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KEYNOTE SPEAKER		<p>Ricard Ramon i Sumoy DG AGRI – European Commission</p> <p>Ricard Ramon i Sumoy is Head of Unit at the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) for Policy Perspectives. He has extensive experience in EU agricultural policy, focusing on innovation, sustainability, and the future of the Common Agricultural Policy.</p>
		<p>María Fuentes Merino DG AGRI – European Commission</p> <p>María Fuentes Merino is a Coordinator of eco-schemes in DG AGRI Environmental Sustainability Unit. Her work focuses on integrating environmental objectives into farming practices and supporting the transition to more sustainable agricultural systems.</p>
ROUNDTABLE		<p>Emanuele Ciriolo Joint Research Centre</p> <p>Emanuele Ciriolo is Head of the Competence Centre on Behavioural Insights at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. His work applies behavioral science to policymaking, helping design more effective public policies across various sectors, including sustainability and agriculture.</p>
		<p>Stoyan Tchoukanov European Economic and Social Committee – EESC</p> <p>Stoyan Tchoukanov serves as President of the NAT Section at the European Economic and Social Committee, focusing on agriculture, rural development, and environmental issues. He represents civil society perspectives in EU policymaking and contributes to shaping sustainable agricultural and food policies.</p>
		<p>Krystyna Springer Institute for European Environmental Policy - IEEP</p> <p>Krystyna Springer is a Senior Policy Analyst at IEEP, focusing on carbon farming, market-based instruments, and climate policy pathways in agriculture and forestry.</p>
COMMENTATORS		<p>Isabel Paliotta European Environmental Bureau - EEB</p> <p>Isabel Paliotta is Senior Policy Officer for Sustainable Food Systems at the European Environmental Bureau (EEB). She works within the Agriculture Team on the EU’s transition towards more sustainable food systems. Her work focuses on linking agricultural and food policy with environmental sustainability goals.</p>

	<p>Erwin Wauters ENFASYS project coordinator Erwin Wauters is Senior Researcher in Agricultural Economics at the Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (ILVO) and coordinator of the ENFASYS project. His expertise includes agricultural resilience, farm economics, innovation adoption in agriculture, and socio-psychological research. He also has strong experience in survey design, risk modelling, and farm-level data analysis.</p>
	<p>Raluca Barbu VISIONARY project, Highclere Consulting Raluca Barbu is a consultant specialising in evidence-based policy, food systems, and territorial development. Through her work with Highclere Consulting and the VISIONARY project, she supports multi-actor partnerships and helps translate research and stakeholder input into practical food strategies. Her expertise connects agriculture, environment, rural-urban linkages, and sustainable local development.</p>
	<p>Anastasia Kannavou PRUDENT project Anastasia Kannavou is a Senior Policy Advisor and Knowledge Broker with expertise in agricultural, climate, and environmental science and policy. She previously served as Head of Office at the European Parliament, where she worked extensively on the CAP and the European Green Deal. Her background also includes leadership in the Greek Rural Development Programme and strong experience in EU policy, project management, and sustainable agrifood systems.</p>
	<p>Gus Verhaeghe B-TRUST project coordinator Gus Verhaeghe is Innovation Manager at Flanders' FOOD and coordinator of the B-TRUST project. He has extensive experience in international collaboration and European projects, particularly in food innovation. His work focuses on topics such as food waste reduction, packaging, by-product valorisation, and, more recently, sensors, digitalisation, and automation in the context of Industry 4.0.</p>
	<p>Edelbis López Dávila thERBN project coordinator Edelbis López Dávila is a researcher at Ghent University and coordinator of the thERBN project. His work focuses on identifying practical solutions for agricultural residues and promoting their uptake through knowledge exchange and multi-actor collaboration. He works closely with practitioners, advisors, and policy actors to support the transition towards more sustainable and circular farming systems.</p>

