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ORGANIC FARMING AND NATURE CONSERVATION – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR SLOVENIAN AGRICULTURE

**40TH TRADITIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE PUBLIC AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY SERVICE AND
THE DAY OF THE AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION SYSTEM (AKIS)**

**Organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food
and the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia**

18–19 November 2025

Venue: TERME ZREČE

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DAY 1 - Tuesday, 18 November 2025

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40TH TRADITIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE PUBLIC AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY SERVICE

- 08.00 – 09.00 **Registration**
- 09.00 – 09.05 **Cultural programme**
- 09.00 – 09.30 **Opening remarks**
Alberta Zorko, Head of Agricultural Advisory Sector at Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia (CAFS)
Dr. Jože Podgoršek, President, CAFS
Mateja Čalušić, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (MAFF)
- 09.35 – 09.40 **Cultural programme**
- 09.40 – 10.00 **Development of Organic Farming: Benefits and the Role of Knowledge**
Prof. Dr. Andreas Gattinger, Justus Liebig University
- 10.00 – 10.10 **Panel discussion**
- 10.10 – 10.30 **Supportive Environment for the Development of Organic Farming in Slovenia**
Dr. Ana Frelih Larsen, MAFF
- 10.30 – 10.50 **Integration of Organic Farming within the AKIS System and the Role of the Public Advisory Service**
Igor Hrovatič, CAFS
- 10.50 – 11.00 **Panel discussion**
- 11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee break**
- 11.30 – 11.50 **Analysis of Nature Conservation Interventions under the CAP**
Mag. Jernej Kavšek, MAFF
- 11.50 – 12.10 **Purpose, Goals, and Objectives of Nature Conservation Interventions under the CAP**
Branka Trčak, MAFF
- 12.10 – 12.20 **Panel discussion**
- 12.20 – 12.40 **Recommendations for the Implementation of Nature Conservation Measures Based on Best Practice Example from European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Projects**
EIP Krotá – Aja Zamolo, Centre for Cartography of Fauna and Flora
EIP Vivek – Tanja Šumrada, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana
- 12.40 – 13.00 **Good Practice Example: EIP – Farming for the Conservation of Species-Rich Grasslands through Knowledge Transfer to Farmers**
Nika Debeljak, Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation; Jelka Brdnik, CAFS – Ptuj Institute; Špela Dolšek, Volaj Farm
- 13.00 – 13.10 **Panel discussion**
- 13.10 – 14.30 **Lunch break**
- 14.30 – 16.30 **Parallel workshops on organic farming and nature conservation:**
How to accelerate the growth of organic production?
How does knowledge contribute to the development of organic farming?
How to bring Slovenian organic products to the consumer's table?
The interconnection between organic farming and nature conservation
- 16.30 – 17.00 **Summary of workshop conclusions and plenary discussion**
- 17.00 – 17.05 **Closing remarks**



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DAY 2 - Wednesday, 19 November 2025

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THE DAY OF THE AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION SYSTEM (AKIS)

08.30 – 09.00 **Registration**

09.00 – 09.10 **Opening remarks**

Simona Vrevc, Acting Director-General of the Directorate for Agriculture, MAFF

09.10 – 09.30 **Analysis of the Implementation of the European Innovation Partnership Measure in the 2014–2020 Programming Period**

Prof. Dr. Irma Potočnik Slavič and Assist. Res. Sara Mikolič, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana

09.30 – 09.40 **Implementation of Intervention IRP31 – EIP in the 2023–2027 Programming Period**

Gabrijela Golob, MAFF

09.40 – 09.50 **Implementation of Intervention IRP38 – Knowledge Consortia in the 2023–2027 Programming Period**

Tanja Gorišek, MAFF

09.50 – 10.00 **Innovation Support Network and the Role of Public Advisory Services**

Joži J. Cvelbar, MAFF

10.00 – 10.20 **The Public Agricultural Advisory Service as an Innovation Broker**

Barbara Trunkelj, CAFS; Mira Kambič Štukelj, CAFS – Novo mesto Institute; Boštjan Kristan, CAFS – Maribor Institute

PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS

10.20 – 10.40 **Brief Project Presentations**

10.40 – 11.10 **Coffee break**

11.10 – 12.55 **Poster presentations of projects**

(In multiple rooms; participants can attend presentations of their choice and are encouraged to ask questions and exchange contacts.)

11.10 – 11.30 **First round**

5-minute transition

11.35 – 11.55 **Second round**

5-minute transition

12.00 – 12.20 **Third round**

5-minute transition

12.25 – 12.45 **Fourth round**

12.45 – 14.00 **Lunch break**

14.00 – 14.45 **Round table: Innovation Support Network**

14:45 – 15.00 **Closing remarks**



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