Feedback to Policy Cluster event

Models and tools supporting agricultural policies: a Horizon update

25th September 2025

North Light building, Boulevard Simon Bolivar 34, 1000 Brussels

1st floor, room 209 (capacity 50 people)

Registration:
https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/modellingclusterevent

Background

Numerous Research and Innovation (R&I) projects funded under Horizon Europe contribute to provide a **toolbox of data and models** in support of evidence-based policies related to agriculture. The upcoming (internal) workshop **"Models and tools supporting agricultural policies: a Horizon update"** aims at bringing together several relevant projects and EU policymakers in one clustering event, where new and on-going scientific developments in modelling are presented and discussed. Some projects are heading towards the end and will present concrete results useful for policymaking, while others are ongoing and would benefit from input on the research needs and expectations from the policy perspective. This new edition of the clustering workshop on modelling for evidence-based agriculture-related policies is timely to look ahead, with the publication of the **Vision for Agriculture and Food**, and the preparation of the next **multiannual financial framework** and the next **common agricultural policy post 2027**. The main **objectives** of the clustering workshop are to:

- ensure **policy feedback** by presenting and discussing the projects, their results and policy questions (R&I needs) with policymakers.
- **foster networking and collaboration** between the projects and policymakers.

This event will include engaging discussions and valuable insights into the role of modelling for the sustainable development of the agri-food sector and rural areas. The event will be held in the **premises of the European Commission Research Executive Agency** (REA) at the North Light building in Brussels (Avenue Simon Bolivar 34, 1000 Brussel). The expected participants are the **representatives of the relevant projects and policymakers from across the European Commission services**.

This event is organized in the framework of the **2025 Feedback to Policy plan**. Feedback to policy promotes the uptake of research findings into policymaking. It helps policymakers to access and use evidence when making policy choices.

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19:00	**Social dinner at the Wolf Sharing Food Market** *Rue du Fossé aux Loups 50, 1000 Bruxelles. Attendance is voluntary, and costs at own expense (+/-25€)*

25 September

9:00-9:30	**Registration and coffee**
9:30 –9:45	**Opening session – Welcoming words** Henri Delanghe – DG AGRI Unit Research and Innovation - Head of Unit (7') Paul Webb – REA Department Green Europe - Head of Department (7')
9:45-10:45	**Session 1 – Setting the scene from policy and R&I perspectives on the new policy environment, policy questions and context**
	Policy context for R&I on modelling (20'+10' Q&A) Olaf Heidelbach – DG AGRI Unit Policy Perspectives – Team leader
	Conceptual challenges of projecting a baseline for policy scenario analyses with multiple models (20'+10' Q&A) Petr Havlík - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis – LAMASUS project coordinator Marc Müller – Wageningen Social & Economic Research – BrightSpace project coordinator Siemen van Berkum - Wageningen Social & Economic Research – ACT4CAP27 project coordinator
10:45-11:05	**Break**

11:05-12:30	**Session 2 – Supporting a future-proof EU agricultural sector through modelling**
	BrightSpace : Designing a Roadmap for Effective and Sustainable Strategies for Assessing and Addressing the Challenges of EU Agriculture to Navigate within a Safe and Just Operating Space *Defining the boundaries of a safe and just operating space for EU agriculture* (20'+ 5' Q&A) Marc Müller – Wageningen Social & Economic Research – Project coordinator
	LAMASUS : LAnd use and MAnagement modelling for SUStainable governance *Ex-post evidence and scenarios on land use and land management in the EU* (20' + 5' Q&A) Tamás Krisztin - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis – Scientific coordinator
	Discussion (35')
12:30-14:00	**Lunch – the Lounge – ground floor**

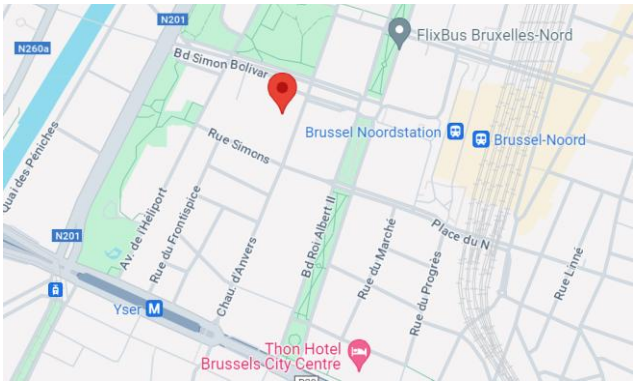
14:00-15:25	**Session 3 – Shaping evidence-based EU agricultural policies for a competitive and resilient sector in the face of global challenges: insights from modelling advances**
	ACT4CAP27 : Advancing Capacity and analytical Tools for supporting Common Agricultural Policies post 2027 *Addressing modelling gaps on EU food system sustainability* (15' + 5' Q&A) Siemen van Berkum - Wageningen Social & Economic Research – Project coordinator
	AgEnRes : AnalysinG of fossil-ENergy dependence in agriculture to increase RESilience against input price fluctuations *Building resilient European agriculture: stabilizing fossil fuel-intensive input costs and creating sustainable pathways for energy independence* (15' + 5' Q&A) Frederic Ang – Wageningen University & Research – Project co-coordinator John Helming **-** Wageningen Social & Economic Research – Project coordinator
	Title tbc (10') Bence Toth - DG AGRI Unit Analysis and Outlook – Acting Head of Unit
	Discussion (35')
15:25-15:45	**Break**

15:45-16:55	**Session 4 – Fostering the use of modelling tools for evidence-based policy making**
	Tools4CAP: Innovative Toolbox empowering effective CAP governance towards EU ambitions *Advancing Climate-Resilient Agricultural Pathways to Support the CAP in Czechia* (10' + 2' Q&A) Juliana Arbelaez-Gaviria - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis – Researcher *Integrating IOI matrix and modelling for the design of agro-environmental policy measures* (10' + 2' Q&A) Ana González Martínez - Wageningen Social & Economic Research – Senior policy analyst
	On the use of modelling for evaluation (10') Sophie Helaine - DG AGRI Unit Policy Performance – Head of Unit
	Discussion (35')
16:55 - 17:00	**Closing and next steps** Fanny Le Gloux - DG AGRI Unit Research and Innovation - Research Programme Officer Angela Guarino – REA Unit Agri-Food promotion, Environmental Observation and Innovative Governance - Project officer
17:00-18:00	**Networking cocktail**

Venue and logistics

The event will take place in Room 209, 1st floor of the North Light building, Boulevard Simon Bolivar 34, 1000 Brussels Belgium. The room can host up to **50 people**. The event is in-person only, but online connection is possible if necessary.

This location is easy to reach by public transportation (e.g. Train station “Gare du Nord”, Metro stops Yser/Rogier, bus stops).



REA is in charge of the registration (online) of participants and catering arrangements (coffee breaks, lunch, cocktail) at the Venue.