



## 172<sup>nd</sup> EAAE Seminar

Agricultural policy for the environment or environmental policy for agriculture?



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**28-29 May 2019** - [Museum of Natural Sciences, Brussels](#)

The theme of the seminar is the policy and research implications of enhancing the environmental and climate ambition of the EU farming sector, one of the centrepieces of the latest European Commission's proposal for the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

### Background

The European Commission communicated that the [CAP post-2020](#) will enhance its European added value by reflecting a higher level of environmental and climate ambition. The policy represents a 'new delivery model', which is set to shift the emphasis from compliance and rules towards results and performance. In this sense, the interplay of economic, environmental and social dimensions needs to be revisited as the key theoretical basis for support to agriculture. The agricultural policy context also requires reflection on the role of direct payments as an environmental policy tool, and the delivery systems for environmental services and protection. This triggers questions on if and how support should be granted to farmers as public goods providers. Against this background, the political debate can benefit from further applied scientific insight on policy design, implementation mode and its environmental and socio-economic impacts.

### Objectives

The seminar aims at bringing together researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders from both the agricultural and environmental economics disciplines. Together we expect to take a fresh look at the economics-policy nexus of agriculture and the environment in the context of the CAP post-2020. The seminar intends to promote discussions on current and future aspects of the CAP to enhance the understanding of opportunities and limits of its environmental and climate ambition. The focus will be on analysing the policy design and impact of agro-environmental and climate-friendly practices. With a strong emphasis on policy application, the seminar intends to provide a platform to foster direct discussions between academia and policymakers in order to identify areas of policy action and further research needs.

### Topics

Expected topics to be covered by the papers include:

- Trade-offs and synergies between the economic, environmental and social dimensions of a policy geared towards sustainability.
- Performance-based versus output-based payments.
- Compulsory versus voluntary agri-environmental schemes.
- Data, tools and models to measure environmental and economic performance at the farm, regional, national and global levels.
- Contribution of particular CAP measures to preserve or enhance environmental benefits.
- Farmers' behaviour and participation in agri-environmental schemes.
- Environmental and climate-friendly technologies and practices: opportunities and constraints.

- Environmental standards and indicators: rationale, measurement and evaluation.
- Identification, quantification and valuation of the demand for and supply of agri-environmental services.
- Policy measures for climate change mitigation and adaptation in agriculture.
- Impact of structural change on the environment and rural areas.
- International trade and agri-environmental performance.
- Impacts beyond the European agricultural sector.
- Institutional and legal implications.
- Lessons learned from previous CAP reforms and other international experiences.

### Call for papers

Participants who intend to present a paper need to submit an extended abstract of maximum 2 pages (about 1000 words) in English by 31 January 2019. The abstract should indicate the (1) question addressed, (2) concepts and theories to which one refers, (3) methodology used, (4) results obtained, and (5) policy relevance and implications.

The scientific committee will notify authors whether the paper has been accepted or not by 22 February 2019. Authors have to submit their final paper (maximum length of 15 pages) by 01 May 2019. Papers presented at the seminar will be published on [AgEcon Search](#). A special issue of [EuroChoices](#) with selected seminar papers adapted for a wide readership (both technical & non-technical) is under discussion.

### Organisation

The Commission department for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) are supporting the European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) in the organisation of this seminar.

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### Participation fees for the seminar

- Early bird: €150 (€85 for PhD students) until 21 March 2019
- Regular: €190 (€110 for PhD students) from 22 March 2019.

The fee includes two lunches, one dinner, coffee breaks and conference materials.

- €150 EAAE membership fee for the period 2019 – 2021 (to be paid in advance of registration to the seminar - [Membership can be requested on the EAAE website](#)).

### Important dates

01 October 2018: Submission of proposals opens [[here](#)]

**31 January 2019: Deadline for submission of extended abstracts**

22 February 2019: Notifications of acceptance; registration opens

21 March 2019: Early bird registration deadline

01 May 2019: Deadline for submission of full papers

15 May 2019: Late riser registration deadline

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