

First announcement:

Advanced Training Course on Science-Based Advice for Policy & Co-creation Workshop

- in the fields of agriculture and environment



Course: 29-30 November 2023

Workshop: 30 November

- 1 December 2023

Where: Ghent, Belgium

What will you gain:

- Tools to evolve your own practice
- Access to a **large community** of practice
- **Improved** understanding of the main issues involved

Programme:

Training course:

What is science-based advice, and how is it used?

- Experienced advisors setting the scene

What are the pitfalls and how do we overcome them?

- Examples of problems and best-practices

From national to international advice, what is different?

- Providing science-based advice in an international context

Communication

- What is the role of science in the media?

Joint session:

Science for policy and the role of stakeholder involvement

- The role of science as seen from a policy maker and an NGO
- How to deal with stakeholders with different agendas

Workshop:

Examples of co-creation

- Examples of solutions and best-practices

What is the role of scientists in co-creation?

- What are the pitfalls?
- When is co-creation appropriate?

Target group:

Experienced advisors willing to evolve and share their practice

Price (including VAT and all catering, not including transport or accommodation):

Course: 240 €

Workshop: 130 €

Both: 340 €

For more information go to: www.ghentgroup.org



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Background:

Rising demand for scientific advice in order to solve complex issues

The European Union as well as national governments have adopted ambitious climate and environmental targets for agriculture and food production.

At the same time, an efficient and competitive agricultural and food sector is important for **food supply and the economy**.

Decisions and regulations in this field can be both complicated and conflicting. The topics of agriculture, food, climate and the environment are therefore high on the political agenda, and there is a **growing demand for scientific knowledge** advising policy formulation.

Growing demand for training and knowledge sharing

Aarhus University has a **long experience in providing science-based advice for policy** to Danish ministries. The university hosted the first European Seminar on science-based government advice in agriculture, food, climate and the environment in March 2021 with more than 200 participants. It was concluded that there is a need to learn from each other, to share best practices and to discuss the main principles, in order to **strengthen the evidence based policy development in Europe**. As a result, a number European research institutes have developed a training course, **open to experienced researchers and advisors** from all of Europe. The first course was held in Ghent in October 2022. It had more than 20 participants and was very well received. You can find more information here:

www.ghentgroup.org

Agricultural and environmental policy subject to heated debates

In several member states, science-based advice has become the subject of heated debates. Stakeholders and lobbyists are strong and some has challenged both the policy as well as the science behind it.

This provides a new type of **pressure on the researchers delivering the advice**. The pressure from stakeholders and the strong political agenda has to be kept at bay, and at the same time the scientific results has to be both solid and transparent. This is not an easy task for single researchers, and **strong institutional setups** has been developed at some of the major European research institutes involved.

Who will you meet:

- Experienced advisors and facilitators from the organising institutes
- Speakers from the organising institutes as well as from the policy side and from the JRC

