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Euragri – who are we?

EURAGRI

Policymakers

Shaping how agricultural knowledge and innovations are generated, shared, and implemented.



Knowledge Translation

Bridging the gap between research and practical implementation.



Implementation

Deploying research & innovations into real-world settings.



Development

Refine and develop research findings into usable products, processes, or technologies.



Research

Basic: Generate new knowledge and understand fundamental principles.
Applied: Translate basic research findings into potential practical applications.

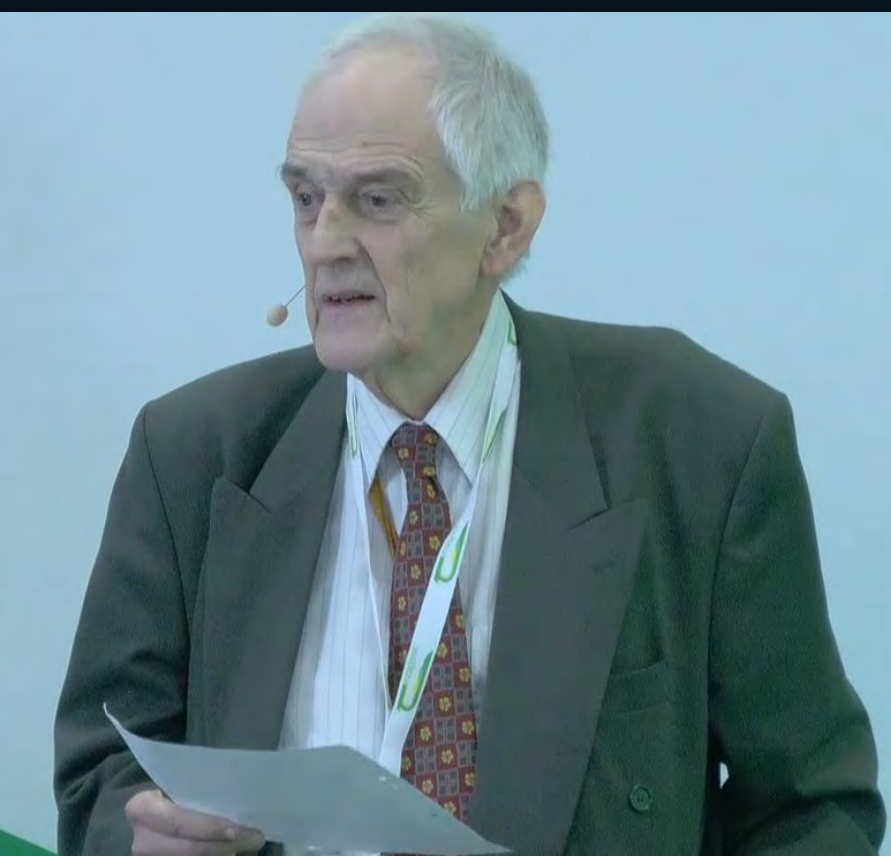


The Knowledge Transfer Continuum

Euragri is a not-for-profit organisation run by its members. It offers a unique platform in Europe's knowledge transfer continuum for independent and robust discussions on emerging challenges and science-based solutions to a unified and equitable transition of the farming, food, forestry, and coastal sectors.

In Euragri, our members have a proactive mindset and are always ready to complement the myriad of national, European, and international activities in natural resource management. Our size and operational ethos give us the flexibility and agility to respond quickly and effectively.

Message from our President, Professor (retired) Uno Svedin



EURAGRI is built on the strength of its members — 15 leading institutions from across Europe who bring together research excellence, policy insight, and practical experience in agriculture, food, forestry, and natural resource management.

Ten of our members are from research and education institutions, while five are from national government departments in agriculture and food. This unique mix of public service, scientific expertise, policy leadership, and diverse plural actors gives EURAGRI its distinctive role within the European landscape. Our shared focus is clear: to contribute to the investigation, innovation and policies for sustainable farming and food systems aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the ambitions of the European vision.

In the first quarter of 2025, EURAGRI's visibility and influence have grown — a reflection of our network's strength and relevance. Our selection as one of 29 organisations invited to participate in the EU Strategic Dialogue on the Future of Agriculture marks our credibility and standing. It was followed by the valuable insights generated from our December workshop, Reflections on the EU Strategic Dialogue I was honoured to deliver the keynote address in March 2025 at the MED seminar in Portugal on the future of the agri-food sector. Our upcoming events further reinforce EURAGRI's role as a trusted platform for knowledge exchange and strategic foresight. These include:

- Our joint EURAGRI/BMLUK AT virtual workshop on Shaping a Future Vision for EU Agriculture and Food (April 25).
- The planned virtual Soybean Seminar (May 7 – TBC).

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Over the last two years, our institutional members, including Teagasc, INRAe, CIRAD, INIA-CSIC, MED, AFBI, and SRUC, have hosted events that have significantly contributed to growing our impact in the European agri-food sector.

These milestones demonstrate EURAGRI's continued role as an independent and trusted facilitator of collaboration. This role is increasingly important in a complex and fast-changing geopolitical environment where environmental, economic, and social challenges are increasingly interlinked.

EURAGRI's future depends on its members continued active engagement and creativity. Our workshop on April 25 originated from an idea brought forward by our Austrian member, BMLUK AT. This is precisely the kind of collaboration we want to encourage. If your organisation has ideas for future EURAGRI events—virtual or in-person—we would be delighted to explore them with you and support you in bringing them to fruition.

As I prepare to step down, according to plans, as EURAGRI President at our next General Assembly in November/December, we seek nominations from our institutional members for a new President to lead EURAGRI into its next chapter. In addition, there will be some vacancies on the Board. I encourage all members to consider suitable candidates.

