

SUSTAINABILITY OF FOOD CHAINS, SCIENCE AND FOOD SAFETY IN EUROPE

A CONTRIBUTION FROM EUROPEAN REGIONS

14.30 REGISTRATION

15.00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Simonetta Saliera - President of the Regional Assembly, Emilia-Romagna Region;
Member of the Committee of the Regions

Mark Weinmeister - Secretary of State for European Affairs, State of Hessen;
Member of the Committee of the Regions

Amb. Michele Quaroni - Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the EU

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Vytenis Andriukaitis - Commissioner for Health & Food Safety

SETTING THE CONTEXT

Prof. Paolo Andrei - Rector, University of Parma

15.45 PANEL: FOOD SAFETY ACROSS BORDERS: A PERSPECTIVE FROM EUROPEAN REGIONS AND ACADEMIA

A synergic and convergent approach to face the complexity of food safety issues

Nick Batey - Chair, European Regional and Local Health Authorities

Giuseppe Diegoli - Emilia-Romagna Region

Jenny Bergsten - Skåne Region

Prof. Peter Olesen - Lund University and DISH Partnership - Global Centre for Food Safety

Prof. Eva Falch - Vice Dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences, NTNU

Prof. Paola Battilani - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - Piacenza Campus
and Europass Scientific Committee

16.45 COFFEE BREAK

17.00 PANEL: FOSTERING INNOVATION IN FOOD SAFETY: A MULTISTAKEHOLDER APPROACH

Towards food chain sustainability by strengthening the bridge with stakeholders

Dieter Brigitta - Project Officer, Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking

Oana Neagu - Director General Affairs, Copa-Cogeca

Daniele Del Rio - President, School of Advanced Studies on Food and Nutrition,
University of Parma

Paolo Bonaretti - Vice-president, National Agrifood Cluster (Italy)

17.50 PANEL: TOWARDS 2030: EU VISION, POLICY AND PRACTICE

Innovation at the core to face global challenges

Marta Hugas - Chief Scientist, European Food Safety Authority

Salvatore Magazzù - Advisor to the Consumer, Health, Agriculture and Food
Executive Agency

Barend Verachtert - HoU, Agri-Food Chain, DG RTD, European Commission

Antonio Di Giulio - HoU Food safety programme and emergency funding, DG
SANTE, European Commission

18.40 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Paolo De Castro - Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the World Food
Research & Innovation Forum

Simona Caselli - Minister for Agriculture, Emilia-Romagna Region

19.00 NETWORKING COCKTAIL AT THE "ROOFTOP"

WORKING LANGUAGES: ENGLISH/ITALIAN

TOGETHER TO FACE GLOBAL CHALLENGES IN FOOD SAFETY

The EU has the global leadership in food safety. It has been investing in innovative and sustainable solutions through a comprehensive regulatory framework and integrated policies that are a worldwide benchmark.

However, the scale and complexity of food safety challenges require a multistakeholder and crosscutting approach. From food traceability to risk assessment, from food waste reduction to nutrition, from climate change to public health, food safety is a collective responsibility, along the entire food chain.

European regions have a key role to play in strengthening food safety. At the regional level innovation, technology and food value chains are anchored which supports the enhancement of citizen trust.

This conference will bring together EU institutions, European regions, academia and key stakeholders to discuss current priorities in food safety. It will contribute to shaping future policies in research and innovation as well as in sustainability of food chains.

In order to increase public awareness, the conference will explore the EU vision for post 2020 and discuss current challenges and common solutions, from a regional perspective.

Questions will include:

- Why regions matter in food safety?
- How could regions improve collaboration between stakeholders?
- Post 2020: what EU opportunities for food safety?

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