

Advanced Training course on science-based policy advice in agriculture and environment

When: 5-6 October (9-17 both days)

Where: VAC Ghent, Kon. Maria Hendrikaplein 70, 9000 Ghent, Belgium

Day 1: (Wednesday October 5th)

Time	Content
8.30 – 09.00	Arrival
9.00 – 12.30 Part 1	What is science-based advice, and how is it used? Policy makers and experienced advisors setting the scene Facilitators: Anja, Thomas, Lene (AU)
9.00 – 10.45	9.00 Welcome and round of introductions (AU) 9:45 Bas Arts, Georg Winkel (WUR): Introductions into different concepts/theories about the science policy interface and implications for how to design it 10:15: Kristian Krieger (JRC): Knowledge for Policy: Concepts and Methods
10.45 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	11:00 Lieve Herman (ILVO): Experience with scientific advice in the field of food safety and lessons learnt in that field 11:15: Mara Lai (CREA): Supporting National and Local institutions in the implementation of the CAP: The experience of CREA. 11.30: Guy Richard (INRAE): Methodologies and examples of foresight or scientific expertise. 11:45 Pasi Rikkonen (LUKE): The use of scenarios in climate policy planning based on experiences from research, administration and policy-making 12.00: Discussion
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 17.00 Part 2	What are the pitfalls and how do we overcome them? Examples of problems and best-practices when delivering scientific advice Facilitators: Elke, Anna (ILVO)
13.30-14.30	12.30-13.30 Presentation of cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aarhus University: Thomas Plesner/Lene Hegelund/Anja Skjoldborg Hansen. Arm's length, transparency and objectivity, exemplified by Fertiliser crisis, Forest crisis, Bee crisis and beef crises, as principles behind a certified quality management system. • ILVO: Hans Polet.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INRAE: Didier Richard, case study on natural risks: Development of a certified quality management system for expertise and link with expertise standards. • WUR: Bas Arts/Georg Winkel: Selected examples from the fields of forests and biodiversity
14.30-15.00	Break
15.00-17.00	Group discussion and reflections. What are the lessons learned?
17-	Tour of town and dinner

Day 2: (Thursday October 6th):

Time	Content
9.00 – 09:30	Welcome and introduction to day 2
9.30 – 12.30 Part 3	From national to international advice, what is different? What you should know when providing science-based advice in an international context Facilitators: Anja, Thomas, Lene (AU)
9.30 – 10.30	Cases representing international harmonisation and collaboration on policy advice: 9.30: Christine Argillier (INRAE): Providing expertise on the WFD – water framework directive, The challenge of implementation and harmonization of methods. 10:00: Giampiero Mazzocchi (CREA): Participative methods in a multi-level (EU, National, Local) perspective.
11.00 – 11.15	Break
11.15 – 12.30	Perspectives on working across borders 11.15: Marie Vandewalle The EKLIPSE Mechanism 11.45: Discussion
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 16.00 Part 4	Stakeholder relations and communication Dealing with criticism, conflicts and stakeholders with different agendas Facilitators: Elke, Anna (ILVO)
13.30-14.30	13.00 Michael Strangholt (AU): Communication with stakeholders - good and bad experiences
14.30-15.00	Break
15.00 – 16.00	Debate and discussions on the role of science when dealing with strong conflicts of interest.
16.00-16.30 Part 5	Final reflections, take home messages, evaluation and follow-up. Facilitators: Thomas, Lene, Anja (AU)
16.30	Goodbye