

Invitation & Agenda

From Farm to Fork: The Case of Food Policy and Security in Europe

Workshop
27 - 28 February 2020 – Turin

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Dear Member of Parliament,

The Istituto Affari Internazionali in collaboration with the Mercator European Dialogue partners, cordially invite you to take part in the workshop "From Farm to Fork: The Case of Food Policy and Security in Europe". The event will take place on 27-28 February 2020, in Turin, a city which, in the last years has emerged as the Italian example for the advancement of effective urban food programmes.

The aim of this workshop is to engage selected national Members of Parliaments in an open dialogue on the nexus between food policy and drivers of (in)security.

Together with a selection of high-level experts, you will have a chance to explore a crucial and yet often overlooked policy field, with considerable ramifications, domestically and internationally.

The workshop will allow you to consider different aspects of this multifaceted challenge: the impact of environmental stressors and a growing global population on food security; the challenge of rising food prices; the development of sustainable production cycles; the potential contribution of the food sector to industrial growth; or the regional and global implications of Europe's agricultural policies.

Thanks to an interactive programme, experts and policymakers will together develop insights and evaluate if and how food policy can play a role in advancing innovative economic models to the benefit of citizens at large.

The Mercator European Dialogue is an exclusive network of national Members of Parliaments representing different political parties, ideologies and coming together across borders. It provides MPs with a safe space to convene and reflect on emerging challenges through constructive political dialogue with colleagues from across Europe.

The event will be conducted under the Mercator European Dialogue House Rules, in an informal and safe environment to allow you to experience a new thinking space beyond your business as usual political conversations.

We would be honored to have you with us and hope to see you soon in Turin.

Kind regards,

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AGENDA

Thursday, February 27

- 17:00** | **Welcome and Introduction**
- International Training Centre of the ILO; Room: Padiglione Europa (Rooms 71-72)
Viale Maestri del Lavoro 10, 10127 Turin
- 18:30** | **Visit and Dinner at “Mercato Centrale Torino”**
- Piazza della Repubblica, 25, 10152 Turin

Friday, February 28

- 8:40** | **Registration**
- International Training Centre of the ILO; Room: Padiglione Europa (Rooms 71-72)
- 9:00** | **Welcoming Remarks**
- Giuseppe Casale, International Training Centre of the ILO, Deputy Director
Nicolò Russo Perez, Compagnia di San Paolo Foundation
Eleonora Poli, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Research Fellow
Chiara Rosselli, German Marshall Found, Head of Mercator European Dialogue
- 9:30** | **Session 1 Framing the Dialogue: The Nexus between Food Policy and Security**
- What are the key concepts revolving around the idea of food security and food policy in the European context? How are these linked to sustainable socio-economic development? Which food policy areas should be prioritized in EU Member States?
- Expert input: Egidio Dansero, Food Policy Expert and Full Professor in the Department of Culture, Politics and Society, University of Torino
- 10:10** | **Session 2 Urban Food Security: Lessons from Turin**
- How and why have cities like Turin become leading examples in developing coherent and effective food policies? Can food policies boost socio-economic security?
- Expert input: Simone Mangili, Project and Operations Manager, Torino Strategica
- 10:40** | **Coffee break**
- 11:10** | **Session 3 Food Security and National Policy: Challenges and Opportunities for Innovative Policies**
- What are the challenges and opportunities for innovative food policies? Can food industries contribute to national security in terms of sustainable use of resources and the fight against climate change? Which government policies and institutions boost food security and industrial growth?
- Expert input: Daniele Fattibene, Food Policy Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali
Katarzyna Dembska, Research Project Manager, Barilla Foundation
- 13:00** | **Lunch**

14:00

Session 4 Emerging European Agricultural Policy and Food Security Strategies

How can the EU develop a coherent vision on food security? Considering that better agro-food policies are of crucial importance, what role can the new European Agricultural Policy play?

Expert input: Ian Mitchell, Associate Fellow, Energy, Environment and Resources Programme, Chatham House

14:50

Session 5 Shaping Food Future: Messages for Parliamentarians

15:10

Coffee break

16:30

Close

20:00

Dinner at Circolo dei Lettori (optional)

Via Bogino 9, 10123 Turin

REGISTRATION

To ensure your participation, please register at your earliest convenience and **no later than January 31, 2020** with Elisabetta Farroni at e.farroni@iai.it.

Please note that the number of places is limited. Registrations will be confirmed based on availability and we reserve the right to ensure a balance of representation in terms of country, party, and gender. More detailed information will follow soon.

EXPENSES

Travel and accommodation costs are borne by the Mercator European Dialogue, unless you specifically wish to pay for yourself. Please note that we can only cover economy class flights.

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