

# Water management in agriculture and food production

## Reflections about sustainable systems

### Overview on water management in agriculture and food production

The workshop on Water Management in Agriculture and Food aims to address the critical challenges posed by water scarcity and inefficiency in agriculture, particularly concerning sustainable food production in Europe. With a focus on sustainable practices and technological advancements, the workshop is set to bring together food industry experts, researchers, policy-makers, and farmers to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and foster collaboration in addressing water management issues in agriculture across all Members States.

### Objectives of the event

- Identify current challenges and opportunities in water management within agricultural practices with a look at Controlled Environmental Agriculture.
- Explore innovative technologies and methodologies for optimizing water use efficiency in agriculture.
- Discuss policy frameworks and regulatory measures to promote sustainable water management practices in the agricultural sector and food production.
- Share successful case studies in the EU and beyond of water-efficient agricultural practices.
- Foster networking and collaboration among stakeholders to promote knowledge exchange and capacity building.

### Target Audience

The priority target audience that we want to reach when organizing this event in Brussels will be policymakers – meaning EC officials, MEPs, policy advisors of the political groups, Ministries' officials, and officials working at the Permanent Representations to the EU as well as journalists.

### Event concept

It will be a 2:30-hour-long event. After the event, a networking drinks will take place in order to have the chance to exchange impressions with attendees and speakers.

The title of the event will be:

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The draft agenda is the following:

16.30 – 16.45 Welcome and opening by Grodan's and Food Nations representative

16.45 – 17.15 Keynote speaker

- Dr. Petra Schmitter - Senior Researcher at the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) specializing in water governance, agricultural water management, and climate change adaptation.
- Dr. Claudia Ringler - Deputy Director of Environment and Production Technology Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), with expertise in water resources management and agricultural economics.

17.15 – 18.15 Panel discussion on water management with a farmer, food industry representative, policy makers (MEP) and a researcher on water topics

18.15 – 19.00 Closing remarks and networking drinks

The event will be conducted by a professional moderator. Ideally a journalist covering agri-food topics such as Rose O'Donovan, Natasha Foote or Gerardo Fortuna.

### **Date**

Wednesday 26 of June

### **Venue**

The event will take place in the EU quarter of Brussels. We propose the following options, considering that the number of attendees expected is around 40-45 people:

[Residence Palace](#)