



EU Agriculture's path to sustainability

Policy roundtable

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Speakers



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Martin Hlaváček has been a Member of the European Parliament (Renew, Czechia) since 2019, currently serving as Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters. As a Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, he actively promotes the interests of Czech and European citizens in the area of agriculture, food sector and rural development. He began his career as a diplomat in Athens, Greece, and also worked at the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU. He was head of the agriculture and environment unit, participating in the negotiations on the EU's Common Agricultural Policy for 2014-2020, as well as on national issues such as the protection of local and traditional Czech products. He was Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Czech Republic, and joined the Phillip Morris Company in 2013. He is a graduate of the University of Life Sciences of Prague.



Wim van Saarloos is the president of the European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC). He is emeritus professor of theoretical physics at the Instituut-Lorentz, University of Leiden. He began his career as a researcher at AT&T Bell Laboratories in the USA before moving to Leiden University in the Netherlands. He was the founder and director (until 2009) of the Lorenz Center in Leiden, an international workshop centre focusing on the sciences. In 2009, he became director of the National Foundation for Fundamental Research on Matter (FOM) in the Netherlands, which is part of the Dutch Research Council (NWO). In 2017, he returned to Leiden University as a professor, combining this post with the roles of chair of the Energy Programme and, subsequently, vice-president of the EASAC and president of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences KNAW.



Thomas Elmqvist is a professor of Natural Resource Management at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University, where his research focuses on urbanization, urban ecosystem services, land use change, natural disturbances and components of resilience, including the role of social institutions. He has led and coordinated a number of major international interdisciplinary research projects, such as the UN-initiated global project 'Cities and Biodiversity Outlook' and the Future Earth Project 'Urban Planet'. He currently serves as editor in chief for the nature research journal 'npj Urban Sustainability' and as associate editor for the journals 'Sustainability Science' and 'Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability'. He has published over 100 papers, 30 books and book chapters.



Orsolya Valkó, is a professor at the Centre for Ecological Research, Institute of Ecology and Botany in Hungary, where her main research interests cover the conservation and restoration of grassland biodiversity. She employs a seed ecological approach to understand the community assembly processes that can support restoration projects. She currently leads projects on seed-based ecosystem engineering and sustainable cities. She has been a doctor at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences since 2020. She is editor of a number of international journals including 'Biological Conservation', 'Applied Vegetation Sciences' and 'Community Ecology', and was chief editor at the 'Conservation and Restoration' section at the journal 'Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution'. She has a PhD in biology from the University of Debrecen.



Emmanuel Petel is a policy officer at the Environmental Sustainability Unit of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI), where he works on the integration of environmental concerns into the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), in particular in relation to soil health and carbon sequestration, and the promotion of nature-based practices such as agroforestry and agroecology. For the CAP post 2023, he has been involved in the preparation and negotiation of a new greening architecture for enhancing certain standards (in particular the requirements for greening payments) and the provision of new funding opportunities such as eco-scheme.



Luca Montanarella is a senior expert at the Land Resources and Supply Chain Assessments Unit at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission. In 2011, he was closely involved in the creation of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) at the FAO. He chaired the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS) from 2012 to 2018, and co-chaired the Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Land Degradation and Restoration Assessment from 2016 to 2018. He is currently project leader for the JRC work programme 2021-22 on Soil Health, which includes the newly established EU Soil Observatory. He is a Member of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of France, Doctor Honoris Causa at the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Bulgaria and a Member of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Slovakia.



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