

# AKIS in action

## Modernization of agriculture

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2024



10:00 – 11:30 CET

Online  
via Zoom



**WHERE &  
WHEN**

**YOU MEET**

Public authorities  
AKIS Coordination  
Bodies  
CAP Networks  
Advisory services  
managers  
Researchers

Innovation plays a key role in achieving the European Green Deal's vision and objectives. It is also a central tenant of the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS), which focus on multi-actor driven innovation and strong networks aiming to produce science-based but practically usable and scalable innovations. Only by bringing new ideas into practice and helping farmers build the skills they need, we stand a chance to achieve a truly sustainable European agriculture. How policy makers may address innovation-centric interventions and strengthen Europe's agriculture is the focus of this networking event.

Join us to learn from an outstanding expert and exchange with peers as they share their practical insights and strategies for success! Whether you are a seasoned pro or just starting in your field, this event offers a platform to gain new insights, enhance your knowledge, and build valuable relationships. Join us and take your knowledge and network to the next level!

## AGENDA

Moderator: Simona Cristiano, CREA

- 10:00 – 10:05** Opening of the event
- 10:05 – 10:10** Introduction to the modernAKIS project  
Alexandra Nutz, Austrian Chamber of Agriculture, Austria
- 10:10 – 10:25** Policies for the future of farming and food in the European Union: general overview  
Jesus Antón, OECD, France
- 10:25 – 11:00** Policies for the future of farming and food in the European Union: focus on innovation  
Urszula Ziebinska, OECD, France
- 11:00 – 11:10** Q&A Session
- 11:10 – 11:25** Discussion on opportunities and challenges for agricultural innovation in the EU
- 11:25 – 11:30** Wrap-up and outlook to next events



## Policies for the future of farming and food in the European Union: focus on innovation

EU policy instruments and interventions have enhanced the productivity, sustainability and resilience of the EU's food and agriculture sector, with innovation considered one of main drivers contributing to fostering the dynamic evolution of the sector. The European Union's long-term strategy for research and innovation seeks to achieve sustainable agriculture, but resources devoted to agricultural knowledge and innovation systems (AKIS) are limited compared to the total support provided to the sector. Urszula Ziebinska will present the latest findings from the OECD's "Policies for the Future of Farming and Food in the European Union" report and identify how putting innovation at the centre of EU agricultural policy strategy has the strong potential to make enhanced productivity and environmental sustainability mutually compatible.

More information available at:

- OECD (2023), Agricultural Productivity and Innovation: The OECD Agro-Food Productivity-Sustainability-Resilience Policy Framework and Country Reviews, [www.oecd.org/agriculture/topics/agricultural-productivity-and-innovation](http://www.oecd.org/agriculture/topics/agricultural-productivity-and-innovation)
- OECD (2023), Agricultural Policy Monitoring and Evaluation: Report and Data, [www.oecd.org/agriculture/topics/agricultural-policy-monitoring-and-evaluation](http://www.oecd.org/agriculture/topics/agricultural-policy-monitoring-and-evaluation)



**URSZULA ZIEBINSKA,**  
Data and Policy  
Analyst at the OECD

She authored the  
"Innovation for  
sustainability" chapter in

the report "Policies for the Future of Farming and Food in the European Union" (OECD, 2023) and co-authored the "European Union" chapter in the report "Agricultural Policy Monitoring and Evaluation 2023" (OECD, 2023). Over the past seven years, she has been monitoring agricultural policies and contributing to the development of the OECD Agro-Food Productivity-Sustainability-Resilience Policy Framework, as well as participating in country reviews based on this framework.



**JESÚS ANTÓN,**  
OECD, Trade and  
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Jesús Antón is Head of Unit in the Agriculture and Resource Policies Division in the OECD. He leads the work on innovation and agricultural policy reviews based on the OECD productivity-sustainability-resilience

framework. He has also led the development of the OECD holistic approach to agricultural risk management and the project on decoupled payments. From 2014 to 2017 he led the Platform for Agricultural Risk Management in the UN's International Fund for Agricultural Development IFAD. From 2005 to 2007 he was Advisor and leader of the Economic Analysis Unit in the Ministry of Agriculture in Spain.

He has [published widely](#) in different agricultural policy areas such as impact assessment, trade, productivity and resilience. He has a PhD from the University of Madrid, an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economic and a master from the College of Europe (Belgium).

## The modernAKIS Project

modernAKIS ([www.modernakis.eu](http://www.modernakis.eu)), a seven year Horizon Europe project covering all 27 EU Member States, aims to improve the capacities of AKIS actors to leverage their individual, organizational and systemic resources to drive transformation towards more coherent, effective and AKIS systems and the transition to a more sustainable management and use of natural resources in farming and forestry.

The project offers more than 50 capacity building events, 40 networking events, 7 AKIS training modules, a network and online community of AKIS actors ([www.akisconnect.eu](http://www.akisconnect.eu)), engaged in sharing experiences and peer learning.

Interested to join the community?

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Questions?

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