



The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed

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IPIFF highlights the strategic importance of the insect-producing sector to support the realisation of the EU Farm to Fork targets

The conference '*Shaping European Food Systems: How insect farming is contributing to the 'Farm to Fork' strategy targets*' hosted by the [International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed \(IPIFF\)](#), gathered in Brussels more than 150 participants from Europe and beyond.

This conference featured several high-level speakers who are experts in the fields of insect production and other agri-food sectors, including delegates from the European Commission such as the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), from the European Parliament, the United Nation Organisation for Food and Agriculture (FAO) and representatives of the EU agri-food sectors.

Delineated two years and a half ago, the EU Farm to Fork strategy aims to make Europe the global pioneer of a fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food system. *‘The role of alternative proteins such as insects can help to reduce our dependence on critical feed materials and mineral fertilisers and support the transition to sustainable food systems, while contributing to addressing increasing food security challenges, in wake of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine’*, highlighted the **IPIFF President Adriana Casillas** in her opening speech.

The keynote speaker, **Francisco Reviriego Gordejo, Head of Unit on Animal Health at DG SANTE**, underlined the major reforms introduced under the EU Farm to Fork Strategy, which contributed to supporting the growth of the insect sector (e.g. authorisation of insect proteins for pig and poultry feed and creation of baseline standards for insect frass) and underscored current EU reflections towards further harnessing the circulatory potential of insects (e.g. future regulatory options for using former foodstuffs containing meat and fish as substrate for insects, the establishment of EU standards allowing the trade of insect frass as fertiliser across the EU). Similar thoughts were shared by **Martin Hlaváček, European Deputy**, who underscored the need to accelerate EU regulatory efforts with the view to maximising the contribution of the insect sector towards food sustainability and circularity.

‘Diversifying the spectrum of authorised substrates used in insect farming is considered as key to reducing the footprint of insect farming activities while representing a promising opportunity for tackling the problem of food waste’, conveyed by **Antoine Hubert, IPIFF’s 2nd Vice-President**, while presenting the European insect sector’s policy objectives.

The conference continued in the afternoon with the keynote address of **Daniela Battaglia, Animal Production Officer at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**, sharing the work developed by the organisation on insect farming and how the sector can contribute to addressing the current global challenges, while ensuring the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Concluding, **Heinrich Katz, IPIFF Executive Committee Member in charge of international activities**, stressed the importance of collaborating with international stakeholders for the setting of EU and International standards to affirm the sector at a worldwide level.

For more information about the conference, please refer to the IPIFF dedicated webpage. The speaker’s presentations will be shared soon on the IPIFF website.

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