



Food Research, Innovation & Partnerships for the Green Deal

Microbiome pathways to food safety, bio-pesticides, health, soil strategies, animal welfare, circularity, Farm2Fork, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture

Online event 15 March 2022, 9-12:30h, European Parliament

Hosted by MEP Elsi Katainen, Vice-Chair AGRI Committee

Organised by MicrobiomeSupport

- Debate: EU Policymakers meet Top-Researchers
- Food science developments and lawmaking update
- Building partnerships and mutual expertise

PART I: Update on microbiome research & innovation results to solve major societal challenges

- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:10 **Opening** by the host MEP **Elsi Katainen**, Vice-Chair AGRI Committee, Renew Europe Group, European Parliament
- 9:15 The future of **Food System Partnerships**; Introductory keynote by **Hans-Joerg Lutzeyer**, European Commission, Directorate General Research RTD
- 9:35 The **MicrobiomeSupport pathway**: Why microbes matter for the Green Deal; **Angela Sessitsch**, Unit Head, AIT, AT; MicrobiomeSupport Coordinator
- 9:50 What is a **healthy microbiome?**; **Emmanuelle Maguin**, INRAE, FR; MicrobiomeSupport Co-Coordinator
- 10:05 **Panel Debate I** – *What do researchers expect from policymakers delivering the European Green Deal.* Discussion moderated by **Bettina Schelkle**, European Food Information Council (EUFIC) – with **Top scientists** including **Yolanda Sanz**, CSIC,ES; **EU Commission Policy Officers**, **MEP Herbert Dorfmann**, Group of the European People`s Party EEP; **MEP Juozas Olekas**, Socialists and Democrats Alliance S&D
- 10:45 Coffee break



PART II: Update on policy projects and microbiome-based solutions

- 11:00 A new partnership to reach **next level Food Systems**; **Hugo de Vries**, INRAE
- 11:15 **Legislative update** – EU laws to pave the way to sustainable solutions in food production, soil health, agriculture, and biodiversity through microorganisms
- Microorganisms used as plant protection products: **Biopesticides** - **Domenico Deserio**, Policy Officer, European Commission, Directorate General SANTE
 - Microorganism use as feed additive or in general feed use: **Feed probiotics, veterinary medicine** – **Marta Ponghellini**, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, Directorate General SANTE
- 11:35 **From research to products: Microbiome Innovation Actions (IA)** to solve major societal challenges; **Magdalena Gajdzinska**, European Commission, Directorate General Research RTD
- CIRCLES – Prof. Marco Candela, University of Bologna, IT
 - MASTER – Prof. Paul Cotter, TEAGASC, IE
 - HoloFood – Prof. Morten Limborg, University of Copenhagen, DK
 - SIMBA – Prof. Anne Pihlanto, Natural Resources Institute, FI
- 12:10 **Panel Debate II: *What policymakers can expect from research to better deliver the Green Deal.*** Discussion moderated by **Bettina Schelkle**, EUFIC – with **Top scientists, EU Commission Policy Officers** and **MEP Sarah Wiener**, Group of the Greens, **MEP Juozas Olekas**, Socialists and Democrats Alliance S&D; **Virginia Mahieu**, European Parliament, Science Policy Analyst
- 12.30 Closing remarks; MEP **Elsi Katainen**, Vice-Chair AGRI Committee