



# THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANT PROTEINS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

## OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES



22 & 23 NOVEMBER 2018 - VIENNA

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European Union



Federal Ministry  
Republic of Austria  
Sustainability and Tourism



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## FOREWORD OF COMMISSIONER HOGAN

Our European agri-food sector produces food and drink to the highest standards in the world, and plant protein is an essential part of its success.

Plant proteins are not only a vital component of animal feed, but they are also increasingly popular in human food consumption, reflecting changing consumer preferences and tastes.

The current Common Agricultural Policy provides several instruments that support the production of protein crops in the EU, notably Voluntary Coupled Support and Rural Development Measures.

These measures, together with a positive market environment, have contributed to a positive trend in recent years and to increasing EU production of protein crops.

However, due to a variety of other market and climatic factors, European protein crop production is not sufficient to cover the growing demand.

The European Commission deems it essential, therefore, to address this important issue in a comprehensive manner in order to chart a sustainable way forward. Our Report on “The Development of Plant Proteins in the European Union” will serve as an important reference point for an EU-wide debate.

It is imperative that we review the supply and demand situation for plant proteins in the EU and explore possibilities to further develop their production in an economically and environmentally sound way.

Today’s conference is an important milestone in that debate. I look forward to providing the EU Commission’s perspective and hearing from other key stakeholders, all of whose views are important as we work together to address this issue and ensure the continued growth and competitiveness of European agricultural production.

**Phil Hogan**

European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development





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## FOREWORD OF FEDERAL MINISTER KÖSTINGER

In my capacity as Federal Minister for Sustainability and Tourism I would like to cordially welcome you to Vienna. Austria has made the topic “Plant proteins in the European Union” a priority of its Council Presidency. In this way I would like to launch a process, which is to enhance the development potentials and opportunities of protein plants for the production of food and feedstuffs.

Protein plants play a crucial role, in human nutrition as well as in animal feeding. More and more people are aware of the importance of plant proteins; all over Europe there is a permanent rise in demand. This opens up new economic perspectives for agricultural holdings and processing enterprises - protein plants are resistant in their cultivation, revitalise the arable crop rotation and contribute, without the application of nitrogen fertilisers, in a natural way to soil fertility.

In Austria we have succeeded in the course of the past few years in considerably expanding the cultivation and the use of domestic protein plants for all fields of application. Within the framework of our national production we rely completely on GMO-free cultivation. At European level we are a driving force for the common goal of raising the self-sufficiency with protein plants. The benefits are obvious: an improved self-sufficiency reduces the dependence on imports, strengthens our position on the global mar-

kets, reduces the worldwide CO<sub>2</sub> emissions due to shorter transport routes, and ensures the compliance with high environmental and quality standards. In this way it is to the benefit of all: environment, consumers, and agriculture.

The potential of protein plants is extraordinarily high, and by far not exhausted. If we want to seize the multifarious opportunities in the best possible way and to further develop the food and feedstuffs production in a future-oriented way, we must all pull together. The conference here in Vienna is a milestone: about 200 experts from the fields of agricultural supply chains for food and feedstuffs production, from research and consulting networks, as well as from national and regional administrations will have an in-depth exchange. The results will be integrated in the debate on the report of the European Commission on the development of plant proteins in the EU.

I would like to thank all those who participate in this conference, contribute their expert knowledge and support our commitment to this important issue. Bearing this in mind I wish you a successful event and a wonderful stay in Vienna.

**Elisabeth Köstinger**

Federal Minister for Sustainability and Tourism



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### DAY 1 - THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Moderator : **Peter Baader**, *European Commission*

**13:00–14:00** *Registration and coffee*

#### **14:00–14:30** **Keynote/Opening**

*Introduction*

**Commission Report on “The Development of Plant Proteins in the European Union”**  
**Rudolf Mögele**, *European Commission*

#### **14:30–18:00** **Thematic Panel Discussions**

*14:30–15:20*

##### **Panel 1 - Research and Innovation**

**Chris de Visser** (*workshop rapporteur*), *Wageningen University and Research Centre*  
**Johann Birschtzky**, *Saatzucht Donau*  
**Marc Cornelissen**, *PlantETP*  
**Marta Vasconcelos**, *Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Porto*

*15:20–16:10*

##### **Panel 2 - Agronomic Practices and Environmental Benefits**

**Christian Krumphuber** (*workshop rapporteur*), *Chamber of Agriculture Upper Austria*  
**Raffaella Mellano**, *Natura e Alimenta*  
**Moritz Reckling**, *ZALF (Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research)*  
**Max Schulman**, *Copa-Cogeca*

**16:10–16:30** *Coffee break*

*16:30–18:00*

##### **Panel 3 - Supply Chains and Market Segments**

**Marie-Benoit Magrini** (*workshop rapporteur*), *INRA (French National Institute for Agricultural Research)*  
**Lies Heyns**, *Alpro*  
**Matthias Krön**, *Donau Soja*  
**Roger Janson**, *Cargill*  
*EuroCommerce*

**18:30–21:00** *Networking Event (optional)*





## DAY 2 - FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Moderator : **Peter Baader**, *European Commission*

**08:00–08:30**

*Registration and coffee*

**08:30–09:30**

### High-Level Panel

**Elisabeth Köstinger**

*Austrian Federal Minister for Sustainability and Tourism*

**Phil Hogan**

*European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development*

**Ulrike Müller**

*Member of the European Parliament*

**09:30–10:15**

### Stakeholders' Perspectives I

**Farming and Supply Chains**

**Reinhard Wolf**

*Director General of Raiffeisen Ware Austria*

**Feed Industry**

**Nick Major**

*President of FEFAC (European Feed Manufacturers' Federation)*

**10:15–10:45**

*Coffee break*

**10:45–11:30**

### Stakeholders' Perspectives II

**Food, Consumer Trends and Environment**

**Andrea Kohl**

*Director of WWF European Policy Office*

**Bioeconomy and Innovation**

**Asbjørn Børsting**

*President of the National Bioeconomy Panel, Denmark*

**11:30–12:30**

### Panel discussion

*Closing by **Peter Baader**, Moderator, European Commission*

**12:30–13:30**

*Lunch*







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