

# Advanced Training course on science-based policy advice in agriculture and environment

Where: VAC Ghent, Kon. Maria Hendrikaplein 70, 9000 Ghent, Belgium

## Day 1: (Wednesday October 5th)

Time	Content
8.30 – 09.00	<b>Arrival</b>
9.00 – 12.30 Part 1	<b>What is science-based advice, and how is it used?</b> Experienced advisors setting the scene Facilitators: Anja, Thomas, Lene (AU)
9.00 – 10.45	<b>9.00 Welcome and round of introductions (AU)</b> <b>9:45 Bas Arts, Georg Winkel (WUR):</b> Introductions into different concepts/theories about the science policy interface and implications for how to design it <b>10:15: Kristian Krieger (JRC):</b> Knowledge for Policy: Concepts and Methods
10.45 – 11.00	<b>Break</b>
11.00 – 12.30	<b>11:00 Lieve Herman (ILVO):</b> Experience with scientific advice in the field of food safety and lessons learnt in that field <b>11:15: Mara Lai (CREA):</b> Supporting National and Local institutions in the implementation of the CAP: The experience of CREA. <b>11.30: Guy Richard (INRAE):</b> Methodologies and examples of foresight or scientific expertise. <b>11:45: Discussion</b>
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Lunch</b>
13.30 – 17.00 Part 2	<b>What are the pitfalls and how do we overcome them?</b> Examples of problems and best-practices when delivering scientific advice Facilitators: Elke, Anna (ILVO)
13.30-14.30	<b>12.30-13.30 Presentation of cases</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aarhus University:</b> Thomas Plesner/Lene Hegelund/Anja Skjoldborg Hansen. Arm's length, transparency and consistency, exemplified by Forest crisis, Bee crisis and Fertiliser crisis, as principles behind a certified quality management system.</li> <li>• <b>ILVO:</b> Hans Polet.</li> <li>• <b>INRAE:</b> Didier Richard, case study on natural risks: Development of a certified quality management system for expertise and link with expertise standards.</li> <li>• <b>WUR:</b> Bas Arts/Georg Winkel: Selected examples from the fields of forests and biodiversity</li> </ul>
14.30-15.00	<b>Break</b>
15.00-17.00	Group discussion and reflections. What are the lessons learned?
17-	Tour of town and dinner

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## Day 2: (Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>):

Time	Content
9.00 – 09:30	Welcome and introduction to day 2
9.30 – 12.30 Part 3	<b>From national to international advice, what is different?</b> What you should know when providing science-based advice in an international context Facilitators: Anja, Thomas, Lene (AU)
9.30 – 11.00	<b>Cases representing international harmonisation and collaboration on policy advice:</b> <b>9:30: Christine Argillier (INRAE):</b> Providing expertise on the WFD – water framework directive, The challenge of implementation and harmonization of methods. <b>10:00: Giampiero Mazzocchi (CREA):</b> Participative methods in a multi-level (EU, National, Local) perspective. <b>10:30: Discussion</b>
11.00 – 11.15	Break
11.15 – 12.30	<b>Perspectives on working across borders</b> <b>11.15: Marie Vandewalle</b> The EKLIPSE Mechanism <b>11.45: Discussion</b>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 16.00 Part 4	<b>Stakeholder relations and communication</b> Dealing with criticism, conflicts and stakeholders with different agendas Facilitators: Elke, Anna (ILVO)
13.30-14.30	<b>13.30 Michael Strangholt (AU):</b> Communication with stakeholders - good and bad experiences
14.30-15.00	Break
15.00 – 16.00	<b>Debate and discussions on the role of science when dealing with strong conflicts of interest.</b>
16.00-16.30 Part 5	<b>Final reflections, take home messages, evaluation and follow-up.</b> Facilitators: Thomas, Lene, Anja (AU)
16.30	Good-bye