

DFA WINTER CONFERENCE

ABOUT THE PRESENT AND FUTURE FOR EUROPE'S AGRICULTURE

**Thursday & Friday
22nd- 23rd January 2026**

Vienna International Airport

Dont miss this unique opportunity to get :

- Inspiring case stories from progressive colleagues
- Hands-on experiences regarding disease outbreaks in animal production
- Valuable ideas to improve your efficiency
- Advice as to how to future proof your production
- Knowledge about possibilities and challenges in relation to the green transition
- In depth understanding of future market trends agriculture and food products from both wholesales and consumers
- Inside knowledge about what we can expect from the EU politicians reg. new laws and regulations affecting our business.

All spiced up with pleasant get-togethers and good discussions with experienced colleagues from all parts of the world.





THURSDAY JANUARY 22ND 2026

Get valuable insight from progressive colleagues as to how they are tackling both daily and structural challenges in :

- *Disease outbreaks*
- *Disease prevention*
- *Efficiency all around*
- *License to operate*
- *Who will take the lead in the future production*
- *Green transition*

Daily programme

13:00	WHEN DISASTER STRIKES	16:00	BIOGAS
-	- Real life reactions and consequences	-	- as a license to operate
13:30	By Morten Nielsen/ DanSlovakia Agrar	16:30	By Frank Wennerberg/GreenFarm
13:30	ADJUSTING LARGE SCALE-FARMING TO REALITY	16:30	THE FUTURE for GLOBAL PIG PRODUCTION
-	- a case-story from Rumania	-	- where & how?
14:00	By Jim Mc Carthy/Southern Harvest	17:00	By Henrik Nielsen/DanBred
14:00	ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE?	17:00	Navigating the green transition
-	- LEAN as a valuable tool for both efficiency and motivation	-	- How Cargill is supporting a resilient and profitable European Agriculture
14:30	By Agnieszka Dorawa/ Goodvalley	17:30	v. Kiki Kuiper/ Cargill
14:30	TO BE OR NOT TO BE	17:30	
-	- the importance of biosecurity in agriculture	-	PANEL DISCUSSION
15:00	By Bjarne Vest/ VestIn	18:00	
15:00		18:00	EXHIBITION & WINE TASTING
-	PANEL DISCUSSION	-	
15:30		18.45	
15:30		19.00	DINNER & NETWORKING
-	COFFEE & NETWORKING	-	
16:00			



FRIDAY JANUARY 23RD 2026

What can we expect of new demands, legislation and regulations from society and politicians, in the light of climate change and a muddy geopolitical picture in relation to:

- *Structural development in agriculture*
- *The impact of agricultural production on climate change*
- *The increasing need for animal protein*
- *The role of agriculture in food security*
- *The geopolitical reality*
- *Society's and politicians' attitudes to agricultural and food production*

Daily programme

09:00	A PERMANENT POLICRISIS IN EUROPE ?	13:30	GENERAL ASSEMBLY DFA
-	- polish perspectives on agricultural development	-	
09:30		14:30	
	By Grzegorz Brodziak/ Goodvalley		
09:30	STRUTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EU AGRI-SECTOR	14:30	CLOSING REMARKS
-	- transitions and geopolitics	-	
10:00		15:00	
	By Jurgen Tack/EU Landowners Organization		
10:00	UKRAINIAN AGRICULTURE IN THE EU MARKET		
-	- possibillities now & in the future		
10:30			
	By Andrii Dykun/Ukrainian Agri Council		
10:30	THE AGRI/FOOD POLITICAL AGENDA FROM INSIDE THE EU		
-	-what are the MP ´s fighting for and against		
11:00			
	By Jessika Van Leeuwen/		
11:00			
-	PANEL DISCUSSION		
11:30			
11:30	SUM UP		
-	- thanks & goodbye		
12:00			

MEET OUR CONTRIBUTORS



MORTEN NIELSEN

Dan-Slovakia Agrar

With his current position as COO of pig production in DSA, Morten is responsible for the day-to-day operation of an 11,800 sow farm in Slovakia. Morten has a long career behind him in large-scale pig production, especially in Eastern Europe, and has therefore had to deal with difficult situations with disease outbreaks of both PRRS, ASF and foot-and-mouth disease, where both the direct and indirect consequences require consistent and prudent management.



