

## Invitation

The Local Organising Committee and the Programme Committee cordially invite you to the XVII Congress of the European Association of Agricultural Economists, EAAE.

The Congress will take place in Rennes – France, from Tuesday, August 29 until Friday, September 1, 2023.

## Scientific Information

Theme

### Agri-food systems in a changing world: Connecting science and society

Agri-food systems have an important role to play in a changing world. The consequences of climate change are increasingly tangible and our planetary boundaries increasingly at risk of being crossed. The agricultural and land-use sector, as one of the main contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, faces responsibilities to contribute to climate change mitigation as well as opportunities for climate change adaptation through climate-smart solutions. Demand for food, energy and water is expected to further increase, creating a food-water-energy nexus that urges for integrated research and policy approaches. Economic growth, urbanization and increased female labor market participation accelerate dietary changes towards more animal-based, higher-value and processed foods. Tremendous progress has been made in reducing different forms of malnutrition but reinforced efforts remain necessary to achieve the zero hunger goal and combat obesity. An increasing share of consumers is concerned about environmental pollution and human rights violation along global value chains, creating pressure for sustainable production and sourcing strategies. Ongoing processes of globalization and modernization in agri-food supply chains entail opportunities for new streams of revenue and for more and better on- and off-farm jobs. New business models, based on innovative technologies, circularity principles and e-commerce, emerge and create inter-sectoral linkages. International trade, while expanding further, is affected by geopolitical changes and regulatory challenges. War and the Covid-19 pandemic are severely disrupting food production and supply chains, putting millions of people at risk of hunger. This has brought a new urgency to resilience.

The scientific and societal challenges for agricultural economists in this changing world are huge. As scientists we need to create and share insights on how to transform agri-food systems into sustainable and resilient systems that increase prosperity in Europe and across the globe. With scientific advances in recent years, such as improved access to more and better data, progress in integrated modelling approaches, and increased understanding of complex systems and behavioral change, the opportunities for agricultural economics research are great. Agricultural and rural scientists increasingly look beyond the farm into food and bio-based systems –and beyond the discipline into transboundary and interdisciplinary research. The XVII Congress of the European Association of Agricultural Economists welcomes scientific contributions and aims at stimulating interdisciplinary interactions on a broad range of topics that can advance this scientific agenda.

Connecting science and society implies that agricultural economists push the boundaries of science and research to create societal impacts. Creating prosperous, sustainable and resilient agri-food systems requires efficient and credible government policies, technical solutions and daring private sector investments, innovative civil society contributions, and behavioral change in society at large. The XVII Congress of the European Association of Agricultural Economists aims at fostering the debate over effective policies, innovative strategies, investment priorities and future-oriented educational programs to change the world through agri-food system transformations. As a scientific community in Europe, we look forward to contributions from various stakeholders around the world, and to interactions between scientists, policy-makers, agro-industry and civil society at the Congress.

## **Call for papers, sessions and posters**

Contributed papers and posters as well as organised sessions are welcome from all fields of agricultural, food, environmental and rural economics, as well as related disciplines.

The deadlines for submission are:

Contributed papers: January 31, 2023

Organised sessions: March 15, 2023

Posters: April 1, 2023

Templates and guidelines for submission will be available at

[www.eaae2023.colloque.inrae.fr](http://www.eaae2023.colloque.inrae.fr) from June 2022 onward.

The submission of contributed papers, posters and organised sessions will be managed through ConfTool Pro, that can be accessed through the Congress website

[www.eaae2023.colloque.inrae.fr](http://www.eaae2023.colloque.inrae.fr).

The EAAE Board offers grants of 300 € per person to stimulate participation of new members from European countries that are so far less well represented in the EAAE. The LOC invites applications with a letter of motivation. New members from the following countries are eligible to apply: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, FYR Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Ukraine. More information can be obtained from the website.

The LOC is currently seeking to obtain financial support for presenters from non-OECD countries. The application procedure will be published on the congress website as soon as financial support has been found.

## **Pre-Congress Symposia**

The Local Organising Committee offers the possibility of organising pre-congress symposia on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. In particular, it welcomes sessions from international project consortia, international organisations, stakeholder groups and sponsoring organisations or companies. Further information and conditions on how to submit a proposal for a pre-congress symposium will be made available, in due course, from the congress website.

## **Meeting rooms**

The Local Organising Committee offers suitable meeting rooms for associations, organisations or project consortia wishing to take advantage of the congress to organise meetings. You can inquire about the availability of a meeting room by e-mail to

[eaae2023@inrae.fr](mailto:eaae2023@inrae.fr)

## **Registration**

Registration will be possible from March 1, 2023 onwards. Early-bird registration will apply until June 15, 2023 and is mandatory for presenters of contributed papers and posters, and for organizers and speakers in organized sessions. Registration will be managed through the Congress website [www.eaae2023.colloque.inrae.fr](http://www.eaae2023.colloque.inrae.fr) and will require a valid EAAE membership. Registration, besides the Congress social media and newsletter, guarantees up-to-date information about deadlines and the Congress itself. For more information:

[www.eaae2023.colloque.inrae.fr](http://www.eaae2023.colloque.inrae.fr)

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## Welcome to Rennes

Rennes is the capital of Brittany, with a reputation for excellence and quality of life, at just 1 hour and 25 minutes from Paris by train. From Rennes, it is easy to reach prestigious sites such as the city of [Saint-Malo](#) or the [Mont-Saint-Michel](#), its abbey and its bay. Rennes is also the ideal gateway for further discovering Brittany and its 2,400 km coast.

Rennes is one of the most dynamic cities in France, with 200,000 inhabitants within the city and almost 700,000 spread across the wider conglomeration. Open to the world, with its 66,000 students, Rennes is the top centre for higher education in the *Grand-Ouest region* of France. This ecosystem nourishes high-quality research and innovation work by more than 6,000 researchers in close collaboration with private sectors.

Labelled a city of art and history, Rennes has preserved an important medieval and classical heritage within its historic centre: the [Parliament of Brittany](#), the most important heritage building in the city, [half-timbered houses](#), the city hall and the [opera house](#). All being within walking distance, Rennes is also home to a patchwork of parks and gardens, such as the renowned *Parc du Thabor*.

Rennes is a lively, attractive and affordable city, which has been elected “best city to live in France” by the 2016 European Community Survey. It is famous for its world-class culture, its numerous festivals, its vibrant nightlife and the [Marché des Lices](#), one of the most important indoor food markets in France.

## **Congress Venue**

The XVII Congress of the European Association of Agricultural Economists takes place at the *Couvent des Jacobins*, the Rennes Congress Center. Located in the heart of the historic centre of Rennes, close to more than 4,000 hotel rooms, the *Couvent des Jacobins* has all the assets of a convention centre of the 21st century, in a historic setting of the fourteenth century. Have a glimpse of the venue by visiting <https://www.centre-congres-rennes.fr/en/>

The XVII Congress of the European Association of Agricultural Economists will be organized as an in-person event in Rennes (with the possibility to livestream plenary sessions). If circumstances require so, the Congress organization will switch to an online event.

We look forward to seeing you in Rennes in August 2023!