**ENAJ, EU-FarmBook and Ghent University host Press and Networking Event for Agricultural Journalists**

**Ghent, Belgium - The European Network of Agricultural Journalists (ENAJ), and EU-FarmBook are pleased to announce their first dedicated press and networking event in collaboration with Ghent University. This year’s topic is focused on the theme "Moving towards resilient farms." The event is scheduled to take place from July 8-10, 2024, in Ghent, bringing together agricultural journalists, researchers, policy makers, and industry leaders to discuss and promote resilience in agriculture.**

**On Networking Monday, July 8**, the event will feature a welcome session and keynotes from prominent figures such as Lisa Bellocchi (ENAJ Chairwoman), Pieter Spanoghe (Coordinator EU-FarmBook and Researcher for Plant Production), Gijs Schilthuis (Head of Policy perspectives, DG AGRI), and Matija Žulj (CEO AGRIVI). Following the keynotes, a panel discussion on farm resilience will include experts such as Jelte Wiersma (European Agricultural Machinery Association CEMA), Justine Arkens (Young Farmers Association of Flanders Groene Kring and others. The day will conclude with a wrap-up discussion and a networking evening with a flying dinner.

The event continues the next day with an exclusive workshop program and excursions for agricultural journalists. **Tuesday, July 9**, starts with an "Innovation Dating" session where journalists will have the opportunity to meet and interact with innovators from various agricultural sectors. This session aims to foster connections and provide journalists with access to the latest advancements and technologies in agriculture developed by university spin-off companies. On Tuesday afternoon and **Wednesday, July 10** journalists will visit local farms and research institutes in Ghent to gain insights and hands-on experience and knowledge of innovative agricultural practices.

Professor Pieter Spanoghe, coordinator of the EU-FarmBook project and Researcher for plant protection, is delighted to host the first ENAJ/EU-FarmBook Press and Networking Event at Ghent University.

“We look forward to welcoming journalists from all EU countries to engage with agricultural innovators and explore the importance of resilient farming for the future of sustainable agriculture,” says Lisa Bellocchi, Chairwoman of ENAJ. She also thanks the researchers at Ghent University for their support in organizing the event and for their hospitality.

**About the Organizers:**

The ENJA/EU-FarmBook Press and Networking Event is a collaboration between the EU-FarmBook project funded by the European Union, the European Network of Agricultural Journalists (ENAJ) and Ghent University.

**EU-FarmBook**

EU-FarmBook is a project funded by Horizon Europe, working at regional, national, and European level to build an online platform for gathering and sharing agricultural and forestry knowledge. The platform aims to become an interactive, multilingual meeting place for agriculture and forestry communities. Knowledge should be easily **F**indable, **A**ccessible, **I**nteroperable and **R**eusable according to FAIR data principles. 29 partners from 18 countries are contributing to the project that is funded by the EU, which will run from 2022 to 2029.

More information about the project can be found at: <https://welcome.eufarmbook.eu/>

The EU-FarmBook platform is accessible under <https://eufarmbook.eu/en>

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**The European Network of Agricultural Journalists (ENAJ)**

The European Network of Agricultural Journalists (ENAJ) is an umbrella organization of national associations and guilds of agricultural journalists and communicators in the European Union and EFTA countries. It was founded on December 6, 2011 and is comprised of 22 guilds. ENAJ facilitates the work of agricultural journalists within the EU and supports networking For more information please visit: <https://enaj.eu/>

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