

A cordial invitation to the

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF MOUNTAIN AGRICULTURE IN THE ALPS

Under the Austrian Presidency of the Alpine Convention, the "International Conference on the Future of Mountain Agriculture in the Alps" will take place on 13–14 September 2017 in St. Johann im Pongau, Salzburg.

During the conference, expectations regarding mountain agriculture will be formulated with respect to the future developments of CAP 2020. Participants from the entire Alpine region will discuss future challenges and opportunities for farms and forestry enterprises in the Alpine area.

TIMES:

13 September 2017, 1:00 pm-10:00 pm

14 September 2017, 8:00 am-1:00 pm

VENUE:

Kultur- und Kongresshaus am Dom Leo-Neumayer-Platz 1, 5600 St. Johann im Pongau

Please register for the event by 22 August 2017 at the following link: https://www.zukunftsraumland.at/enrole/9487

ATTENTION: Limited availability of places. Only registered participants can attend the event.

Participation is free of charge!

AGENDA

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

12:00 Registration – Lunch and Networking

Session 1: Opening and Welcome

13:00 Opening and Welcome Franz Eßl, President of the Chamber of Agriculture, Salzburg Markus Reiterer, Secretary General, Alpine Convention

Session 2: Scientific Panel

- 13:25 Keynote I: "Development of Landscape Structures and Land Use in the Alps"Dr. Erich Tasser / EURAC Bozen
- 13:45 Keynote II: "Mountain Agriculture Challenges and Perspectives" Prof. Dr. Alois Heißenhuber / TU Munich – Weihenstephan
- 14:05 Keynote III: "Effects of the CAP on Mountain Agriculture – The Austrian Example" Dr. Franz Sinabell / WIFO
- 14:25 Keynote IV: "What are the Expectations of Society from Mountain Agriculture?"

 Prof. Dr. Werner Beutelmeyer / Market Institut
- 14:45 Panel Discussion with the Speakers
- 15:15 Coffee Break

Session 3: Working Groups

- 15:45 Participants will be divided into two groups on the same two subjects

 Main topics
 - (1) What are the future challenges and opportunities for farms and forestry enterprises in the Alpine area?
 - (2) What are the expectations for further developments of CAP 2020 regarding mountain agriculture in the future?
- 17:15 End of the Working Groups Return to Hotel

Session 4: Evening Reception

- 19:00 Departure
- 19:30 Evening Reception hosted by the Federal Minister Andrä Rupprechter and Regional Minister Josef Schwaiger Oberforsthofalm, Alpendorf 12, 5600 St. Johann/Pongau

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2017

Session 5: Excursion to Mountain Farms

- 08:00 Departure
- 08:30 Visit to typical mountain farms
- 10:15 Return

Session 6: Political Panel

- 10:30 Opening and Welcome Franz Eßl, President of the Chamber of Agriculture, Salzburg
- 10:45 Presentation of Commission Representative
 "Developments of CAP 2020 Focus on Mountain Agriculture"
 Director Georg Häusler / EC Directorate General Agriculture
- Statements of Representatives of the European Parliament
 MP Elisabeth Köstinger
 MP Herbert Dorfmann
- 11:20 Statement from the Mountain and Alpine Pasture Region of Salzburg Regional Minister Josef Schwaiger
- 11:30 Presentation by the Federal Minister "Perspectives for Mountain Agriculture – Future Development of the European Agricultural Policy after 2020 for our Family Farms" Federal Minister Andrä Rupprechter
- Statements by political representatives of the Alpine regionsFollowed by a panel discussion with
 - --- Federal Minister Andrä Rupprechter
 - --- Political Representatives of the Alpine Regions
 - --- Commission Representative Georg Häusler

Session 7: End of Meeting

- 12:45 Adoption of Memorandum "Mountain Agriculture"
- 12:55 End of Meeting Federal Minister Andrä Rupprechter
- 13:00 Lunch

Chairperson: Patti Basler

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES:

German is the conference language. Simultaneous translation into three Alpine languages (French, Italian and Slovenian) will be provided.

ORGANIZERS AND PARTNERS:

- --- BMLFUW
- --- Alpine Convention
- --- Austrian Chamber of Agriculture
- --- Netzwerk Zukunftsraum Land LE 14-20

HOW TO GET THERE:

By car:

Autobahn A10 towards Villach, exit Knoten Pongau. In St. Johann follow the green signs to the Kultur- und Kongresshaus am Dom, right next to the cathedral.

By train:

St. Johann/Pongau train station (connection with Bus or Taxi).

By airplane:

The nearest airports are Salzburg and Munich.

ACCOMMODATION:

Please book and pay for your accommodation independently. Rooms have been pre-reserved and can be booked through the Tourist Office of St. Johann/Pongau using the keyword "International Conference Mountain Agriculture", which you can reach at info@sanktjohann.com or +43 6412 6036.



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