



Sixth annual EU conference on EAFRD financial instruments for agriculture and rural development in 2014-2020

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Moderator: Ms Katrina Sichel, *fi-compass* expert

- 8:00 – 9:00 Doors open, registration and welcome coffee
- 9:00 – 9:45 **Welcome and introduction**
Opening statements from
CAB Wojciechowski, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
Representative from the European Investment Bank
Mr Marco Marrone, Deputy Director Mandate Management, European Investment Fund
- 9:45 – 10:00 **Financial instruments in CAP Strategic Plans and the Green Deal**
Ms Silvia Michelini, Director, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
- 10:00 – 10:15 **The future of EU farms, their needs for investments, the role of CAP financial instruments and the Green Deal**
Representative of COPA – COGECA

Session 1

- 10:15 – 11:00 **Financial needs of EU agriculture and agri-food sectors**
Session including detailed presentation of the main results and findings of the EAFRD fi-compass study assessing the market gap in agriculture and agri-food sectors in 24 Member States.
Mr Bruno Robino, Head of *fi-compass*, European Investment Bank
Representative of the *fi-compass* study expert team
Panel discussion with experts from DG AGRI and fi-compass, followed by Q&A with the audience
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee and networking
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Country level evidence for market needs in EU agriculture and agri-food sectors**
Presentations of the main results from three country level reports from the EAFRD fi-compass study assessing the market gap in agriculture and agri-food sectors in 24 Member States.
The selected Member States will be communicated at a later stage.
Representatives of the *fi-compass* study expert team
Q&A with the audience
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch and networking

Session 2

- 14:00 – 15:30 **EAFRD financial instruments – Current experience, future intentions and how to focus on green investments and environmental sustainability**
Experiences of using EAFRD financial instruments in Poland, 2014-2020
Representative of the Polish EAFRD Managing Authority
Using financial instruments in CAP Strategic Plans 2021-2027
Representative of the Estonian EAFRD Managing Authority (*tbc*)
EAFRD green financial instruments: Alter'NA in Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France
Representative of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region (*tbc*)
Representative of a financial intermediary (*tbc*)
Video presentation of a final recipient



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14:00 – 15:30 **Technical assistance in support of financial instruments in the agriculture sector**

Presentation of the web-tool developed for Alter'NA.

Mr Frank Lee, Head of Financial Instrument Advisory Division, European Investment Bank
Q&A with the audience

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee and networking*

Session 3

16:00 – 17:15 **EAFRD financial instruments – Continuation of the session**

Investment needs in the Italian agriculture sector and the new CAP Strategic Plan for Italy, 2014-2020

Representative of the National Italian EAFRD Managing Authority (*tbc*)

AGRI Italy Platform – First implementation results and findings

Representative from the European Investment Fund

Representative of the financial intermediary (*tbc*)

Current financing needs of the Italian agriculture and agri-food sectors

*Presentations of the main results from the country level report from the EAFRD *fi-compass* market gap study.*

Representative of the *fi-compass* study expert team

Q&A with the audience

17:15 – 17:30 **Closing remarks**

Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission



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