

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

**“CONTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS TO IMPROVING THE
COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY“**

Zagreb, Croatian Parliament

Monday, 25 September 2023

9:00 – 9:30

Accreditation of participants
Croatian Parliament

9:30 – 9:50

Opening of the Conference

Welcoming address:

- **Marijana Petir**, Chairwoman of the Agriculture Committee, Croatia

Opening of the Conference:

- **Janusz Wojciechowski**, European Commissioner for Agriculture (video message)
- **Gordan Jandroković**, Speaker of the Croatian Parliament

9:50 – 11:40

**CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE
COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY**

Keynote speeches:

- **Marija Vučković**, Croatian Minister of Agriculture
- **Norbert Lins**, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament
- **Wolfgang Bartscher**, Director-General at Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission

Panel discussion:

- **Emma Nohrén**, Chairwoman of the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, Sweden
- **Michal Kučera**, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Chamber of Deputies, Czech Republic



- **João Nicolau**, Member of Parliament, Portugal
- **Mladen Jakopović**, Vice-President of COPA COGECA
- **Ivica Kisić**, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb

Debate:

- Representatives of national parliaments – presenting positions

Final considerations

- **Wolfgang Burtscher**, Director-General at Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission

11:40 – 12:00

**Family Photo
Coffee Break**

12:00 – 13:00

DECLARATION ON GMO-FREE ALPS-ADRIATIC-DANUBE REGION AND REVIEW OF THE PROPOSALS FOR NEW REGULATIONS CONCERNING PLANTS OBTAINED BY NEW GENOMIC TECHNIQUES AND THE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF PLANT REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL

Keynote speeches:

- **Marijana Petir**, Chairwoman of the Agriculture Committee, Croatia
- **Sándor Font**, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Hungary
- **Darja Sokolić**, Executive Director of the Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food

Panel discussion:

- **Norbert Lins**, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament
- **Nikolaus Berlakovich**, Vice chairman of the Committee for Agriculture, Forestry and Water management of the National Council, Austria
- **Silvia Kolar Fodor**, President of the association “Biogarden – in harmony with nature”
- **David Pejić**, best European organic young farmer 2022

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13:00 – 13:50

NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS' INITIATIVES

National parliaments' representatives present the initiatives submitted to the European Commission

Keynote speeches:

- **Jenna Simula**, Chairwoman of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee, Finland
- **Gavriel Yiannakis**, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, Cyprus

Panel discussion:

- **Katya De Giovanni**, Member of Parliament, Malta
- **Jorge Martínez**, Member of Parliament, Senate, Spain
- **Ružica Vukovac**, Deputy Chairwoman of the Agriculture Committee, Croatia
- **Krunoslav Zmaić**, Dean, Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek, University of Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek

Debate:

- Representatives of national parliaments – presenting positions
- **Wolfgang Burtscher**, Director-General at Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission – political dialogue as a tool for taking part in European decision-making

13:50 – 14:00

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS AND CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE:

- **Norbert Lins**, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament
- **Marijana Petir**, Chairwoman of the Agriculture Committee, Croatia



14:00 – 15:00

Lunch

“Josip Jelačić” Hall, Croatian Parliament