

Draft programme

Towards a socially sustainable CAP of the future

Workshop organised by the SafeHabitus project in partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee

Interpretation EN-ES-FR

Date: 10th September 2026 (14.30 – 18.00)

Location: European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels

Policy Workshop (PW) in English. Webcast via Zoom.

Register here: [\[Registration link\]](#)



Objectives of the workshop

SafeHabitus Policy Workshops aim to synthesize the latest and most relevant scientific research and practical insights from a wide variety of stakeholders. Through this workshop, we aim to facilitate debate and share perspectives among those actors and European policymakers directly involved in implementing a socially sustainable Common Agricultural Policy.

We will draw on expertise and experiences from the sector from stakeholders who have a stake in promoting a socially sustainable Common Agricultural Policy.

Based on the NAT/968 evaluation of the CAP and the NAT Opinion on Social Farming NAT/983, the seminar will focus on key social sustainability challenges for the agricultural sector. An expert will set the scene for each of the identified areas, followed by a round table discussion of stakeholders on the policy needs for the future.



Programme

14.30 – 14.50 (20)	A. INTRODUCTION Welcome and introduction Joe Healy, Rapp of the NAT/968 evaluation of the CAP - Overview of EESC Evaluation of the social aspects of the CAP David Meredith, TEAGASC (SafeHabitus project coordinator)
14.50 – 15.40 (50)	B. CAP SUPPORT TO A FAIR AND DECENT INCOME FOR FARMERS IN AGRICULTURE Chair – Joe Healy, Group III, EESC Setting the Scene: COPA-COGECA expert on CAP income and payments Fabien Santini, HoU E.1 Food Markets, DG AGRI, European Commission Open debate led by: Claudia Merlino, GEOPA Enrico Somaglia, EFFAT Rapporteur: Sergi Queralt, GEOPA/SafeHabitus
15.40 – 14.30 (50)	C. CAP MEASURES FOR ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE SECTOR AND GENERATIONAL RENEWAL Chair – Stoyan Tchoukanov, President of the NAT Section, EESC Setting the Scene: Generational renewal measures - Maria Walsh MEP – EP Rapporteur on Generational renewal Open debate led by: Marion Picot, CEJA Piotr Sadłocha, President, ELARD – TBC Rapporteur: Mario Béjar, CEJA/SafeHabitus
14.30 – 15.20 (50)	D. CAP MEASURES TO REDUCE GENDER GAPS AND INCREASE EQUAL ACCESS TO LAND AND RESOURCES Chair – Nicoletta Merlo or Maria Nikolopoulou Group 2, EESC - TBC Setting the Scene: Sally Shortall (GRASS CEILING Coordinator and SAFEHABITUS partner) State of Policy Developments: Elena Schubert, DG AGRI Francesca Gironi, President COPA-COGECA Women's Committee - TBC Open debate Rapporteur: Raquel Álvarez, CIHEAM Zaragoza/SafeHabitus
15.20 – 16.00 (20)	BREAK

16:00 – 16:50 (50)	E. CAP SOCIAL CONDITIONALITY AND IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS OF SEASONAL AND MIGRANT WORKERS Chair – Nicoletta Merlo or Maria Nikolopoulou Group 2, EESC - TBC Setting the scene: Comillas / Oxfam - SafeHabitus State of Policy Developments: Maria Gafo, HoU Social Sustainability, DG AGRI Open debate led by: Claudia Merlino, GEOPA Enrico Somaglia, EFFAT Rapporteur: Alun Jones, CIHEAM Zaragoza/SafeHabitus
16.50 - 17.40 (50)	G. CAP AND SOCIAL FARMING Chair – Alun Jones, SafeHabitus Setting the scene: Roman Haken, EESC rapporteur on Social Farming Opinion State of Policy Developments: DG AGRI / EU CAP Network Focus Group on Social Farming Sergi Queralt, GEOPA Open debate led by: Rapporteur: Roman Haken, EESC - TBC
17.40 – 18.00	H. CLOSING SESSION Chair – David Meredith, SafeHabitus Synopsis of key policy actions for the future – Summaries from the five rapporteurs (one slide per session – 3 minutes each). Close of Workshop – David Meredith
18.00 – 19.00	INAUGURATION OF SAFEHABITUS EXHIBITION ON THE SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF FARMING by Stoyan Tchoukanov and David Meredith Followed by SafeHabitus Reception





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