

Ghent Group Forum 2026

Tuesday November 3:

Preliminary conference programme.

Venue: Kosmopol, Fiolstræde 44, Copenhagen K

Ghent Group

Science-based Advice
in Agriculture and Environment



From	To	
08:30	09:00	Coffe and registration
09:00	10:00	Session I: Setting the scene
		Welcome address Maria Sommer Holtze, Aarhus University Visions of the Ghent Group: Better together Niels Halberg, Aarhus University Four years of Ghent Group: Synergies and lessons learned Giampiero Mazzocchi, CREA/FutureFoodS
10:00	10:45	Session II: Use of AI in science advice
		Keynote: Insights from the OECD AI Capability Indicators for knowledge brokerage Margarita Kalamova, OECD Fishbowl discussion: Reflections and shared learning Faciliator: Lene Topp
10:45	11:15	Networking break
11:15	12:45	Parallel sessions: Main hall: Interactive session: National policy pathways and the challenge of international coherence Katharina Bäumlér (Thünen Institute) and Alisa Spiegel (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) This interactive workshop explores how nationally tailored agricultural climate policies can be aligned with the need for international coherence. Drawing on insights from the MACSUR SciPoNet network, participants will discuss cross-border impacts, policy trade-offs, and opportunities for coordination. Through audience polling, peer exchanges, and facilitated discussion, the session will co-create practical principles for integrating an international perspective into policy development and science-policy advice. Parallel meeting room: Contributed session: Knowledge Governance in Action: Experiences from Science-Policy-Practice Interfaces Silvia Baralla: Building a Multi-Level Knowledge Governance System: Lessons from the Italian National AKIS Coordination Body Eewoud Lievens: Experiences with introducing a charter on evidence-based policymaking in the Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries of Flanders (Belgium) Sara Lystlund Hemi: Building Connections – Learnings from Facilitating a Science-Policy-Practice Forum in the SmartField Project Aurélié Courcoul: Building effective science-policy relationships: two contrasting pathways from animal health expertise to na-tional decision-making Alisa Spiegel: Agricultural climate governance across the EU: An AI-assisted comparative analysis Hanna Kekkonen: Spatial targeting as a tool for climate action: identifying cultivated peatlands suitable for climate measures in Finland without compromising food security Carsten Paul: Challenges, objectives and solutions for agricultural soil health: the perspectives of European stakeholders

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Wednesday November 4

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Open Ghent Group Workshop: Preliminary workshop outline (draft)

Venue: Aarhus University Campus Emdrup in Copenhagen, Tuborgvej 164, Copenhagen NV

From	To	Tentative programme
08:30	09:00	Coffee and arrival
09:00	09:30	Opening: From Conference Insights to Collaborative Action
09:30	10:45	Workshop Session I: Lessons from Diversity – Comparing Science–Policy Interface Models
10:45	11:15	Networking break
11:15	12:30	Workshop Session II: Ongoing Work on a Joint Paper – Reshaping Science–Policy Interface Models
12:30	13:15	Networking Lunch
13:15	14:45	Workshop Session III: AI and the Future of Science Advice
14:45	15:15	Networking break
15:15	16:15	Workshop Session IV: Future Priorities and Collaboration in the Ghent Group
16:15	17:00	Closing Session: Copenhagen Reflections on Science Advice 2026 (Draft)
17:00		End of workshop

Note: This is a preliminary workshop outline. Session formats and specific content will be developed in dialogue with participants, facilitator and the Ghent Group community