

PROGRAMME, A draft

XIIIth General Assembly of the Union of European Academies for Science Applied to Agriculture, Food and Nature (UEAA)

and Accompanying Scientific Symposium:

“Sustainable European Agriculture and Balanced Management of Natural Resources”

Tirana, Academy of Sciences of Albania, 21–22 September 2026

(in-person and online)

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21.09.2026 – Venue: **Academy of Sciences of Albania**
Day 1

08:00–08:45 **Registration of participants**

09:00–10:00 **Opening and plenary session of the symposium: “Sustainable European Agriculture and Balanced Management of Natural Resources”**

Hall “Aleks Buda”; Moderator: Acad. Ilia Mikerezi, Academy of Sciences of Albania

09:00–09:05 Welcome address by the President of the Academy of Sciences of Albania, Acad. Skënder Gjinushi

09:05–09:15 Welcome address by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Andis Salla

09:15–09:25 Welcome address on behalf of the European academies; President of UEAA, Acad. Ion Jelev

09:25–09:35 Welcome address on behalf of the Agricultural University of Tirana and brief presentation of AUT activities; Acad. Assoc. Prof. Fatbardh Sallaku, Albania

09:35–09:45 “Update on Gene Editing in Agriculture in the EU”, Acad. Michel Thibier, Académie d'Agriculture de France

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09:45–09:55 “Agronomic Innovations for the Sustainability of Cropping Systems”, Simone Orlandini, Accademia dei Georgofili, Italy

09:55–10:10 Coffee break

10:10–11:00 **Continuation of the symposium** – Hall “Aleks Buda”, Academy of Sciences of Albania

10:10–10:25 “Ca–P Homeostasis, Bone Health and Eggshell Quality in Laying Hens”, Acad. Michel Duclos, Académie d'Agriculture de France, INRA, France

10:25–10:40 “Evaluation of European Plum (*Prunus domestica* L.) Cultivars for Sustainable Fruit Production”, Marieta Nesheva, Institute of Horticulture, Bulgarian Agricultural Academy

10:40–10:50 “Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture: The Case of Latvia”, Acad. Baiba Rivza, President of the Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences of Latvia (online)

10:50–11:00 “Balancing Sustainable Agriculture and the Environment through Bioeconomy Approaches”, Steliana RODINO, Scientific Director of the Research Institute for Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Bucharest, and Honorary Member of Acad Agri. Forest. Sci. Romania (online)

11:00–11:10 “Conservation Agriculture in Southern Sweden”, Martin Krokstorp, Krokstorp Farm and the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (online)

10:10–11:25 “Major Livestock Diseases in Albania: Current Status, Challenges and One Health Perspectives”. Xhelil Koleci, Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania

11:25–11:45 **Break and preparation for the next sessions**

11:45–14:00 **SESSION II – Meeting of the UEAA Steering Committee**

Hall of Academicians; Chair: Acad. Prof. Dr. Nazim Gruda

Discussion of strategic issues of UEAA and preparation of procedures for the General Assembly (Annex 1)

14:00–15:30 Lunch break

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15:30–16:30 SESSION III – Meeting of the UEAA General Assembly

Hall of Academicians; Chair: Acad. Prof. Dr. Nazim Gruda

Institutional reports, discussions, and elections of the UEAA governing bodies for the period 2026–2028

16:30–17:00 CLOSING SESSION and First Meeting of the Newly Elected UEAA Steering Committee

Hall of Academicians; Presentation of conclusions and decisions of the Assembly

19:00–21:00 Work dinner and presentation of UEAA medals and certificates, Durres (tbc)

22.09.2026 – Day 2 Technical visit and accompanying program (tbc)

09:00–15:00 Visit to the Agricultural University of Tirana (tbc), Agricultural Technology Transfer Centre (QTTB), Lushnjë, and two farms in the region (a greenhouse and animal farm)

Presentation of research and demonstration activities, including a project supported by GIZ (Germany)

Cultural visit to the Ardenica Monastery

Working lunch

Acad. Nazim Gruda