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Proposed UEAA Priorities and Activities for 2026-2028

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VISION & MISSION

VISION

A strong European scientific community advancing sustainable and resilient agriculture, food systems, and natural resource management.

MISSION

To advance applied science in agriculture, food, and nature across Europe through collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange, addressing major European challenges and connecting science, policy, and practice.



→ FROM CONTINUITY TO ACTION

The 2026–2028 programme builds on the 2024–2026 UEAA programme and aligns with European and global sustainability goals.

Scientific platform

Connect academies and experts across Europe.

Science–policy bridge

Translate scientific evidence into policy and practice.

Evidence-based decisions

Support resilient, sustainable, and competitive systems.

Aligned with EU strategic objectives and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



OUR ROLE FOR A SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL STRATEGY

Objective

Promote sustainable agricultural practices that enhance productivity, resilience and environmental health.

Policy advocacy

Advance science-based policies for sustainability, competitiveness, food security and innovation.

Research & collaboration

Link academia, policymakers, and the agricultural sector around sustainable agriculture.

Support for farmers

Improve access to knowledge, resources and funding while strengthening resilience and fair returns.



CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

Climate change

Adaptation and mitigation

Food security

Nutrition and resilient food systems

Biodiversity

Ecosystem services and natural resources

Capacity building

Education, training and knowledge exchange



UEAA PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

Four priorities for 2026–2028

1 Strengthen political influence in the EU

2 Support European academies

3 Expand UEAA membership

4 Engage young scientists



PRIORITY 1

STRENGTHENING POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN THE EU

Objective

Increase UEAA's political weight and ensure that applied science contributes to EU policy.

EU engagement

Build stronger relationships with key European institutions and contribute to the **Common Agricultural Policy** (CAP) discussions.

Innovation dialogue

Promote research innovations, including **genome editing** and other novel technologies, in dialogue with the European Commission.

Strategic priorities

Contribute expertise in sustainable **water management**, climate adaptation, and EU strategies for agriculture, food, nature, and forests.



PRIORITY 2 SUPPORTING EUROPEAN ACADEMIES



Objective

Support member academies and advocate for their role in scientific research.

Research collaboration

Strengthen existing UEAA electronic Working Groups; create a new **eWG** to address emerging challenges.

Knowledge exchange

Facilitate collaboration and exchange among the agricultural academies.

Visibility

Promote the scientific activities and contributions of UEAA member academies (**Newsletters**).



Start reorganizing the SC. Each SC member should take responsibility for a task.



PRIORITY 3

EXPAND UEAA MEMBERSHIP

Objective

Strengthen UEAA's European presence and network through broader membership and engagement.

Broaden participation

More meetings with member academies; use proven instruments such as abstract award competitions.

Strengthen collaboration

Connect UEAA activities with **member academies' strategic priorities** and promote knowledge exchange (e.g., **LAS Int. Advisory Council**).

Grow membership

Target new academies and strengthen collaboration across Europe, e.g., the **Andalusian Academy of Agriculture**.

Engage the full UEAA network — and expand it.



PRIORITY 4

ENGAGING YOUNG SCIENTISTS



Objective

Strengthen participation and collaboration of early-career researchers across Europe.

European platform

Support the European Platform of Young Scientists (**two words from representatives)**.

International collaboration

Engage young researchers in interdisciplinary and cross-border cooperation (New EU Proposals).

Visibility & participation

Increase the role of young scientists in European research and policy discussions (**Ex officio SC Advisory Membership**).



Strategic Goal: From a Network of Academies to a Coordinated European Scientific Force

Objective

Change the Status of the Union

- Develop a **more professional and permanent organizational structure**
- Move from an occasion-driven network toward a **coordinated scientific task force**
- Mobilize the combined **expertise of UEAA member academies** around **strategic European priorities**
- Strengthen UEAA's **visibility**, **responsiveness**, and **credibility** at the **European level**
- Position UEAA as a **recognized scientific partner for European institutions**



How Do We Get There? — Implementation

Establish a Strategic Working Group

Mandate: Translate the strategic goal into an actionable roadmap for 2026–2028/2029
(4-5 years)

Chair: Simone Orlandini
UEAA Vice President

CORE TASKS

Operating Model

Define responsibilities, decision-making, coordination, and member academy roles

Digital Infrastructure

Redesign and relaunch of the UEAA website.

Scientific Engagement

Flexible Electronic Working Groups to address priority European issues

Financial Sustainability

Explore member contributions, external partnerships, sponsorship, and EU funding opportunities

TIMELINE • Next Steering Committee meeting: Establish the Strategic Working Group



WHAT ARE WE ASKING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DECIDE?

PROPOSED DECISION

The General Assembly Agrees to Initiate a Structured Process to Develop a Future UEAA Strategy.

1. **Continue the strategic discussion**
2. **Establish the Strategic Working Group and develop a roadmap**
3. **Submit concrete proposals for formal consideration where required**

TODAY: MANDATE THE PROCESS — NOT THE FINAL STRATEGY



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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