PROGRAMME

Date: 10th November 2026
Venue: Online and in Brussels at the delegation of the Emilia-Romagna region, Rue Montoyer 21
Languages: French, English, Italian, Spanish

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09:00 Registration and coffee

09:30 **Start of the conference** - welcome speech by **Ramón Fernández-Pacheco,** AREFLH president and agriculture minister of Andalusia region

09:45 **Session 1: The future of fruits and vegetables CMO – perspectives from the regions and the sector**

Moderator: **Luc Vanoirbeek**, Secretary General of VBT

Speakers:

- **Mario Tamanti**, Director of APO Gruppo Vi.Va, presentation of the "Study on the effectiveness of sectoral interventions carried out between 2015 and 2026"
- **Gijs Schilthuis**, Director at Directorate B of DG AGRI, European Commission
- **Norbert Lins**, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
- **Cristina Maestre**, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (shadow rapporteur on NRPP)
- **Alessio Mammi**, Regional Minister for Agriculture of Emilia-Romagna and Rapporteur for the Committee of the Regions' opinion on the CMO and the EU School Schemes

10:50 **Questions & answers**

11:10 **Coffee break**

11:30 **Session 2: Innovation and Food Safety in the new Omnibus food and feed package**

Moderator: **Lisa Martini**, President of AREFLH Producers' College and Director of FINAF

Speakers:

- **Francesca Mancini**, Deputy Head of Unit E.4 at DG SANTE, European Commission
- **Herbert Dorfman**, Members of the Agriculture Committee, European Parliament
- **Patricia Picard**, delegated of Auvergne Rhone Alpes Region
- **Giovanni Missanelli**, Director of Assomela
- **Wim Rodenburg**, Public Affairs Manager, DPA

12:30 **Questions & answers**

12:50 **Concluding remarks by:**

- **Lisa Martini,** AREFLH Vice-President and Director of FINAF
- **Ramón Fernández-Pacheco**

13:00 **End of the conference**

13:10 **Lunch cocktail**

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ABOUT AREFLH

The main missions of the Assembly of European Horticultural Regions are to:

- Represent the voice of its members: regions, associations of producer organisations (APOs), producer organisations (Pos) and experts from 15 EU countries;
- Defend the economic and social interests of the fruit & vegetable sector in Europe;
- Promote exchanges of best practice, partnerships and joint projects between regions and professional organisations;
- Make proposals on the main issues affecting the future of the production in Europe.

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