JIM MC CHARTY

SOUTHERN HARVEST

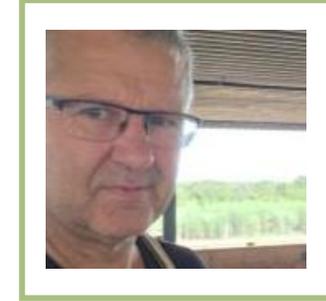
Jim has over thirty years experience in Farm/Investment Fund world. Was directly involved or led four different farm investment projects whose main focus has been land ownership on four different continents. Jim is now heading a 20.000 ha. Arable farm in Romania, and has strong opinions and huge experience when it comes to Conservation Agriculture as well as EU's Agricultural policies



AGNIESZKA DORAWA

GOODVALLEY

Agnieszka has over 22 years of experience in production at Goodvalley, where she has worked closely with both management and employees. Based on LEAN principles, she will share how to move from a push to a pull approach in change projects and highlight the importance of communication and visual management in cross-cultural and multi-generational teams



BJARNE VEST

VESTIN

With 30 years of experience as production manager and founder of VestIn, which is certified to perform BioSecurity audits via the BioCheck system from the University of Geneva, Bjarne will talk about 'licence to operate' based on biosecurity. Based on more than 230 audits in 13 countries, he will show how good biosecurity not only protects animal welfare, but is also crucial for trust, market access and business sustainability.



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FRANK WENNERBERG
GREENFARM

Frank focuses on how farmers – like all other food producers – are increasingly being measured on their climate footprint. He will show how biogas converts organic waste into valuable fertilizer and reduces emissions from food production. The collection of methane and biogenic CO₂ not only creates climate benefits, but also opens new business opportunities.



HENRIK NIELSEN
DANBRED

The focus is on global pig production in the future: Where and how should we produce to keep up with rising demand? With a growing world population and increased demand for animal protein, pork consumption is expected to double by 2050. Henrik shares his insights into the global hotspots for production and who will supply the pork chops and spareribs of the future.



KIKI KUIPER
CARGILL

With a background in Animal Sciences and years of experience at Cargill, Kiki Kuiper works as Category Lead Sustainability Ruminants. She focuses on developing climate strategies and partnerships across the value chain, including methane reduction initiatives such as SilvAir.



TOM AXELGAARD
Danish Farmers Abroad

Secretary General of the DFA and moderator throughout the winter conference



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GRZEGORZ BRODZIAK
GOODVALLEY

Drawing on his many years of experience at Goodvalley and in key positions in both Polish and European agricultural organizations, he provides a current perspective on how agriculture can navigate in an era characterized by green transition, regulation and international competition. Grzegorz focuses on how we can ensure both adaptation and sustainability without losing competitiveness or production in the EU.



JURGEN TACK
EU LANDOWNERS ORG.

Jurgen Tack, Secretary General of the European Landowners' Organization (ELO), will share his perspectives on how European agriculture and food production can navigate the green transition. Based on both sustainability and competitiveness, he will highlight the balance between political goals and the economic realities of agriculture.



ANDRII DYKUN
UKRAINIAN AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL

In his presentation, 'How does Ukrainian Food and Agriculture production fit into the European market now and in the future?', he takes a close look at Ukraine's role in the European food system – both in light of the war and future trade. With his background in politics, business and education, he provides unique insight into how Ukraine can contribute to Europe's food supply and green transition.



JESSIKA VAN LEEUWEN
MEMBER EUROPEAN PARLAMENT

Dr Jessika van Leeuwen is a Dutch Member of the European Parliament for the BoerBurgerBeweging (BBB) part of the centre-right European People's Party (EPP) group. In Brussels, Van Leeuwen focuses on food safety, agriculture, animal health, international trade, and regional policy. She is a member of the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI), and she is fighting hard for improved conditions for European Farmers





PRICE & INFORMATION OVERVIEW

STATUS	PRICE	COMMENTS
MEMBER	550€	<i>incl. lunch, dinner, drinks both days</i>
EARLY BIRD <i>Sign – in before 01-12-2025</i>	450€	<i>If more employees – price for next participant 350€</i>
NON-MEMBERS	650€	<i>incl. lunch, dinner, drinks both days</i>
1 DAY PASS W. DINNER	350€	<i>incl. lunch, dinner & drinks</i>
1 DAY PASS W.O DINNER	300€	<i>incl. lunch</i>

ACCOMODATION

We have negotiated a good price at a 4-star hotel close by the airport, where the conference will be held- [Hotel NH Vienna Airport Conference Center | nh-hotels.com](https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/eventsweb/danish-farmers-abroad--2026)

Use one of the following links to book the hotel at a favourable price:

- **EN:** <https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/eventsweb/danish-farmers-abroad--2026>
- **DE:** <https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/eventsweb/danish-farmers-abroad--2026>

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JANUARY 1ST 2026**

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