It has been a privilege to serve as President of EURAGRI. I remain committed to supporting the organisation and its mission. Above all, I want to thank our institutional members and all other supporters for their continued interest, expertise, and support.

I look forward to your active participation in our upcoming events and to seeing EURAGRI grow as a vital platform for strategic dialogue and collaboration across Europe's agriculture and food systems.

Uno Svedin



MED, a longtime EURAGRI member, hosted a seminar on ‘The future of the agri-food sector in the context of social and climate challenges’, which took place on March 13 at the University of Évora. The event emphasised the importance of cooperation between research, production and public policies to ensure a sustainable, innovative and resilient agri-food sector.

<https://www.med.uevora.pt/seminario-med-o-futuro-do-setor-agroalimentar-no-contexto-dos-desafios-sociais-e-climaticos-2/>

Uno, EURAGRI’s president, provide an overview of the process and results of the European Union’s Strategic Dialogue on the future of agriculture. He emphasised:

- The need for a wide-ranging debate, drawing attention to the tensions between the rural and urban worlds and the critical need to overcome the differences between the plural actors in the agri-food sector.
- The crucial role of innovation and digitalisation, the need for food security and Europe’s strategic autonomy, and the 10 Strategic Dialogue’s principles, including the urgency of change, cooperation in the agri-food chain and valuing rural areas.





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and Environmental Protection,
Regions and Water Management
Republic of Austria

EURAGRI and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and
Water Management (BMLUK AT)

Joint Workshop

***The European Commission's Strategic Dialogue and Vision for
Agriculture and Food***

Stakeholder Perspectives on Achieving the Vision

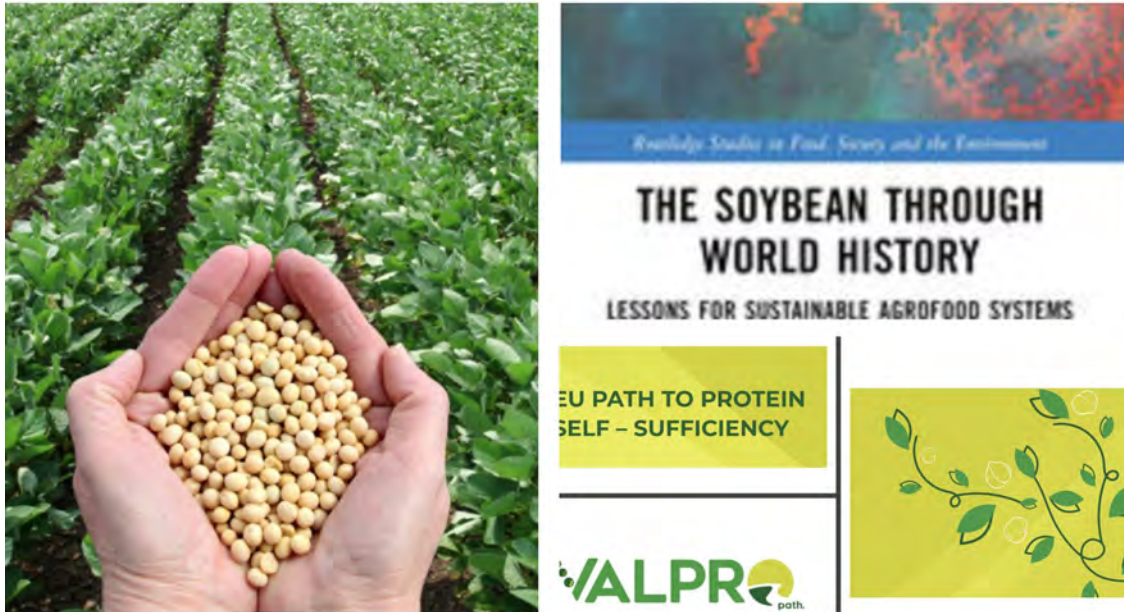
Upcoming Joint Workshop

Please use this link to Register

- <https://euragri.clr.events/event/137969:the-european-commissions-strategic-dialogue-and-vision-for-agriculture-and-food-stakeholder-perspectives-on-achieving-the-vision>

A date for your diary: May 7, 2025
(13:30 – 15:30)

To Be Confirmed



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- The recently published *The Soybean through World History* (Routledge) examines the evolving role of soybeans across centuries, shedding light on their influence in agri-food globalisation. The authors, Lisa Deutsch and Matilda Baraibar Norberg, will present an overview of the book's key themes, highlighting historical lessons that can help guide the urgent transformation needed for a more sustainable future.
 - The project coordinator, Ewen Mullis, of the Horizon Europe Innovation Action Valpro Path, will provide an overview of the project's aims to bridge this gap by examining the profitability of plant protein systems while balancing the sourcing needs of food processors with their environmental and social responsibilities.



Development Updates 2025. The EU-FarmBook is collecting practical solutions from Research & Innovation EU-funded projects that support farmers, foresters, and rural stakeholders. To make sharing and accessing practical solutions even easier, the platform is evolving with new features coming this year, designed to enhance how knowledge is shared and applied across Europe. We remain committed to bridging the gap between research and practice, ensuring that valuable insights reach those who need them most. Your contributions drive this mission forward! Watch the videos and learn more.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgKIEzzcdU5DREsi2ijxZ_xeJZH3baP6F





Euragri Conference Back Catalogue



2013 THE XXVII EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Vilnius, Lithuania, September 2013

<https://www.euragri.org/conference-new/2013-the-xxvii-euragri-conference/>



2014 THE XXVIII EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Montpellier, France, September 2014

<https://www.euragri.org/conference-new/2014-the-xxviii-euragri-conference/>



2012 THE XXVI EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Vienna, Austria October, 2012

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