



Bridging the gap: urban-rural linkage, resilience and food security in Europe

Date 22 May 2025

Venue Representation of the European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino in Brussels rue de Pascale 47 – 1040 Brussels

09:00 Welcome Coffee & Croissants

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09:30 Welcome Remarks

- Vesna Caminades, Representative of the Autonomous Province of Bozen/Bolzano-South Tyrol Brussels Liaison Office
- Peter Defranceschi, ICLEI Europe Brussels Office & Head of ICLEI Global CityFood Programme

09:45 Opening Keynotes

- MEP Herbert Dorfmann - EPP Agrifood Spokesperson
- Emile Frison - IPES-Food Panel Founder, Agroecology Coalition Senior Advisor
- Karan Courtney Haag - Regional Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF
- Anant Jani - Senior Researcher, University of Heidelberg & Oxford University

10:25 Opening Keynotes - Q&A Session with the Audience

10:40 Food Security, Urban-Rural Linkage and the Role of Local Governments

- Launch of the ICLEI Position Paper on Urban Food Security and Resilience in Europe - Jean-Marc Louvin, ICLEI Europe

11:00 Urban-Rural Food Security - Panel Discussion

- The Power of Local Action - Klaudia Marzec, Wrocław Municipality
- The Power of Procurement - Simone Lechat, Manger Demain
- The Power of Food Democracy - Marian O'Reilly, Cork Healthy Communities Coordinator
- The Power of City Collaboration - Peter Defranceschi, ICLEI Europe

12:00 Panel Discussion - Q&A Session with the Audience

12:30 Sustainable and Delicious Networking Lunch

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