthuis | DG AGRI

10.10 - 10.25 *Break*

10.25 - 11.00 Lecture 5 : " The academic perspective"

Herve' Guyomard | INRAE

11.00 - 11.30 Lecture 6

Koen Dillen | DG AGRI

11.30 - 11.45 *Break*

11.45 - 12.30 Group Activity to prepare Q&A for the panel – Focus Group

12.30 - 14.00 *Lunch Break*

14.00 - 15.15 Panel Debate: Fairness, Competitiveness and Sustainability

Chair: **Fabio Santeramo** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia
Moderator: **Ana Camilo** | Independent Scholar

Panelists

Alan Matthews | TCD

Gordana Manevska Tasevska | SLU

Jelte Wiersma | CEMA

Fabien Santini | DG AGRI

15.15 - 15.30 Questions and Closing

24 April

Day 3 – The International arena

9.30 - 9.40 Welcome

Fabio Santeramo | Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia
Marina Cascella | Florence School of Regulation, EUI

9.40 - 10.10 Lecture 7: The Vision for Agriculture and Food – International aspects

Charlotte Sode | DG AGRI

10.10 - 10.25 *Break*

10.25 - 11.00 Lecture 8: Europe's Agro-Food Economy in a Global Context

Stefan Tangermann | University of Göttingen

11.00 - 11.30 Lecture 9: An adaptive EU trade policy in times of uncertainty

Flavio Coturni | DG TRADE

11.30 - 11.45 *Break*

11.45 - 12.30 Group Activity to prepare Q&A for the panel – Scenario Planning

12.00 - 14.00 *Lunch Break*

14.00 - 15.15 Panel debate: International challenges

Chair: **Fabio Santeramo** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia
Moderator: **James Kneebone** | ETH Zurich

Panelists

Shida Henneberry | USDA

Cedric Pene | WTO

Flavio Coturni | DG TRADE

Alice O' Donovan | CELCAA

Daria Taglioni | World Bank

15.15 - 15.30 Questions and closing remarks