

## Executive Course

# Vision for Agriculture and Food

**20 - 24 April 2026**

Online Training

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## Introduction

### **The CAP 2028–2034 Proposal: Priorities, Reforms, and Expected Impacts**

The reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for 2028–2034 comes at a moment of significant transition for European agriculture. Farmers face rising input costs, climate-related shocks, geopolitical uncertainty, and growing expectations around sustainability. In this context, the CAP reform is more than an adjustment of financial instruments: it is a rethinking of how Europe intends to support farm incomes while strengthening competitiveness and long-term resilience.

The European Commission's factsheets introduce a substantial redesign of income support, centred on the new Degressive Area-Based Income Support (DABIS). By integrating several existing payments into a single, more coherent structure, DABIS reduces fragmentation and links income support more closely to policy objectives. Its underlying principles are clear: support should reach active farmers, be fairer and more comparable across the EU, and reflect the diversity of European farming systems. The reform prioritises structurally vulnerable groups—including young and new farmers, women, small farms, and those operating in areas with natural constraints—while mandatory degressivity and capping redirect resources away from land concentration and toward resilience-building. Member States' Partnership Plans will ultimately determine how these principles translate into practice.

It is within this evolving policy landscape that the Vision for Agriculture and Food (EC, 2025) should be understood. The Vision provides strategic direction for shaping a fairer and more competitive CAP, built around four priorities—Attractiveness, Competitiveness, Future-proofing, and Connection—which together aim to support a more dynamic, resilient, and globally connected agri-food system. It emphasises diversified trade relations, crisis preparedness, regulatory simplification, and technological innovation as essential for future resilience. Yet its operationalisation will require careful choices in areas such as climate, trade, and the bioeconomy, where economic, social, and environmental interests often intersect.

This intensive online training will engage you for three full days, exploring key elements of the CAP reform and the Vision, and helping you understand the new strategic, targeted, and forward-looking policies that will shape European agriculture.

## Draft Programme

- 20 April**      **Day 1 – From the Vision to the CAP Proposal**
- 9.30 - 9.40      Welcome
- Fabio Santeramo** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia  
                    **Marina Cascella** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI
- 9.40 - 10.10      Lecture 1: The CAP after 2027 ? How does it follow from the Vision
- Ricard Ramon** | DG AGRI
- 10.10 - 10.25      *Break*
- 10.25 - 11.00      Lecture 2: Evolution or revolution: Assessing the Commission’s CAP 2028-2034 proposal
- Alan Matthews** | Trinity College Dublin
- 11.00 - 11.30      Lecture 3: CAP Reform: The regional dimension and implications for EU enlargement
- Stephan Cramon Taubadel** | University of Göttingen
- 11.30 - 11.45      *Break*
- 11.45 - 12.30      Group Activity to prepare Q&A for the panel – SWOT Analysis
- 12.30 - 14.00      *Lunch Break*
- 14.00 - 15.15      Panel: the Vision & the new CAP
- Chair: **Fabio Santeramo** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia  
                    Moderator: **Angelo di Mambro** | Euractiv
- Panelists  
                    **Tassos Haniotis** | IIASA  
                    **Marco Contiero** | Greenpeace  
                    **Patrick Pagani** | COPA COGECA
- 15.15 - 15.30      Questions and Closing

**22 April**

**Day 2 - The Single Market**

9.30 - 9.40 Welcome

**Fabio Santeramo** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia  
**Marina Cascella** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI

9.40 - 10.10 Lecture 4: Resilience of EU Agriculture: policy challenges

**Gijs Schilthuis** | DG AGRI

10.10 - 10.25 *Break*

10.25 - 11.00 Lecture 5: From the Vision to the new Common Agricultural Policy: economic and environmental ambitions

**Herve' Guyomard** | INRAE

11.00 - 11.30 Lecture 6: Sustainability and competitiveness of EU Agriculture: the role of policy

**Fabio Santeramo** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia

11.30 - 11.45 *Break*

11.45 - 12.30 Group Activity to prepare Q&A for the panel – Focus Group

12.30 - 14.00 *Lunch Break*

14.00 - 15.15 Panel Debate: Fairness, Competitiveness and Sustainability

Chair: **Fabio Santeramo** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia  
Moderator: **Ana Camilo** | Independent Scholar

Panelists

**Alan Matthews** | TCD

**Gordana Manevska Tasevska** | SLU

**Jelte Wiersma** | CEMA

**Fabien Santini** | DG AGRI

15.15 - 15.30 Questions and Closing

**24 April**

**Day 3 – The International arena**

9.30 - 9.40 Welcome

**Fabio Santeramo** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia  
**Marina Cascella** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI

9.40 - 10.10 Lecture 7: The Vision for Agriculture and Food – International aspects

**Charlotte Sode** | DG AGRI

10.10 - 10.25 *Break*

10.25 - 11.00 Lecture 8: Europe's Agro-Food Economy in a Global Context

**Stefan Tangermann** | University of Göttingen

11.00 - 11.30 Lecture 9: An adaptive EU trade policy in times of uncertainty

**Flavio Coturni** | DG TRADE

11.30 - 11.45 *Break*

11.45 - 12.30 Group Activity to prepare Q&A for the panel – Scenario Planning

12.00 - 14.00 *Lunch Break*

14.00 - 15.15 Panel debate: International challenges

Chair: **Fabio Santeramo** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia  
Moderator: **James Kneebone** | ETH Zurich

Panelists

**Shida Henneberry** | OSU

**Cedric Pene** | WTO

**Flavio Coturni** | DG TRADE

**Alice O' Donovan** | CELCAA

**Daria Taglioni** | World Bank

15.15 - 15.30 Questions and closing remarks