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## Programme

This years theme, Regions as Changemakers for European Resilience and Sustainability, encourages the participants to discuss the role of regions in building up a more resilient and sustainable European Agri-Food and Forestry Systems. In the the aftermath of European Parliamentary Elections we expect insightful and fruitful discussion with regional policy and decision makers and developers about the current and future developements of the agri-food and forestry sector.

During the 3 conference days participants have a great opportunity to network, exchange ideas and plan for future. Study visits in the region will also offer new insights and food for thought for future. Some offsite programme is also arranged for exploring the city and the region.

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## Preliminary programme

**Venue:** SeAMK Campus, F-Building, Kampusranta 11, 60300 Seinäjoki.

**Note:** *The agenda will be finalized and more information provided during the spring of 2024. Changes in the agenda might still occur.*

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<div><div><div><div>Day 0: Monday 10th of June</div><div>Arrival in Seinäjoki.</div></div><div>Free time for independent sightseeing / exploring the city in the afternoon / evening. (self paid)</div></div></div>	
<div><div><div><div>Day 1: Tuesday 11th of June</div><div>Focus: Political seminars and discussions. Together with FOODPathS project.</div></div></div></div>	
<div><div><div><div>Timetable</div><div>Session</div></div><div>Manage consent</div></div></div>	

<b>8:30-9:00</b>	Registration
	Welcome and opening speech
	– Opening words: Facilitators
<b>9:00-9:30</b>	– Welcome speech: Jaakko Hallila, (SeAMK, president)
	– Opening speech : Mikko Savola (Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia, Chairperson of the Regional Assembly)
	Political session 1: Setting up the political landscape for regions in Europe.
<b>9:30-10:30</b>	– Keynote speech 1: Ministry of Agriculture of Finland
	– Keynote speech 2: Juha Gröhn /Atria
	– Keynote speech 3: Hugo De Vries / FOODPathS
<b>10:30-10:55</b>	COFFEE Break
	Political Session 2: Regions as Changemakers
	– Introduction: <i>Wouter Spek</i> (Director, EuroBioForum Foundation, T.I.B development)
	– Panel discussion with regional policy and decision makers from ERIAFF regions
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Panelist 1</li> <li>▪ Panelist 2</li> <li>▪ Panelist 3</li> <li>▪ Panelist 4</li> <li>▪ Panelist 5</li> </ul>
<b>12:00-13:30</b>	LUNCH and Networking
<b>13.00-13.30</b>	Poster session during lunch 13.00-13.30
	Thematic Session 1 on Resilience Intro by Event Facilitators 5 min
	– Keynote speech on Resilience
	– Case studies on thematic
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Case 1</li> <li>▪ Case 2</li> <li>▪ Case 3</li> <li>▪ Case 4</li> </ul>
	– Audience questions on the topics for presenters
<b>15:00-15:25</b>	Coffee break (20 min)
	Thematic Session 2 on Sustainability Intro by Event Facilitators 5 min
	– Keynote speech on Sustainability: ‘FOODPathS Advisory Board Members TBC’
	– Case studies on thematic
<b>15:30-17:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Case 1</li> <li>▪ Case 2</li> <li>▪ Case 3</li> <li>▪ Case 4</li> </ul>
	– Audience questions on the topics for presenters
	Concluding remarks
<b>17:00-17:30</b>	– Remarks or the day
	– Announcement of the 2025 ERIAFF 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference host
	– Ending of the day, info on Networking dinner
<b>19:30/20:00</b>	Networking dinner

## Day 2: Wednesday 12th of June

Thematic discussions, exchange of experiences and study visits.



## Day 3: Thursday 13th of June

Working group meetings



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