



European Commission

MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGIES IN AGRICULTURE PAVING THE WAY FOR RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION

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High-Level Conference

The European Commission is organising a high-level conference on **"Modern Biotechnologies in Agriculture – Paving the way for responsible innovation"**. This one-day conference will take place in the Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels, Belgium, on Thursday 28 September 2017 from 9.30 to 18.00. It will be followed by a cocktail reception.

The aim of the conference is to stimulate an informed and open debate among all stakeholders on how the EU can benefit from modern biotechnologies and innovation in the food and agricultural sector while maintaining high safety standards. The participants will be prominent European policy makers, relevant industry stakeholders, representatives of civil society, scientists, and government experts.

Keynote speakers



Vytenis Andriukaitis
European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety



Emmanuelle Charpentier
Professor at Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology



Janusz Bujnicki
Professor, Member of Commission's Scientific Advice Mechanism

Preliminary programme

8.30-9.30	Registration and welcome coffee
Morning Session	<p>Welcome speech: Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis</p> <p>Speeches: Professor Emmanuelle Charpentier Professor Janusz Bujnicki</p> <p>Panel discussion and Q&A: Fostering Responsible Research and Innovation in Modern Biotechnologies – How to reap the benefits in the EU.</p>
Lunch	Networking buffet lunch
Afternoon Session	<p>Panel discussion and Q&A: Modern Biotechnology in Agriculture and Societal Challenges – Realis opportunities and addressing concerns.</p> <p>Panel discussion and Q&A: Finding a Common Way Forward – How to promote innovation and ensure safe use of modern biotechnologies in the EU.</p> <p>Closing remarks: Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis</p>
18.00-19.30	Networking reception

Registration and practical information

Please [register here](#) your interest to attend the conference. Since the places are limited, registrations exceeding the number of places available may not be accepted. Therefore your registration is only confirmed when you receive a confirmation email within two weeks from the date of registration. Acceptance of registration is at the sole discretion of the organising committee.

The conference will be streamed live. A link to the live-streaming will be available here on the day of the conference. The conference will take place in English, with interpretation available in French, German and other languages (to be confirmed in early September).

The conference is free to attend. Coffee, lunch and refreshments are provided by the Commission at the venue.

Please read the [specific privacy statement for this conference](#).