

## 6<sup>th</sup> EAAE Webinar

### **POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE RESILIENCE OF EUROPEAN FARMING SYSTEMS**

**Date:** March 17, 2021

**Time:** 16.00-17.30 (GMT+1)

**Organiser:** Bárbara Soriano

Still suffering the consequences of the Covid-19 crisis, resilience has become a major concern for policy making globally and in the European Union. The effects of the crisis on European agricultural and food sector have been far-reaching, including disrupted value chains and lost market access due to closed borders, shut-down of slaughterhouses, closure of restaurants, general income loss, and seasonal workforce unable to travel across borders. Also prior to the Covid-19 crisis, European farming systems had been challenged by climate change and ecological problems, global competition and volatile markets, geo-political uncertainty and trade conflicts, changing consumer preferences and reduced acceptance of intensive farming methods.

This webinar aims to present how public policies affect the resilience of farming systems and to propose policy recommendations for improved resilience.

The webinar consists of four policy-oriented contributions. The first presentation provides policy recommendations to support risk management decision making in EU farming systems. The second policy-oriented contribution delves into farms demographics and intergenerational renewal and provides policy options that may enable resilient farm structures. The third contribution shows a critical analysis of how the current CAP and adjacent policies constrain/enable resilient European agriculture and suggests recommendations for the CAP. The last policy-oriented contribution examines past and future strategies and policy interventions that promote resilient farming systems. The webinar will be closed by an intervention of the DG-Agri and CEJA-Young farmers representatives to share their opinion about how the policy recommendations would work.

#### **Talks (presenters in bold)**

##### **Introductory Remarks (5 minutes)**

[**Miranda Meuwissen**, Wageningen University and Research]

##### **Policy recommendations**

###### **1. Farmer adaptive behaviour and risk management in EU agriculture (10 minutes)**

[Robert Finger, Vroege Willemijn, **Miranda Meuwissen**, ann de Mey, Thomas Slijper, Alisa Spiegel, Marijn Poortvliet, Mauro Vigani, Julie Urquhart, Robert Berry, Peter Midmore, Sue Fowler, Pip Nicholas, Isabel Bardají, **Bárbara Soriano**, Alberto Garrido]

###### **2. Future farm demographics and intergenerational renewal in EU-farming systems (10 minutes)**

[Christine Pitson, Franziska Appel, **Alfons Balmann**, Isabeau Coopmans, Erwin Wauters]

**3. Critical analysis of how current policies constrain/enable resilient EU agriculture (10 mins)**

[Jeroen Candel, Peter Feindt, Katrien Termeer, Erik Mathijs, Yannick Buitenhuis]

**4. Resilience of farming systems in the EU under current conditions and future scenarios (10 mins)**

[Pytrik Reidsma, Wim Paas, Francesco Accatino, Franziska Appel, Jasmine Black, Jo Bijttebier, Camelia Gavrilesco, Birgit Kopainsky, Vitaliy Krupin, Gordana Manevska Tasevska, Miranda Meuwissen, Franziska Ollendorf, Mariya Peneva, Saverio Senni, Simone Severini, Bárbara Soriano, Julie Urquhart, Mauro Vigani, Katarzyna Zawalinska, Cinzia Zinnanti, Hugo Herrera]

**Stakeholders interventions**

**1. DG Agri's view about policy recommendations to enhance resilience of farming systems. Reflection on how will CAP 2020 promote farmers resilience (15 mins)**

[Tassos Haniotis, Director, DG Agriculture, European Commission]

**2. Farmers' view about policy recommendations to enhance resilience of farming systems. Reflection on challenges at farm and farmers' capacity to deal with them (15 mins)**

[Marion Picot, Policy Advisor at CEJA Young Farmers]