

THE CLIMAKERS EUROPEAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP

14 November, 2019 | Copa-Cogeca, Rue de Trèves 61

Interpretation: EN, FR, DE, ES, IT

- H 9:00 - 9:15** **Registration of the participants**
- H 9:15 - 9:30** **Welcome from COPA-COGECA** - *Joe Healy* - Vice-President COPA, Irish Farmers Association (IFA), member of WFO
- H 9:30 - 09:45** **Opening speech from Finland's Presidency of the Council of the EU** - *Kari Valonen* - Councillor, SCA Spokesperson, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU
- H 09:45 - 11:00** **Who is calling for a “Farmers Driven Climate Change Agenda”?**
- Panellists**
Jannes Maes - President of the European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA)
Theo De Jager - President of World Farmers Organisation (WFO)
Ntiokam Divine - Founder/Managing Director of Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN)
Garlich v. Essen - Secretary General of EuroSeeds, representing International Seeds Federation (ISF)
Jacob B. Hansen - Director General of Fertilizer Europe, representing International Fertilizer Association (IFA)
Geraldine Kutas - Secretary General of ECPA, representing Crop Life International
Diego Osorio - Head of Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation, CGIAR -CCAFS
- H 11:00 - 11:30** **Coffee Break**
- H 11:30 - 13:00** **Grazing for solutions: opportunities in the livestock sector**
- Speakers:**
Thorbjørn Koefoed - Young farmer, Pigs (Denmark)
Claire Simonetta - Young farmer, Cattle and Sheep (Scotland)
Dr. John Gilliland - Director of Agriculture & Sustainability, Lands at Dowth, Devenish (Ireland)

Nicola di Virgilio - DG AGRI - (AGRI.DDG2.D.4, Environment, climate change, forestry and bio-economy)

Moderator: TBD

H 13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch break at Atelier 29, Rue Jacques de Lalaing, 29 - 1000 Bruxelles**

H 14:30 - 16:00 **What do we sink about carbon?**

Speakers:

Jesse Mårtenson - Young farmer & Forester (Finland)

Aldert van Weeren - Wetlands Farmer (The Netherlands)

Prof. dr. ir. Rogier Schulte - Chair Farming Systems Ecology, Wageningen University and Research (The Netherlands)

Valeria Forlin - DG Clima (Unit C.3 - Land Use and Finance for Innovation)

Moderator: Mariana Debernardini, Sustainability Liaison

CEJA and WUR

H 16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee Break**

H 16:30 - 18:00 **The heat is on! Ensuring adaptive and resilient farming systems**

Speakers:

Simone Petrillo - Young Farmer, mixed crops, fruit trees (Italy)

Samuel Masse - Young Farmer, vineyards (France)

Dr. ir. Tessa Avermaete - Division of Bioeconomics KU Leuven

Thais Leray - G Clima (Unit A.3 - Adaptation)

Moderator: Ksenija SIMOVIC, Communication officer at COPA-COGECA

H 18:00- 18:30 **Reflections and Conclusions: Key takeaways from the day and looking forward to COP25**

Jannes Maes (CEJA)

Who we are:

The farmers' driven climate change agenda was adopted in May 2018 by the General Assembly of the World Farmers' Organisation (WFO) to address these **challenges** and to enhance the **position of farmers** in the global political discussion on **climate change**.

The Climakers are the members of the **Farmers' Driven Climate Change Alliance**, which is to say farmers and all the stakeholders in the agricultural sector that are **committed to providing solutions** to climate change, joining with the farmers who are leading this initiative.

Background:

Farmers are on the **front line** where climate change is concerned. Not only do they depend on **healthy ecosystems** for food production, **predictable weather patterns** are key to **sustainable farming** activities and a stable income for those working in the agricultural sector.

Farmers are particularly vulnerable to climate-change-related **natural disasters**, such as droughts, storms and floods. These, along with gradual processes such as rising sea levels, put **pressure** on the natural systems farmers depend on. The greater need for food from a **growing global population** adds further demands on farming systems.

Farmers' livelihoods are closely entwined with the natural world and they therefore have an **instrumental role** to play in **climate action**. They are also central to the implementation of the global agenda for **sustainable development**.

Farmers are ready to rise to the challenges presented by climate change and work towards a **scaled-up policy effort** to meet international climate targets. Due to their crucial role they must be at the **centre of the decision-making process** on agriculture, at the local, national and international levels.



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