

# FARMING'S GOT TALENT!

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION  
AND TRAINING FOR  
AGRICULTURE IN TRANSITION



24 NOVEMBER 2022



AGENDA

8:30 – 9:40

## REGISTRATION

9:40 – 10:40

### SESSION 1

*Opening and scene setting*

Welcome by moderator, **Katrina Sichel**

Opening remarks

- **Wolfgang Burtscher**, Director-General, Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

Keynotes: 'Skills for the twin green and digital transition in agriculture'

- **Masayasu Asai**, Agricultural Policy Analyst, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD
- **Stelina Chatzichristou**, Skills trend and intelligence, CEDEFOP - European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

### Q&A

10:40 – 11:00

## COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:00

### SESSION 2

*Vocational schools preparing the next generation of high-skilled agricultural professionals*

Experiences from EU **vocational schools** preparing the future generation of farmers, advisers and agricultural professionals ready for the twin green and digital transition

- **Francesco Sannolla, Ignazio Zara**, Agricultural Technical Institute Basile Caramia, Italy
- **Nick Pannecouque**, Provincial Technical Institute of West Flanders, Belgium
- **Alexander Schönhofer**, Agricultural College Krems, Austria
- **István Zsolt Torma, Éva Sári**, Janoshalma Agricultural College, Hungary
- **Flavius Foica**, College for Agriculture and Food Industry Tara Bârsei, Romania

**12:00 – 13:00**

**Vocational education and training** for the twin transition: challenges and ways forward

*The twin transition will have significant implications for skills, education and employment while at the same time skills, education and work competences are important enablers for the twin transition itself. What are the current 'pain points' and future scenarios for agricultural VET?*

*Round table*

- **Florian Marin**, Member of European and Economic Social Committee, President of Federation of Free Trade Union, Romania
- **Elisabeth Hoenigsberger**, Teacher at Agricultural College Krems, Austria
- **Diana Lenzi**, President of European Council of Young Farmers - CEJA
- **Daniele Rossi**, Co-coordinator ERASMUS+ FIELDS and I-RESTART projects / Chairman of R&I group Copa-Cogeca WP
- **Elena Escaño Lopez**, Finca Montefrio, Spain

**13:00 – 14:30**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**14:30 – 14:40**

Energiser

**14:40 – 15:40**

**SESSION 3**

*Vocational training and lifelong learning to match sustainability challenges*

Presentation of projects and initiatives from across the EU on vocational training and lifelong learning opportunities that promote innovation, change and adaptation in farming to match agricultural skills to sustainability challenge

- **Bram Van Hecke**, President Groene Kring - Flemish young farmers organisation, Belgium
- **Antonio Román Casas**, Innogestiona / LIFE LiveAdapt project, Spain
- **Effie Lazaridou**, CEO New Agriculture New Generation, **Athanasios Kotanidis**, Founder of 'Kotanidis Family', Greece
- **Anne-Marie Butler**, Head of Education, TEAGASC, Ireland

**15:40 – 16:00**

**COFEE BREAK**

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**16:00 – 17:00**

**SESSION 4**

*Policies to deliver agricultural VET fit for purpose*

*Effective educational and training programmes in agriculture requires collaboration at all levels, and strong links between those involved (research, education, advice, public administration, farmers, etc.) from planning to delivery. Which approaches work best?*

*Panel*

- **Hugo Almeida**, Deputy Head of Unit Rural Areas and Networks, Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
- **Joan Salvador Minguet Pla**, Head of Agricultural Training Service, Government of Catalonia, Spain
- **Philippe Renard**, Head of European Relations and International Cooperation Office, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty, France
- **Hanna Tamsalu**, Deputy Head of National Rural Network / Agricultural Research Centre, Estonia
- **Tim Schreiber**, Skills for the green transition, innovation and higher VET, Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- **Annemarie Moons**, Chair of Board of Directors at Yuverta, The Netherlands

**17:00 - 17:10**

**CLOSING SESSION**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

- **Pierluigi Londero**, Acting Director - Strategy and Policy Analysis, Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

