



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

When: 29-30 November (9-17 both days)

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

DAY 1/Wednesday 29. November 2023

Advanced training course:

Time	Content
8.30 – 09.00	Arrival
9.00 – 12.30 Part 1	What is science-based advice for policy, and how is it used? Experienced advisors setting the scene Facilitators: Anja Skjoldborg Hansen, Lene Hegelund, Susanne Hansen, Thomas Plesner (AU)
9.00 – 10.45	9.00: Welcome and round of introductions (AU) 9.45: Esther Turnhout, University of Twente (online): Introductions into different concepts about the science/policy interface and implications for how to design it 10.15: Anastasia Deligiaouri (JRC): Knowledge for Policy: Concepts and Methods
10.45 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	11.00: Lieve Herman (ILVO): Experience with scientific advice in the field of food safety and lessons learnt in that field 11.20: Marion Bardy (French Ministry of Agriculture), Guy Richard (INRAE): Experience with Collective Scientific Assessment (CSA) for public decision: the case of natural crop protection 11.50: Raffaella Zucaro, Veronica Manganiello (CREA): Experience with scientific advice in the field of agricultural water policies in Italy. Irrigation consortium. 12.10: Discussion
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 17.00 Part 2	What are the pitfalls and how do we overcome them? Examples of problems and best-practices when delivering scientific advice Facilitators: Evelien Cronin, Anna Verhoeve (ILVO)
13.30 – 14.30	Presentation of cases 13.30: Aarhus University: Arm's length, transparency, and objectivity, 14.00: Myriam Siegwart: Management of <i>Xylella</i> outbreak
14.30 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 17.00	15.00: Gianluca Brunori (SCAR/FACCE) 'Everyone at the table: Transforming food systems by connecting science, policy and society'. 15.30: Facilitated group discussion and reflections on own practice, formal as well as informal advisory. What are the common issues and lessons learned? [8-10 pax/group]
17.00 –	Guided tour of town and dinner in downtown Ghent

DAY 2/Thursday morning 30. November 2023

Advanced training course:

Time	Content
8.30 – 8:45	Welcome, recap of speaks [AU] & discussions [ILVO] day 1 and introduction to day 2 [AU]
8.45 – 10.15 Part 3	From national to international advice, what is different? What you should know when providing science-based advice in an international context Facilitators: Anja, Lene, Susanne, Thomas (AU)
8.45 – 10.15	Cases representing international harmonisation and collaboration on policy advice: Example of providing expertise for EU policy 8.45: Eligio Malusà (CREA): Coordination of multi-research fields to produce quality advice, outreach, and training in an international Consortium at the service of the EU. Experience from the Multi-country Advisory Services for Resilient Agri-Food Systems (ASRAFS) 09.10: Jan Tind Sørensen (AU): Example of providing expertise for EU policy 09.35: Kaisa Korhonen-Kurki (SYKE, Online): Setting up a Science Service for Biodiversity in Europe 10.00: Discussion
10.15 – 10.30	Break
10.30 – 12.30 Part 4	Communication What is the role of media in science advice? Facilitators: Evelien, Anna (ILVO)
	10.30: Cases and good advice when dealing with the media and upholding the principles for integrity 10:30: Cristina Giannetti (CREA): Right contents for right information: can we do it? – Sharing workshops and seminars experience with journalists and media workers on research topics, to bridge the gap between science and society. 10.50: Sandrine Vinzant (INRAE): How to guide researchers and help them deal with the media 11:10: Rens Koele (WUR): The Dutch lessons learned. 11.30: Discussion, reflections, take home messages
12.25 – 12.30	Wrapping up before joint session Facilitators: Anja, Lene, Susanne, Thomas (AU)



DAY 2/Thursday afternoon 30. November 2023

Joint session Advanced training course & Co-creation workshop:

Time	Content
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch/arrival of workshop participants
13.30 – 14.00	Welcome and presentation of participants course and workshop Niels Halberg, AU
14.00 – 16.45 Part 5/1	Joint session: Science for policy -role of stakeholder involvement How to include stakeholders with different agendas Facilitators: Evelien, Anna (ILVO)
14.00 – 15.00	14.00: Mads de Wolff, Danish Agricultural Agency: What is the role of science in policy and regulation – also considering the many different societal and political interests at stake [honest and curious!] 14.25: Riccardo Bocci Director of the Italian NGO “Rete Semi Rurali”: How do we seek influence as an interest group and what is the role of scientific evidence in our work? 14.50: Debate between speakers
15.15 – 15.30	Break
15.30 – 16.45	15.30: Pasi Rikkonen (LUKE): The use of scenarios in climate policy planning: An assessment of actors’ experiences and lessons learned in Finland. 15.50: Kristiaan Kok (Free University Amsterdam): The use of co-creation in the science-policy interface 16.15: Debate and discussions on the role of science when dealing with strong conflicts of interest. What is the role of the scientist? When is co-creation an option – and when would it not be a good idea? Risks and rewards in co-creation.
16.45 – 17.00	Final reflections and follow up Facilitators: Anja, Lene, Susanne, Thomas (AU)
17.00	End of joint session/ end of advanced training course

17: Dinner in downtown Ghent for workshop participants



Co-creation workshop on science-based advice

When: 30 November-1 December (lunch to lunch)

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

DAY 3/Friday 1. December 2023

Co-creation workshop on science-based advice

Time	Content
8.30 – 9:00	Welcome, interactive wrap up/icebreaker day 2, introduction to day 3
9.00 – 10.30 Part 2	Examples of co-creation Examples of solutions and best-practices when creating solutions with involvement of stakeholders and/or policy-makers Facilitators: Anja, Lene, Susanne, Thomas (AU)
9.00 – 10.30	Cases representing co-creation – tools and processes 9.00: Nils Ferrand (INRAE): “CoOPLAaGE” R&D program, a set of innovative participatory methods to support multi-level management and governance of water and territories between communities, policy makers and experts. 9.30: Pascale Frey-Klett (INRAE) + Irene Carravieri (INRAE): “CiTique”, INRAE’s participatory research tool/programme on ticks 10.00: Giampiero Mazzocchi and Tommaso Pomponi (CREA): Co-learning from a shared process: the partnership table with stakeholders in the CAP reform process. The experience of CREA
10.30 – 10.45	Break
10.45 – 13.00 Part 3	What is the role of scientists in co-creation? What are the pitfalls? What can be gained from sharing best practices and tools? What are conditions under which co-creation becomes appropriate? Experiences and tools for co-creation. Again: Risks and rewards in co-creation Facilitated discussions/group work on important issues Facilitators: Evelien, Anna (ILVO)
13.00 – 13.30	Final reflections (groups), take home messages, follow-up, next step in the GhentGroup (Niels Halberg) Facilitators: Anja, Lene, Susanne, Thomas (AU)
13.30	End of workshop/lunch