



Danish Farmers
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WINTER CONFERENCE 2026

22-23 JANUARY 2026



VIENNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



THE PRESENT AND FUTURE FOR
EUROPE'S AGRICULTURE

Join us in **Vienna** for two days of high-level insights, networking, and strategic discussions shaping the future of European agriculture.



22th of January

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
- Green transition

11:30 - 12:30

Registration and lunch in our conference room

12:30 (sharp) - 13:00

Welcome & practical information

13:00 - 13:30

“When Disaster Strikes” – real-life reactions & consequences

Speaker: Morten Nielsen, Pig Production COO, Dan-Slovakia Agrar

13:30 - 14:00

“Adjusting Large-Scale Farming to Reality” – a case story from Romania

Speaker: Jim McCarthy, Managing Partner, Southern Harvest Romania

14:00 - 14:30

“All You Need Is Love?” – LEAN as a tool for efficiency & motivation

Speaker: Agnieszka Dorawa, Manager of Continuous Improvement, Goodvalley Poland

14:30 - 15:00

“To Be or Not to Be” – the importance of biosecurity in agriculture

Speaker: Bjarne Vest, Owner, VestIn

15:00 - 15:30

Panel discussion + audience Q&A

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee, cake & networking

16:00 - 16:30

Biogas – A License To Operate

Speaker: Frank Wennerberg, GreenFarmer & Co-Founder, GreenFarm

16:30 - 17:00

The Future of Global Pig Production – where & how?

Speaker: Henrik Nielsen, Global Sales Manager, DanBred

17:00 - 17:30

Navigating the Green Transition – how cargill supports resilient & profitable European agriculture

Speaker: Kiki Kuiper, Cargill Animal Nutrition & Health

17:30 - 18:00

Panel discussion + audience Q&A

18:00 - 18:45

Exhibition & wine tasting

19:30 -

Dinner & networking (NH Hotels)



23th of January

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

08:45 (sharp) - 09:00

Welcome Day 2 + practical info

09:00 - 09:30

“A Permanent Polycrisis in Europe?” – Polish perspectives on agricultural development

Speaker: Grzegorz Brodziak, President of the Management Board, Goodvalley Agro S.A (Poland)

09:30 - 10:00

“Structural Developments In The EU Agri-Sector” – transitions & geopolitics

Speaker: Jurgen Tack, Secretary General, EU Landowners' Organization (ELO)

10:00 - 10:30

Ukrainian Agriculture In The EU Market – possibilities now & in the future

Speaker: Andrii Dykun, Ukrainian AgriCouncil

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee, cake & networking

11:00 - 11:30

“The Agri-Food Political Agenda from Inside the EU” – what MPs are fighting for (and against)

Speaker: Dr. Jessika van Leeuwen, Member of the European Parliament

11:30 - 12:00

Panel discussion + audience Q&A

12:00 - 12:30

Conference summary

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch (in the room)

13:30 - 14:30

DFA General Assembly Meeting – all are welcome

14:30 - 15:00

Closing remarks – thank you & goodbye

✓ Don't 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 business
- Knowledge about possibilities and challenges in relation to the green transition
- In depth understanding of future agriculture and food products trends from both wholesalers and consumers
- Inside knowledge about what we can expect from EU politicians reg. new laws and regulations affecting our business.

MEET OUR CONTRIBUTORS



MORTEN NIELSEN

DAN-SLOVAKIA AGRAR

As COO of pig production in DSA, Morten oversees the daily operations of an 11,800-sow farm in Slovakia. With extensive experience in large-scale pig production in Eastern Europe, he has managed challenging disease outbreaks including PRRS, ASF, and foot-and-mouth disease, ensuring consistent and responsible handling of both direct and indirect impacts.



JIM MC CHARTY

SOUTHERN HARVEST

Jim has over 30 years of experience in farm management and agricultural investment. He has led or participated in four major land-focused farm investment projects across four continents. He currently manages a 20,000-hectare arable farm in Romania and brings extensive expertise and strong views on Conservation Agriculture and EU 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' experience and as founder of VestIn, certified to conduct BioSecurity audits with the University of Geneva's BioCheck system, Bjarne will discuss the biosecurity "license to operate." Based on over 230 audits in 13 countries, he shows how solid biosecurity safeguards animal welfare and supports trust, market access, and sustainable business.



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.

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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.



PIA HINZ

DANISH FARMERS ABROAD

Secretary General of the DFA and moderator throughout the winter conference. Will guide discussions, linking key themes, and ensuring a smooth and engaging flow of the program.



GRZEGORZ BRODZIAK

GOODVALLEY

With extensive experience at Goodvalley and in major Polish and European agricultural organizations, Grzegorz provides an up-to-date perspective on how agriculture can navigate the green transition, increasing regulation, and global competition. He highlights how the EU can remain competitive while advancing adaptation and sustainability.



JÜRGEN TACK

EU LANDOWNERSORG

Jürgen 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. Focusing on both sustainability and competitiveness, he will highlight the balance between political ambitions and the economic realities faced by the agricultural sector.



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 examines Ukraine's role in the European food system, both amid the ongoing war and in future trade. Drawing on his background in politics, business, and education, he offers unique insight into how Ukraine can contribute to Europe's food supply and its green transition.



JESSIKA VAN LEEUWEN

MEMBER EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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, she focuses on food safety, agriculture, animal health, international trade, and regional policy. As a member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI), she advocates strongly for better conditions for European farmers.



Price & Sign-Up Information Overview

Status	Price	Comments
Member	550€	incl. lunch, dinner, drinks both days, 450€ - starting with the 2nd participant within the same company
Non Member	650€	incl. lunch, dinner, drinks both days
1 Day-Pass	350€	incl. lunch, dinner & drink



Accommodation

NH Vienna Airport Conference Center Hotel | nh-hotels.com

Situated just opposite the arrivals hall at Vienna International Airport.



Use this link to reserve your hotel at a discounted price:

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



SIGN UP NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1ST 2026

Upon sign in, please remember to mention your company name, your full name, two-day participation or only one day and whether you intend to participate in DFA's General Assembly or not.

Register at info@danishfarmersabroad.dk



Green transition challenges & opportunities



How EU de-bureaucratisation can ease the burden for agri-businesses



Food security in a geopolitically unstable world