

# INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE: WOMEN PIONEERS AT THE FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE



Join us for “TED-Style” talks, co-hosted by MEPs Ayuso and De Castro with **3 agricultural scientists**, who will discuss their research using several innovative agricultural technologies as well as their experiences being women in the field.

## AGENDA:

### 16:00 — 16:30 Opening Remarks with

MEP Pilar Ayuso (EPP)

Mr. Bruce Zanin, Minister Counselor, U.S. Mission to the EU

Ms. Judy Gelbman, Head of Section, Mission of Canada to the EU

### 16:30 — 17:30 Transformative Agricultural Research: Transatlantic Trailblazers

Introduction by Moderator: Aleksandra Malyska, Executive Manager of  
Plants for the Future - European Technology Platform

#### A Hot Potato — CRISPR Crops for Improved Nutrition and Environmental Performance

Dr. Mariette Andersson, Swedish University of Agricultural  
Sciences, helped create Sweden’s first genome edited crop;  
hear how her research is leading to fewer chemicals used in  
production of food additives as well as a low glycemic (GI)  
potato.

#### Genome Editing Approaches for Livestock — Advancing Animal Health and Welfare

Dr. Alison Van Eenennaam, University of California, Davis,  
will discuss her research breeding hornless dairy cattle and  
editing applications to address disease, including African  
Swine Fever.

#### A View from Afar — Space Technology Aiding the Agriculture Sector

Dr. Heather McNairn, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada in  
Ottawa, Ontario will show how satellites provide a unique  
perspective on crop productivity and soil properties that can  
be applied in precision farming and national monitoring.

### 17:30 — 17:55 Panel Discussion — Reflections on and Advice for Inspiring the Next Generation of Agricultural Scientists

### 17:55 — 18:00 — Closing Remarks

MEP Paolo De Castro (S&D)



## DATE:

Monday, 15 Oct.  
16:00 – 18:00

## ROOM:

Altiero Spinelli, 3rd floor  
Room A3H1

## REGISTER:

before Thursday,  
11 October

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