



## Course

# EU-policy for agriculture, food and rural areas

**The CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) reform 2013 maintained the two pillars of support to farmers' incomes and rural development, but increased the links between them, offering a more holistic and integrated approach to policy support. What are the challenges and objectives for the coming years? What are the next steps to be taken? What budget will remain available for the CAP? The course gives insight in the why and how of the CAP 2014-2020 and beyond.**

### Target Group

The course aims at policy makers, their assistants as well as civil servants working in Brussels and national governments on emerging European and global challenges. Moreover, specialists in business and non-governmental organisations, researchers at universities or institutes and professional teachers, all of whom interested in EU policies for agriculture, food and rural areas are welcome to join the course.

### Result

The reformed CAP specifically introduced a new architecture of direct payments: better targeted, more equitable and greener; a more selective safety net and an improved rural development policy. At the end of the course you will have a broad and up-to-date overview of the key issues and latest EU policy developments in agriculture, food and rural areas. The topics are introduced by highly qualified specialists from various organisations involved in CAP policy making.

<b>Locatie:</b>	<b>Neth-ER, Brussels</b>
<b>Data:</b>	<b>17 and 18 September 2015</b>
<b>Course leaders:</b>	<b>Prof. Dr. Gerrit Meester &amp; Dr. Liesbeth Dries</b>

### Our approach

The two day course will offer a mixture of presentations and discussions with specialists from research and experts in the field to improve your understanding of EU policies and decision-making and to enable immediate application to your specific situation. There will be various opportunities for interaction with other participants and the lecturers. This offers the possibility to meet people from different backgrounds and to expand your professional network.

#### Course leaders:

- Prof. Dr. Gerrit Meester - Former Professor European Economic. Integration University of Amsterdam and former Agricultural Policy Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, The Hague, The Netherlands
- Dr. Liesbeth Dries - Assistant professor, Agricultural Economics and Rural Policy, Wageningen University, The Netherlands



## Programme

### Day 1 September 17 2015

- General introduction to the course  
*Gerrit Meester and Liesbeth Dries*
- Historical development of the CAP  
*Gerrit Meester and Liesbeth Dries*
- CAP Pillar 1  
*Joost Korte, European Commission, Brussels*
- Developments and experience of agriculture and rural development of Latvia in EU since 2004  
*Aivars Lapins, Permanent Representation of Latvia to the EU, Latvia*
- CAP and EU budget  
*Marko Bos, Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands (SER), The Hague*
- CAP and risk management in agriculture  
*Tomás García Azcárate, European Commission, Brussels*
- Greening the CAP  
*Allan Buckwell, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP), London*

### Day 2 September 18, 2015

- CAP Pillar 2  
*Josefine Loriz-Hoffmann, European Commission, Brussels*
- CAP decision-making processes  
*Frits Thissen, Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU, Brussels*
- CAP, WTO and bilateral trade agreements  
*Frank van Tongeren, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD, Paris*
- European Food Legislation  
*Bernd van der Meulen, Wageningen UR*
- Future of the CAP  
*Alan Mathews*
- Future of the CAP: View from the NGO's  
*Ariel Brunner, Birdlife International, Brussels*

## Practical information

### Course fee

The course fee of €1495,- covers tuition, course materials, coffee/tea/soft drinks, snacks, lunches and 1 dinner. The course fee does not include travel and hotel accommodation.

### Registration

Registration closes at 1 September 2015. Participants will receive information about the program shortly after this date. Registration is possible via [www.wageningenacademy.nl/en](http://www.wageningenacademy.nl/en).

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