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## Report Template for EU Events at EXPO

Event Title :	European agriculture, policy and food security: What's at stake?	Date:	9 June 2015
Event Organiser:	E1/E5		
Event Target Group:	Stakeholders, academics, decision makers		
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<b>Event Concept</b>			
Food security is the overarching theme of the EXPO 2015 and a key objective of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) since its very beginning. Embracing several dimensions – quantitative, qualitative, health and nutrition – the issue of food and nutrition security (FNS) is intrinsically linked to the question of how European agriculture can contribute to it and how to build a resilient, sustainable and healthy European food systems.			
<b>Expected Outcomes</b>			
The expected outcomes of the conference are			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To address three key dimensions of the issue of EU food security (sustainability, health and competitiveness) by gaining additional insights from qualified panellists as well as from the audience which will feed into the debate about future EU policy developments (in particular the CAP);</li><li>• To overcome professional borders by providing an opportunity for an active exchange of view among researchers from academia, on-grounds professionals (NGO's, stakeholders) and decisions makers (EU Commission and other international organisations);</li><li>• To launch a clear message to stakeholders, academics and decision makers that the EU Commission is actively following the question on food security in its different dimensions and that the CAP as policy provides suitable instruments for ensuring agricultural production in line with expectations and needs of EU citizens and is aiming to continue to do so also in future.</li></ul>			
<b>Main Conclusions</b>			
The main conclusions of the event are			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That beyond the fundamental question of how to provide quantitatively and qualitatively food for the entire world population, the EU will have to see how to combine this need with a sustainable yet competitive and viable agricultural production and with the growing attention of consumers for health and nutrition aspects</li><li>• "Feed the world" requires EU to raise productivity sustainably. On the supply side, sustainability is no longer a luxury but a must in order to allow agricultural production also in the long run and – in line with the food system approach – concerns the whole food supply chain from "farm to fork" (e.g. when dealing with the issue of waste prevention and reduction)</li><li>• Demand-side aspects of the debate, in particular health and nutrition aspects are likely to gain more attention and will require an efficient and coherent policy answer. A highly innovative food chain is necessary to respond to consumer expectations</li><li>• The CAP as EU support framework has succeeded in addressing its original objective of ensuring food supply for the EU population after WWII and has then successfully adapted to needs throughout the different decades, in particular by increasing its market orientation; today there are new challenges, in particular stemming from climate change and resource efficiency ("produce more with less"), which will again require adaptations</li></ul>			
<b>What follow-up actions emerged from this event?</b>			
The outcome of the event fed into the			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Pre-conference event of the ICAE co-organised with the European Association for Agricultural Economists (EAAE) and the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) (<a href="#">here</a>)</li><li>• DG AGRI's ongoing analysis and debate on long term policy needs and the role of the CAP in</li></ul>			

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