

Executive Course

Vision for Agriculture and Food

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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: "Policy Prospects"

Ricardo Ramon | DG AGRI

10.10 - 10.25 *Break*

10.25 - 11.00 Lecture 2: "The academic perspective"

Alan Matthews | Trinity College Dublin

11.00 - 11.30 Lecture 3: "The academic perspective"

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** | Euroactiv

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: "Policy prospects"
	Gijs Schilthuis DG AGRI
10.10 - 10.25	<i>Break</i>
10.25 - 11.00	Lecture 5 : " The academic perspective"
	Herve' Guyomard INRAE
11.00 - 11.30	Lecture 6
	Koen Dillen DG AGRI
11.30 - 11.45	<i>Break</i>
11.45 - 12.30	Group Activity to prepare Q&A for the panel – Focus Group
12.30 - 14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
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
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: "Policy prospects"
	Elisabetta Siracusa DG AGRI
10.10 - 10.25	<i>Break</i>
10.25 - 11.00	Lecture 8: " The academic perspective"
	Stefan Tangermann University of Göttingen
11.00 - 11.30	Lecture 9
	Flavio Coturni DG TRADE
11.30 - 11.45	<i>Break</i>
11.45 - 12.30	Group Activity to prepare Q&A for the panel – Scenario Planning
12.00 - 14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14.00 - 15.15	Panel debate: International challenges
	Chair: Fabio Santeramo Florence School of Regulation, EUI, and University of Foggia
	Moderator: TBC
	Panelists
	Shida Henneberry USDA
	Cedric Pene WTO
	Flavio Coturni DG TRADE
	Alice O' Donovan CELCAA
	Daria Taglioni World Bank
15.15 - 15.30	Questions and closing remarks