

*11th Conference of the Italian Association of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AIEAA)
16-17 June 2022
Università della Tuscia
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CAP, Farm to Fork and Green Deal: policy coherence, governance, and future challenges.

The European Green Deal sets very ambitious high-level goals in terms of growth and environment, with the aim of turning the EU into a modern, competitive, and sustainable economy. The objective is to reach the target of zero carbon emissions generating greenhouse effects by 2050, the “decoupling” of economic growth from the use of natural resources, and a wider social inclusion for people and territories.

To pursue such an ambitious plan, the Green Deal laid out a series of objectives and actions to ensure that every sector of the economy gives its contribution. This will translate into a system of complex sectoral-level policies that interact with each other for the achievement of the common high-level goals. However, the extent to which this complex system will be effective in achieving these goals will depend on policy coherence and on governance. Thus, better understanding the sectoral interconnections and the existing trade-offs between different policies and objectives, and between hierarchical decisional levels becomes essential.

The Farm to Fork Strategy (F2F), the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, together with the Climate Policy will all substantially impact agriculture and food supply chains in the EU over the decades to come. This set of strategies is asking for a substantial transformation of the sector in terms of input use, adoption of new technologies, and a shift of agricultural land to more sustainable and less intensive practices. Additionally, objectives require an increase of the circularity in the whole food chain with a bioeconomy approach and a reduction in food waste and losses, the improvement of fair trading practises, high labour standards as well as food quality and safety standards. Contributions to the Green Deal objectives are not expected to come only from the supply side. Consumers, with their diets, are considered essential in ensuring a sustainable transition of the whole food system.

Indeed, this is the first time the EU publishes a strategy for the whole agri-food sector, “from farm to fork” as the name reads. This approach goes beyond the sectoral vision and tries to have a holistic approach not only in terms of components of the systems, but also in terms of budget and funds involved in the pursue of the strategy. This is an innovative and major challenge, that aims at putting together in a single view the economic aspects, the health, the environment, the justice and the social components of the food system, at any territorial level, from the national to the local one.

In this context, the reform of the CAP has taken place. Its new architecture calls for a governance system where Member States, through their National Strategic plans (NSPs), interact with the European Commission to define their contribution in achieving EU-level objectives. An important question is **how this new CAP will fit the ambitions of the Green Deal and how it will contribute to the transformation of the agricultural sector as a whole.**

As agricultural and applied economists we can not escape from investigating and discussing the various issues at stake. The 11th AIEAA annual conference is a proper and timely occasion to put together different points of views, academic backgrounds, research efforts and professional skills with the common aim to explore the potential synergies coming from the integration of the CAP with other EU and national policies under the Green Deal umbrella. The main goal is to improve knowledge on the **coherence**, the **potential integration**, the **governance** of this new approach to the

agri-food system, the **impact** on the national and local systems and the look at future **challenges** opening-up from the new holistic approach to common problems.

AIEAA has invited four well known scholars to discuss the main topics above. Submission on contributions around these issues are welcome; however, submission on other agricultural and applied economics topics are also encouraged.

Submissions

Contribution proposals should be submitted in English through the conference management platform, ConfTool, available from the conference page on the AIEAA website (www.aieaa.org). There are three types of contributions: contributed papers, organized sessions, and posters. The proposed contributions can address any relevant issue within the field of agricultural and applied economics and policies.

Contributed papers

Participants intending to present a contributed paper are requested to submit an extended abstract (minimum 1,500 words; maximum 2,000 words) before **January 31, 2022**. Abstracts should include:

- a. Introduction to the topic and objectives of the paper
- b. Description of data and research methodology
- c. Discussion of the expected theoretical and/or empirical results
- d. Main conclusions and emphasis on the paper's potential for generating discussion during the conference
- e. A list of few essential references.

All submitted abstracts will be subject to a blind peer review process. Authors will be notified of paper acceptance by **March 15, 2022**.

The Programme Committee encourages submission of the final version of accepted contributions by May 15, 2022.

Upon Authors' authorization, the final version of the abstract/paper will be made available on the conference website while full papers, only upon specific authorization, will be uploaded on *AgEcon Search*.

A selection of accepted papers will be considered for publication in a special issue of *Bio-based and Applied Economics* after going through the journals' standard review process.

Organized sessions

Participants are invited to propose organized sessions primarily, but not exclusively, on topics relevant to the conference themes. Proposals (max 2,000 words) should include the name of the organizer, the session title, the name of contributors, and the title and abstract of each paper. It is suggested that proposed sessions include no more than four papers. Proposals should be submitted by **January 31, 2022**. Organized session proposals will be subject to a peer review process. Authors will be notified of acceptance by **March 15, 2022**.

Posters

AIEAA welcomes the submission of posters. Accepted posters will be presented and discussed in dedicated sessions. Participants should submit an abstract (max 500 words) by **January 31, 2022**. Poster proposals will be subject to a blind peer review process. Authors will be notified of poster acceptance by **March 15, 2022**.

Presenting author's registration

Authors presenting papers, posters, or organized sessions must register for the conference before **May 15, 2022** (failing that, the paper/session/poster will be withdrawn from the conference program).

Ornella Maietta Best paper award

The best paper award 2022 entitled to Ornella Wanda Maietta will be selected among papers accepted for presentation at the AIEAA 2022 conference. The award will be conferred to the author of the paper selected by the Program Committee (PC) as the best paper based on criteria which consider both the paper quality (i.e. relevance, originality and innovation assessed by the PC), and the oral presentation quality (feedback given by members of the PC at the conference venue).

Papers are eligible when:

- The first author and presenter must be under 40 years old when submitting the paper and be member of AIEAA;
- The first author and presenter must indicate the intention to compete for the award in the submission phase;
- In case of co-authors, the first author must indicate the individual contribution of each author to the paper;
- Each applicant can submit only one paper;
- If members of the PC are listed as coauthors, they will be excluded from the selection process for the best paper award.
- In order to enable a final ranking in a timely manner, the **full paper** must be uploaded by **May 15, 2022**.

Important deadlines

Abstract submission by authors: **January 31, 2022**

Notification of acceptance to authors: **March 15, 2022**

Authors' registration deadline: **May 15, 2022**

Full paper/poster submission: **May 15, 2022**

Keynote speakers

Gianluca Brunori (University of Pisa)

Peter Feindt (Humboldt-Universität – Berlin)

Silvia Coderoni (Università Cattolica del sacro Cuore, Piacenza)

Sophie Thoyer (UMR CEE-M Centre d'économie de l'Environnement de Montpellier)

Conference Schedule

The pre-conference will be held on June 16, 2022 in the morning.

The 11th AIEAA Conference will start at 14.00 on Thursday, June 16, 2022 and will end by 17.00 on Friday June 17, 2022.

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Early Registration fees (before April 30)

Regular fee: 230€ (180€ if already member in 2022)

Reduced fee (Ph.D. students, Postdoc): 120€ (100 € if already member in 2022)

Registration fees include the conference lunches, the coffee breaks and the social dinner.

Late Registration fees (after April 30)

Regular fee: 270€ (220€ if already member in 2022)

Reduced fee (Ph.D. students, Postdoc): 180€ (160€ if already member in 2022)

Registration fees include the conference lunches, the coffee breaks and the social dinner.

Registration Procedure

Online registration will be possible on the conference website www.aieaa.org/aieaaconference2022

Information and contacts

For more updated information and contacts, please refer to the conference website at www.aieaa.org or email aieaaviterbo2022@aieaa.org