SAVE THE DATE & CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Ghent Group Forum 2026

COPENHAGEN | 3–4 NOVEMBER 2026

BETTER TOGETHER:
Strengthening Science Advice through Diversity, Collaboration and Shared Learning

in food, agriculture, environment and climate

3 NOVEMBER | 1-DAY CONFERENCE

4 NOVEMBER | OPEN GHENT GROUP WORKSHOP

KEY THEMES

- **Comparing science–policy-society interface models**
- **AI and science advice**
- **Added value of collaboration and co-creation**
- **Working with diversity rather than uniformity in advisory systems**
- **Synergies with existing initiatives for improving science advice in Europe**

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OPEN

We welcome presentations, posters, interactive formats and practice-based reflections **by September 1st**

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About the Forum

The Ghent Group Forum 2026 brings together researchers, science advisors and policy-facing institutions working at the science-policy-society interface in food, agriculture, environment and climate.
Across Europe, countries respond to shared policy challenges shaped by EU legislation and societal transitions. Yet science advice is often developed in parallel, influenced by different institutional traditions and national contexts. The Ghent Group provides a unique space to compare approaches, learn from diversity, and strengthen science advice together - without imposing a single model.

Why participate?

- Insight into national and institutional models
- Understanding how AI is reshaping science advice
- From individual advice to collective approaches
- Concrete practices and methods
- Links to European initiatives (FutureFoodS, Agroecology)
- A trusted peer network across countries

3 November – 1 day conference

- Keynote inputs, panel discussions, interactive formats and workshops
- Comparing science–policy-society interface models
- Working with AI. diversity & synergies in advisory systems

4 November – Open Workshop

- Deepening ongoing collaborative work
- Insights from Day 1
- Developing shared perspectives and principles - e.g. on AI in advice
- Building the community - next steps

Speakers

- Niels Halberg - Aarhus University, Ghent Group
- Claire Chenu - INRAE
- Giampiero Mazzocchi (CREA, FutureFoodS)

→ *More to be announced*

Who is it for?

- Researchers and research organisations
- Science advisors and knowledge brokers
- Policy-facing institutions at national or regional level
- Civil servants/policy makers

Call for contributions

We invite contributions of all kinds: from short presentations to fully pre-designed interactive sessions.

You may propose:

- Short presentations/posters
- Interactive formats or workshops
- Reflections on practice, methods, principles, impact or institutional experiences

Topics may include:

- Organising science advice at institutional or national level
- Comparative experiences across countries and lessons learned
- AI in science advice
- Cross-border collaboration

Send contributions by September 1st to: ghentgroup@au.dk

Programme details, speakers and registration link will follow shortly thereafter.
You can expect acceptance no later than September 15.

The Ghent Group is an informal European network of research organisations working at the science–policy interface in food, agriculture, environment and climate.

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