



WORKSHOP Wednesday June 24 2026



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SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT FOR EU AGRICULTURE

From water scarcity and heat waves to the adoption of technologies to improve irrigation efficiency: which actions to face current challenges and bottlenecks?

8.45-9.15 Networking Coffee

9.15-9.25 Introduction to the event (Brunella Morandi - Action chair)

SESSION 1: 9:25 - 10:00

The challenge of water resilience for fruit tree production. An overview of the strategies adopted in different regions

Stakeholders and researchers from EU and the world report the current situation and challenges to improve irrigation efficiency in their home country. 3-min pitches from:

- Spain (*Antonio Diaz-Espejo - CSIC - Seville*)
- Italy (*Pasquale Losciale - University of Bari*)
- Portugal (*Teresa Afonso do Paco - ISA University of Lisbon*)
- Belgium (*Kathy Steppe - Ghent University*)
- Czech Republic (*Martin Mezsaros - VSUO*)
- Turkey (*Burhanettin Imrak - Çukurova University*)
- Israel (*Assaf Chen - MIGAL*)
- Tunisia (*Lofti FKI -Fsax faculty of Science*)

SESSION 2: 10.00-10.40 The FruitCREWS project and its main results

- 10.00-10.10: The FruitCREWS project (*Virginia Henandez Santana - Action vice-Chair - CSIC*)
- 10.10-10.30 Available strategies to face water scarcity, their bottlenecks and drivers for adoption (*Maria M. Borrego Marin - University Seville*)
- 10.30-10.40 Which possible research priorities and policy actions? The point of view of FruitCREWS (*Diego Intrigliolo - CSIC*)

SESSION 3: 10.40 -11.20

Policies and research actions to improve agriculture water resilience: the point of view of the European Institutions

10.40-11.00 the point of view of DG Agriculture (*Luis Sanchez Alvarez*)

11.00-11.20 the “Agriculture and Rural Development” and “Environment, Climate and Food Safety” commissions of the EU parliament: visions and possible policies (*On. Camilla Laureti - AGRI and On. Annalisa Corrado -ENVI*)

SESSION 4: 11.20-12.20

Policies and research actions to improve sustainable water management: discussion with stakeholders and policy makers

Round table (Moderator: Cristiano Spadoni - IMAGELINE) AREFHL (*Michele Gentile*)

Copa Cogeca (*Niall Curley*)

Irrigants D’europa (*Adriano Battilani*)

European Irrigation Association (*Moshi Berestein*)

EU Parliament Agriculture Committee (*Camilla Laureti*)

EU Parliament Environment Climate and Food Safety (*On. Annalisa Corrado*)

12:20-12.30 CONCLUSIONS