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Can MFF 2028–2034 Support Future Proofing of Agriculture and Rural Areas?

Focus on Central and Eastern Europe

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Mirror Hall (Sala Lustrzana) and online

Programme

10:00 **Registration and coffee**

11:00 **Opening Session (11:00–11:40)**

Opening address: Dr Paweł Chmieliński, Professor, Director of the Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Sciences (IRWiR PAN) – *Challenges for an NRPP. Architecture, coordination and ambition for agriculture and food systems in CEEC and the EU.*

Keynote speech: Prof. Alan Matthews, Trinity College Dublin – *The CAP post-2027: architecture, flexibility and the governance challenge for Member States.*

11:40 **Session I: Future Policy for Agriculture and Food Systems**

11:40–12:00 Introduction: Dr Jerzy Plewa, Team Europe, former Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), European Commission – *Not a cut but a shift: who will really decide on support for farmers and rural areas after 2027?*

12:00–12:30 Prof. Emil Erjavec, University of Ljubljana – *The NRPP through a CEEC lens: institutional capacity and the ambition gap for agriculture and rural development.*

12:30–13:30 Panel and General Discussion
Chair: Dr Paweł Chmieliński
Panellists: Prof. Alan Matthews, Prof. Emil Erjavec, Dr Jerzy Plewa, Prof. Dimitris Skuras

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13:30 **Lunch break (13:30–14:30)**

14:30 **Session II: MFF for Countries and Regions – CEEC Perspective**

14:30–14:50 Mr Radim Sršeň, European Committee of the Regions (CoR), Rural Pact Coordination Group, Czech Republic – *Rural areas in the new MFF architecture: territorial cohesion, governance and the risk of losing the regional dimension in CEEC.*

14:50–15:10 Prof. Dimitris Skuras, University of Patras – *A view from the South: lessons from Greece's CAP Strategic Plan for regional governance under the NRPP.*

15:10–16:10 CEEC Expert Session: National perspectives Chair: Prof. Jerzy Kozyra
National perspectives and experiences on the governance of rural support, dialogue between regional and national levels, and preparedness for the new financial perspective.

- Dr Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development, Vilnius, Lithuania
- Dr Pál Goda, Director, Institute of Agricultural Economics (AKI), Budapest, Hungary
- Dr Monica Tudor, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Romanian Academy, Romania

16:10–17:00 Panel and General Discussion: *National plans, regional realities – will CEEC regions lose their voice in the NRPP?*
Chair: Prof. Dimitris Skuras
Panellists: Mr Radim Sršeň, Dr Monica Tudor, Dr Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė, Dr Pál Goda, Prof. Jerzy Kozyra

17:00 **Summary and observations**
Prof. Alan Matthews, Dr Paweł Chmieliński and Prof. Dimitris Skuras

17:30 **Symposium Cocktail (Staszic Palace)**
End of the meeting

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