

## Program

### Conference on

### “European Farmers’ Deal: EPP Vision for Agriculture in Europe”

**15 March 2024**

**PLOVDIV, Bulgaria**

**Location: Grand Hotel Plovdiv**

*Interpretation: EN BG*

- 08:30 Registration of participants
- 09:30-09:50 Welcome by  
**Boyko BORISOV**, President of GERB, Former Prime Minister of Bulgaria  
**Andrey KOVATCHEV** MEP, Head of the Bulgarian Delegation in the EPP Group
- 09:50-10:00 Introductory remarks by  
**Siegfried MUREȘAN** MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the EP,  
Chairman of the Working Group for Budget and Structural Policies (online)
- 10:00-10:15 Keynote by  
**Adina VĂLEAN**, European Commissioner for Transport (via video message)
- 10:15-11:30 **Panel I: No farmers, no food: ensuring the economic and social prospects of EU farmers, via a strong, well-funded and fair CAP**
- Opening statement by  
**Adam NOWAK**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Poland
- Moderated by  
**Vassil GROUDEV**, Former Bulgarian Minister for Agriculture and Food
- Speakers :  
**Ventsislav VARBANOV**, Chairman of the Bulgarian Association of Agricultural Producers  
**Christine SCHNEIDER** MEP, Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)  
**Dr. Petya PETKOVA**, PhD, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Bulgarian Poultry Union
- Open debate
- 11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:15 **Panel II:** Innovation and investment, not ideology, as the driver of science-based agriculture in the EU

Opening statement by

**Prof. Violeta BOZHANOVA**, President of the Agricultural Academy, Bulgaria

Moderated by

**Asim ADEMOV** MEP, Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)

Speakers:

**Prof. Dr. Hristina YANCHEVA**, Rector of the Agricultural University, Plovdiv

**Mariela YORDANOVA**, Chief Executive Officer at Sortovi Semena, Razgrad

**Stoyan TCHOUKANOV**, President of the Beef Breeders Association of Bulgaria, Member of the EESC, Rapporteur for “Promoting autonomous and sustainable food production: strategies for the Common Agricultural Policy post 2027”

Open debate

13:15-13:30 Concluding remarks by

**Desislava TANEVA**, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, Food and Forests in the 49th legislature of the Bulgarian Parliament

13:45 Lunch

*Location: Evmolpia Restaurant, Grand Hotel Plovdiv*