

# 2021 BMU Conference on Agriculture

## AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT – shaping our future through change

13 January 2021 - online event with an interactive live stream  
Moderation: Dr. Tanja Busse, Co-Moderation: Jes Weigelt

### Opening

11:00 - 11:30 am

#### Welcome

**Svenja Schulze**, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety  
**Virginijus Sinkevičius**, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

### Sustainable agriculture in Europe: from strategy to implementation

11:30 - 12:15 pm

#### Input talks

**Prof. Beate Jessel**, President of the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation: „Promoting biodiversity, conserving resources, advancing climate protection - Setting foundations for sustainable management“  
**Hans Bruyninckx**, Executive Director, European Environment Agency: “Environmental and climate policy requirements – opportunities for agriculture and society“  
**Prof. Folkhard Isermeyer**, President of the Thünen Institute: “Values create incomes”

12:15 - 12:55 pm

#### Panel discussion

**Maria Noichl**, MEP, S&D group in the European Parliament, shadow rapporteur on the CAP Strategic Plans Regulation  
**Dr Peter Liese**, MEP, environmental policy spokesperson of the EPP group in the European Parliament [tbc]  
**Martin Häusling**, MEP, agricultural policy spokesperson for the Greens / EFA group, shadow rapporteur on the CAP Strategic Plans Regulation

12:55 - 1:00 pm

#### Interim summary

**Alexander Müller**, Managing Director TMG Think Tank for Sustainability: Interim summary with a view to a social contract for sustainable agriculture

1:00 - 2:00 pm

#### Lunch break



Questions and comments from the audience are possible during the whole conference.

## Framework for sustainable agriculture in Germany

2:00 - 2:15 pm

### Keynote speech

**Prof. Peter Strohschneider**, Chair of the Commission on the Future of Agriculture: „Mandate, composition and goals of the Commission on the Future of Agriculture“

2:15 - 2:45 pm

### Input talk - Germany's CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027

**Jochen Flasbarth**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

**Beate Kasch**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture

2:45 - 3:30 pm

### Discussions with practitioners and association representatives from the environmental, nature conservation and agricultural sectors

**Werner Schwarz**, farmer, President of the Schleswig-Holstein Farmers' Association and Vice President of the German Farmers' Association

**Elisabeth Fresen**, farmer, chair of the German Small Farmers Association

**Birgit Beckers**, biologist, chair of the NRW Association of Biological Stations, head of ABU/ Soest biological station, member of the board of NABU NRW

**Barbara Weichselbaumer**, farmer operating a pig farm near Pfaffenhofen using animal welfare principles, diverse land use

**Jochen Hartmann**, farmer practising diverse field use and operating mobile poultry barns near Lüneburg

3:30 - 4:15 Uhr

### Discussions with stakeholders from the federal government and federal states

**Ursula Heinen-Esser**, Minister for Environment, Agriculture, Conservation and Consumer Protection, North Rhine-Westphalia

**Wolfram Günther**, State Minister for Energy, Climate Protection, Environment and Agriculture, Saxony

**Dr Matthias Miersch**, MP, deputy chair of the SPD Bundestag parliamentary group for environment and agriculture

4:15 - 4:30 Uhr

### Closing remarks

**Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter**, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety



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