



**Who:** This Symposium will be hosted by MEPs Martin Hojsik and Fredrick Federley, Renew Europe

**When:** 12 December 2019

**Where:** In the European Parliament, room PHS 5B1, 9.00 to 13.00 with Welcome Coffee at 8.30

**Simultaneous interpretation:** EN, IT, FR

**8.30 – 9.00 Coffee and Croissants**

**9.15-9.30** Welcome and introduction by **Tomas Garcia Azcarate** (Deputy Director IEGC-CSIC, Madrid - Chair and Moderator)

**9.30-10.15 Key note speeches**

- *Reflections and post-electoral expectations regarding the sustainable use of pesticides* – presentation by **Martin Hojsik** (MEP, Renew Europe)
- *Which policy and technical tools will be offered in France to ensure the ecological transition* by **Florence Jacquet**, Research Director in the French National Research Agency (INRA)

**10.15-10.45 How to engage farmers in the ecological transition**

- *Desired compliance or business opportunity: How to frame the ecological transition in farming?* by **Erik Mathijs**, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Leuven, Belgium
- *Designing policy instruments for ecological transition: The importance of understanding farmers' motivation and decision styles* by **Helle Ørsted Nielsen**, Department of Environmental Science, University of Aarhus, Denmark

#### **10.45-11.00 State of Play: The uptake of alternatives across Europe**

**IBMA/PAN Europe/IOBC's** sectoral and geographical mapping of uptake of organic production methods and use of non-chemical alternatives including biocontrol technologies.

#### **11.00-11.40 Farmers experience in the uptake of alternatives to fungicides**

- *The use of alternatives in fighting fungal diseases in vine grapes*, **Alex Valsecchi**, UK farmer
- *The use of alternatives to fighting fungal diseases in rice*, **Paolo Mosca**, Italian farmer
- *The use of alternatives to fighting fungal diseases in arables*, **Jean-Francois Monod**, French farmer

#### **11.40-12.30 Debate: What policy actions at EU-level are needed to ensure the ecological transition of the agricultural sector**

Martin Hojsik (Renew Europe), Fredrick Federley (Renew Europe), Michal Wiezik (EPP), Franc Bogovič (EPP), Jytte Guteland (S&D), Sarah Wiener (Greens/EFA), Jeremy Decerle (Renew Europe).

**Debating with:** Andreas Gumbert (European Commission, DG ENVI), Andrew Owen Griffiths (European Commission, DG SANTE), Gijs Schilthuis (European Commission, DG AGRI), David Baldock (IEEP)

#### **12.30 Conclusion by David Cary (IBMA) -including reflection on alternatives based on the 7 Symposia**

#### **13.00 End of conference**

The symposium will be **web-streamed** live on the following websites (in English, French and Italian):

[www.ibma-global.org](http://www.ibma-global.org) [www.pan-europe.info](http://www.pan-europe.info)

**This symposium will be followed by local debates organized in a number of universities. It is part of a series of annual events. Presentations of earlier years SUD symposiums:**

<https://www.pan-europe.info/events/annual-symposium>



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