

1ST FORUM FOR THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE

Debate on the objectives for European agriculture in the 21st Century

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9am – 6pm, Thursday March 27th 2008

PROGRAMME

- 8.15am Registration
- 9.00am **Is the objective for European Agriculture Food, or Environmental Security, or both?**
Introduction by the Chair
Franz FISCHLER, former EU Agriculture Commissioner, Chairman of the RISE Foundation, Conference Chair
- Keynote address**
Jos DELBEKE, Deputy Director General, DG Environment, EC
- 9.45am **Agriculture & the question of food security**
Panel Chair – Neil PARISH, MEP
- **What do we mean by food security?**
John BENSTED-SMITH, Director for Economic Analysis, Perspectives & Evaluations, DG Agriculture, EC
 - **Who has food security?**
Stefan TANGERMANN, Director, Food, Agriculture & Fisheries, OECD
 - **How can food security be achieved?**
Timothy HALL, Acting Director of Biotechnology, Agriculture and Food Research, DG Research, EC
 - **Plenary debate**
- 11.00am **Agriculture and the question of environmental security – meeting the Eco-System Challenge**
Panel Chair – Nigel ARNELL Director, Walker Institute for Climate Systems Research, University of Reading, UK
- **The case for European food & environmental security policy**
Allan BUCKWELL, Chief Economist, Country Land & Business Association
 - **What is environmental security for?**
Michael HAMELL, Head of Unit, Agriculture, Forest, and Soil, DG Environment, EC
 - **What are the main eco-system challenges?**
John FINISDORE, Business & Ecosystems Researcher, World Resources Institute
 - **How can environmental security be achieved?**
Tamas MARGHESCU, Regional Director, Europe, IUCN, BE
 - **Plenary debate**
- 12.00pm **Case studies: bringing together production and environment**
- **Operation Bumblebee**

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- Geoff COATES, Environmental projects manager UK, Syngenta
- **Neorural Activities (Third Generation Agriculture): projects and results**
Giuseppe NATTA, CEO, Agroittica Acqua&Sole SpA
- **Effects of climate change on European Agriculture**
Tim WHEELER, Director of Plant Environment Laboratory Reading University

12.30 Lunch

2.00pm

What does Europe need from agriculture?

Panel Chair – Winfried BLUM President European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS)

- **Perspective from the agri-food industry**
Willem-Jan LAAN, European External Affairs Director, Unilever
- **Perspective from the food chain**
Soren SCHRÖDER, Director General, VP Bunge Europe Agribusiness
- **Perspective from the environment**
Claire PAPAZOGLU, Director, Birdlife International
- **Perspective from rural development**
Corrado PIRZIO-BIROLI, CEO, RISE Foundation
- **Plenary debate**

3.00pm

Can agriculture deliver what Europe needs?

Panel Chair – Andrew BOUNDS, Journalist, Financial Times

- **Do we have the people?**
Pekka PESONEN, Secretary-General, Copa-Cogeca
- **Do we have the natural resources?**
Thierry de L'ESCAILLE, CEO, European Landowners' Organization
- **Do we have the technology?**
John ATKIN, Member of the Syngenta Executive Committee & Chief Operating Officer (Crop Protection), Syngenta
- **Funding for agriculture**
François d'ORMESSON, Administrator & General Manager, Phitrust Active Investors Portfolio
- **Plenary debate**

4.30pm

Can we make the political case for food and environmental security?

PART A – THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

Moderator –Elaine CRUIKSHANKS, CEO, Hill & Knowlton International, Belgium

Debating: Robert STURDY, MEP

Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu BARINGDORF, MEP

Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI, MEP

PART B – PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Perspective of the Slovenian Presidency**
Branko RAVNIK, Director General, Slovenian Ministry of Agriculture
- **Perspective of the European Commission**
Daniele BIANCHI, Member of Commissioner FISCHER-BOEL's Cabinet
- **Perspective of the Member States**
Paolo de CASTRO, Italian Minister of Agriculture

5.45pm

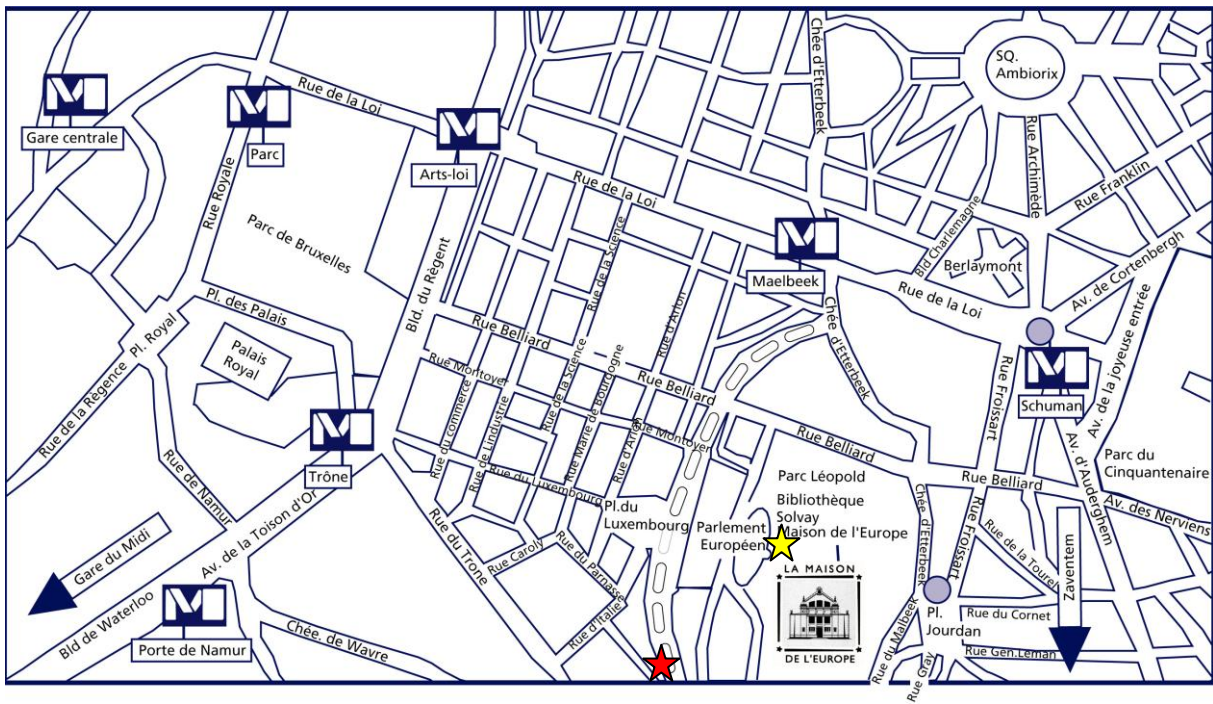
Is there an emerging consensus on the objectives for European Agriculture in the 21st Century, and what are the next steps

- Audience survey (via electronic polling)

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- Conclusions & next steps
By Conference Chair:
Franz FISCHLER, former EU Agriculture Commissioner

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