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*Eastern Partnership Panel on "Structural Reforms,  
Financial sector architecture, Agriculture and SMEs":  
“Organic Agriculture”*

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*Tartu (Estonia), 25-26 April 2019  
The University of Life Sciences, Kreutzwaldi 1a, Tartu,  
(main building, room 104)*

**Agenda**  
**Day 1 - Thursday 25 April**

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**13.00 – 14.00**      **Lunch**

**14.00 - 14.05**      **Introductory words by the European Commission**

*Catherine Combette, Deputy Head of Unit A5: Neighbourhood & Enlargement, Directorate-General for  
Agriculture and Rural Development*

**14.05 – 14.20**      **Host address and policy statements**

*Mr Toomas Kevvai, Deputy Secretary General for Food Safety, Research and Development,  
Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia  
Mr Aimar Altosaar, Project manager at Estonian Centre of Eastern Partnership*

**14.20 - 14.50**      **Presentation of the organic sector in the EU, the new organic  
regulation, the current work on the secondary legislation and  
the implications for trade**

*Elena Panichi, Deputy Head of Unit B4, Organic Farming - Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural  
Development, European Commission*

**14.50 - 15.10**      **Coffee break**

**15.10 - 16.30**      **Challenges in the Eastern Partnership related to organic  
agriculture**

*Each partner country is kindly requested to make a 10-15 min presentation providing details on the  
current situation related to organic agriculture, assessment of the needs and main challenges for the  
sector, on-going projects (including case studies). Representatives of the EU Delegations in the Eastern  
Partners, civil society and the EU MS are welcome to contribute.*

*Round Table: Feedback from the NGOs and Governments*



**16.30 – 16.45                    EU imports of organic products from EaP countries**

*Catherine Combette, Deputy Head of Unit A5: Neighbourhood & Enlargement, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development*

**16.45 – 17.15                    FAO's Perspective on Organic Agriculture development in the region - Opportunities and Challenges**

*Viliami Fakava, Agriculture Officer, FAO*

<b>19.00</b>	<b>Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia</b>
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<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Restaurant Werner (address: Ülikooli 11, 51003 Tartu)</b>
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## Day 2 – Friday 26 April

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**09.00 – 09.30                    The development of the sector in the Eastern Partnership, facts and figures**

*Beate Huber, Deputy Director, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL), Switzerland*

**09.30 - 10.00                    The European Commission's approach to fighting irregularities (including challenges of the sector, OFIS and Traces)**

*Elena Panichi, Deputy Head of Unit B4, Organic Farming - Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission*

**10.00 - 10.30                    Using donor projects to build a viable control system**

*Mr Hendrik Kuusk, International adviser, former Director of Veterinary and Food Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Estonia*

**10.30 – 10.50                    *Coffee break***

**10.50 - 11.20                    Organic sector – Polish perspective**

*Bartosz Pytlak, Head of Organic Farming Unit, Department of Promotion and Food Quality, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Poland*

**11.20 - 11.50                    Organic sector – Belgian perspective**

*Serge Massart, Senior expert in organic production, Service publique de Wallonie, Belgium*

**11.50 - 12.20                    Ensuring the integrity of organics – the experience from Eastern Europe**

*Beate Huber, Deputy Director, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL), Switzerland*

**12.20 - 13.05                    Organic sector – Estonian perspective**

*Merit Mikk, Estonian Organic Farming Platform  
Lauri Bobrovski, Chief Executive Office, SirLoin*

**13.05 – 13.15                    Closing remarks**

**Afternoon field trip to the Mooste Manor,  
hosted by the Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia**

*Mooste Manor, which is one of the manors richest in buildings in Estonia preserved in its entirety. Besides its main building, the century old manor complex boasts of a lushly decorated complex of outbuildings, gates, walls and a bell tower. However, the value of Mooste Manor is not just about its buildings - there is also the Mill Theatre, the Flax Room, and a number of exciting festivals that are held here. The whole complex is located on the scenic lake shore.*

**13:15**            Transfer to Mooste Manor

**14:15-15:45**   Lunch in Mooste distillery

**15:45-18:15**   Visit to exhibition of sculptures, Folk House and Wool House, clay house, Mill Theatre and Exhibition, Linseed oil pressing

**18:15-19:15**   Transfer to Tartu VSpa hotel

