

AKIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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AGENDA


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WHERE ARE WE GOING?

9:30 - 9:40

| **Official Opening**

| *Balázs Szabó, Hungary's Deputy Secretary of State for Agricultural Economy, Ministry of Agriculture*

9:40 - 10:00

| **Welcoming & modernAKIS Introduction**

| *Elena-Teodora Miron, modernAKIS Project Coordinator*

10:00 - 10:45

| **CAP Post 2027 - What will be the impact on AKIS?**

| *Inge Van Oost, Active Senior Expert AKIS coordination & CAP network, European Commission DG AGRI*

10:45 - 11:30

| **Panel Discussion - Expectations for the future of AKIS and key challenges**

| *Klaas Osinga, COPA-COGECA*

| *Pál Goda, AKI*

| *Rui Almeida, EUFRAS*

| *Viktor Nagy, MAGOSZ*

11:30 - 12:00

| **What do Advisors need and expect in the future CAP?**

| *Julia Eberharter, Austrian Chamber Agriculture*

MEET THE SPEAKERS (in order of the programme)



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Balázs Szabó

Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture

Dr. Szabó Balázs serves as Deputy State Secretary for Agricultural Economy at Hungary's Ministry of Agriculture. With a background in law and rural development, he has been active in agricultural policy since 2006, focusing on land management, market regulation, and international cooperation. Previously, he held leadership roles within the Ministry and the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture, working to strengthen farmer networks across the Carpathian Basin. In addition to his public service, Dr. Szabó Balázs is a practicing farmer and honorary associate professor at the University of Szeged. His current priorities include simplifying agricultural support systems, accelerating direct payments, and promoting generational renewal in farming. He is committed to advancing food sovereignty and supporting the long-term sustainability of Hungarian agriculture.



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Elena-Teodora Miron

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Elena-Teodora Miron is the modernAKIS Project Coordinator and the responsible contact point for innovation, research and application projects in the Austrian Chambers of Agriculture. She studies applied Computer Science at the University of Vienna and has worked for 20 years in research and industry in business informatics. Her expertise lies in process and project management, digital platform ecosystems and platform business models, as well as systems innovation.

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Inge Van Oost

*Active Senior Expert AKIS coordination & CAP network,
European Commission DG AGRI*

Inge Van Oost is Active Senior Policy expert at the European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI). For the last 15 years, she has played a pivotal role in the establishment and implementation of the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI), bridging research policy and rural development initiatives. As a member of the DG AGRI Taskforce on Research and Innovation, she significantly contributed since 2012 to shaping the Horizon Work Programmes (2014-2027) and developing new interactive research project formats such as the multi-actor projects (including end-users and essential intermediaries in projects), thematic networks and advisory networks (funneling applicable existing research and information directly to practice).

Currently, her primary focus is on the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) strategies within the CAP policy, aiming at enhancing knowledge and innovation flows in Member States with a structured and interactive approach. Well-functioning AKIS strategies include integrating EIP-AGRI innovation projects, skill building and training, advice, knowledge exchange actions, on-farm demonstrations and much more. One of Inge's main tasks was the coordination of the Commission's position on MS' AKIS Strategies in CAP plans and Rural Development Programmes. She has been clarifying the CAP AKIS policy and led a number of key capacity building events for the EU CAP Network and the former EU EIP network.

Previously, Inge served DG AGRI as a Policy Officer responsible for cross-compliance, the Farm Advisory System, and Rural Development policy. Before joining the Commission, she coordinated agricultural demonstration projects for the Flemish Region and developed agri-environment measures and the Farm Advisory System. She has also worked many years as a farm advisor, and led an applied agricultural research advisory team which fostered innovation and implemented multi-actor projects.

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Klaas Osinga COPA-COGECA

Klaas Johan OSINGA is the chair of the COPA-COGECA working party on research & innovation. COPA-COGECA is the European umbrella organisation of national farmers' organisations and cooperatives in all 27 EU member states and some other European countries.

Klaas Johan is a farmers' son, he grew up in Friesland (Netherlands), graduated at Wageningen University and worked in research and in development cooperation in Papua New Guinea before joining the Dutch farmers' and growers association LTO.

In his current role, he is also a member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), where he a member of the International Trade Follow Up Committee. He is a member of EU Domestic Advisory Groups (DAGs) for the UK, Canada, Vietnam, New Zealand and Kenya. Klaas Johan is currently also Facilitator of the working group on Value Chains of the World Farmers' Organisation



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Rui Almeida EUFRAS

Rui Almeida is Chairman of EUFRAS, leading the organization in promoting collaboration between member countries, sharing good practices, and driving initiatives that strengthen the European agricultural sector. With over 20 years of experience as a food industry business consultant, he has extensive expertise in the agroindustry, supporting the creation of agroindustry units, defining industrial layouts, implementing technical solutions, managing procurement, and developing strategies for food chain valorization.

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Pál Goda

AKI

Dr. Pál Goda is an agricultural economist and the Managing Director of the Institute of Agricultural Economics (AKI). He is a leading expert in Hungarian agricultural research and rural development, with extensive experience as a researcher, educator, and leader in both national and international contexts.

He earned his BSc in International Rural Development and Innovation from CAH Dronten University (Netherlands), and his MSc and PhD in Agricultural Economics from Szent István University, focusing on rural development and innovation systems. His academic and research work centers on agricultural digitalization, sustainable food chains, and the economic impacts of climate change. Since 2008, he has been active in university education and research, participating in numerous national and international projects.

Appointed Director of AKI in 2019, Dr. Goda is committed to enhancing the competitiveness and sustainability of Hungarian agriculture through innovation and digitalization.

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Viktor Nagy

Hungarian Association of Farmers' Clubs and Farmers' Cooperatives

Viktor Nagy is the Professional Secretary of MAGOSZ (Hungarian Association of Hungarian Farmers' Clubs and Farmers' Cooperatives). He holds degrees in Nature Conservation Engineering from the University of Sopron and in Environmental Management Agricultural Engineering from the former Szent István University. His professional career began at the Prime Minister's Office in 2016, where he contributed to the development of the Hungarian Rural Development Program. Later, at the Ministry of Agriculture, he played a key role in EU negotiations related to the CAP Strategic Plan.



11.30 - 12.00

Julia Eberharter

Austrian Chamber of Agriculture

Born and raised in the Austrian countryside, Julia brings a deep-rooted passion for rural development and agricultural sustainability. With a background in equine science and a Master's in agricultural economics, her academic focus spans farm economics, rural sociology, and regional development. Her interest lies in supporting farm viability amidst complex challenges through innovation and knowledge exchange. Since August 2024, Julia has been working at the Austrian Chamber of Agriculture, contributing to national and international projects that foster innovation within agriculture.