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EAAE CONGRESS, WEBINARS, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS

EAAE Mentoring Program Call for 2026

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) is committed to contributing to the career development and success of all its members, particularly early-career agricultural economists. Therefore, the EAAE Board decided to establish a Mentoring Program in 2022, matching more established and senior members of the Association with early career members. The primary goal is to help younger members acquire critical skills to help them achieve their career goals. A secondary goal is to cultivate a spirit of collaboration and cooperation between different generations of EAAE members.

The EAAE is now launching its Mentoring Program for 2026/2027, offering an opportunity for up to 20 early-career EAAE members to participate. By early-career, we mean those who have graduated with a PhD in the last 5 years and have research or teaching posts in Universities, public or private research or R&D departments in industry. Each participant will be matched, based on their areas of common interest, needs, and psychometric profile. Examples of goals the mentees may want to develop include, but are not limited to, areas such as: crafting research papers, grant writing, leadership, networking, project management, teaching, work-life balance, and job market readiness.

This is a year-long program and will start during the 11th EAAE PhD Workshop, to be held in Evora, Portugal, between the 17th and 19th of June 2026.

Mentors and mentees are expected to meet regularly (at least every month), virtually and potentially in-person. The mentee and the mentor are encouraged to identify a set of goals to guide the discussions throughout the year. The goals should correspond to skills the mentee has identified and aims to improve upon. The goals can be ambitious but need to be realistic. Moreover, one-on-one meetings will be supplemented by a series of EAAE Webinars where topics of joint interests for young researchers will be presented and discussed (e.g., writing in plain English, how to publish good-quality papers, etc.).

The EAAE has an Early Career Researchers Committee guiding the program to ensure that both mentors and mentees benefit from this program. If you are interested in participating as a mentor or mentee, please complete the following registration form so the Early Career Researchers Committee can match mentors and mentees based on the criteria in the registration form. The registration takes about 5 minutes to complete.

Important Deadlines

Submission of the registration:	30 April 2026
Decision by the EAAE Early Career Researchers Committee:	31 May 2026
Online meeting for Mentors and Mentees:	June/July 2026 (TBD)
Official Program Launch:	17 June – 19 June 2026

Link to Mentor Registration (closes on 30 April 2026):

https://corvinus.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8p5PiQXdZc7nDJs

Link to Mentee Registration (closes on 30 April 2026):

https://corvinus.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0BZx6ag04YS7cEe

Call Reading Circles New initiative!

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) is pleased to announce the launch of its *Reading Circles* initiative, coordinated by the EAAE Early Career Researchers (ECR) Committee.

Reading Circles are small groups of 8–12 EAAE members who meet regularly throughout the academic year to discuss a selected book, a set of journal articles, or a methodological topic. They bring together members with expertise on the subject and those who wish to learn more, fostering knowledge exchange, interdisciplinary dialogue, and professional development across generations of agricultural economists. The registration deadline is **31 March 2026**.

How to Apply

If you are interested in joining a Reading Circle, please fill in the relevant registration form:

- **For Circle Proponents/Leaders:**
https://corvinus.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1MGpBx20dLn7zyS
- **For Circle Participants:** https://corvinus.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cGQlznJhObGjI10

You can find more details in the file attached.

EAAE PhD Workshop

The 11th EAAE PhD Workshop will take place at the University of Évora, Portugal, from 17–19 June 2026. You can find more details on the website: <https://eaae2026.uevora.pt/>

Webinar

30 April 11:00 hrs, there will be a webinar: 'The Commission's proposals for the next CAP'. The speaker is Alan Matthews. Registration is not required. Members will receive a link to Teams a few days before the webinar.

194th EAAE Seminar 'Matching Agri-Food Systems and Ecosystems via AI: Aligning Digital Innovation with Sustainability and Policy Goals'

The seminar is organized by the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (CIHEAM MAI.Chania) and the EAAE and will be held 10-11 September 2026 at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, CIHEAM MAI.Chania in Chania, Crete, Greece. You can find more details on the website: <http://194eaae.maich.gr/en/>

195th EAAE Seminar 'Gender Mainstreaming and Women's Empowerment in Agriculture – European Perspectives and Global Challenges'

The seminar is organized by the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio – Department of Economics and Law, Gaeta, Italy, October 15-16, 2026. More information will follow later.

19th EAAE CONGRESS 2027, ŠIBENIK, CROATIA, 31-8 / 3-9-2027

Organised by the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb. More information will follow later.

Past EAAE webinars

The presentations of the past webinars and seminars can be found on the [website](#) under **Documents**.

POSTERS OF PAST CONGRESSES

At the congress in Bonn, posters from previous congresses were displayed on a screen. For those who missed them, please visit:

<https://cloud.thuenen.de/index.php/s/9ZHsAAZZagwxPcR>

and use the following password: EAAE_50_Poster

Reduced membership fee of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE)

The EAAE has signed a Memorandum of Understandings with the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE). Part of the Memorandum is that the EAAE and EAERE agree to grant members a secondary individual membership with a 50% discount on the full price for members of the other Association. The EAERE has both annual and triannual membership periods. For registration and more information please visit the EAERE's website (<https://www.eaere.org/>).

NON-EAAE EVENTS

Executive Course on the Vision for Agriculture and Food, 20-24 April 2026

The reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for 2028–2034 and the Vision for Agriculture and Food (EC, 2025) come at a moment of transition for European agriculture, the [Florence School of Regulation](#) at the [European University Institute](#) is offering the Executive Course on the Vision for Agriculture and Food.

The course covers, among other topics:

- The Vision for Agriculture and Food (EC, 2025): Attractiveness, Competitiveness, Future-proofing, and Connection.
- CAP 2028–2034 reform proposal: DABIS, degressivity and capping, and partnership plans
- Domestic and international competitiveness; strategic dependencies and derisking; sustainable trade policies.

Through expert insights and interactive sessions, participants gain practical tools to navigate the policy framework and key challenges in competitiveness, resilience, and sustainability.

Course details and registration: <https://fsr.eui.eu/course/executive-course-on-the-vision-of-agriculture-and-food/>

International Workshop on Survey Design and Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics: Michigan State University, May 26 to May 29, 2026

This year's workshop features a new and expanded program. In addition to a strong focus on survey-based data construction, experimental auctions, and discrete choice experiments, the curriculum has been extended to include in-depth coverage of survey design and data collection, basket-based choice experiments, and field experiments, with applications across a wide range of policy contexts. Participants will gain both theoretical and practical knowledge, be introduced to state-of-the-art software tools, and design their own experimental applications through hands-on training.

The instructor team includes:

- Vincenzina Caputo (Michigan State University)
- Carola Grebitus (Arizona State University)
- David Just (Cornell University)
- Jayson L. Lusk (Purdue University)
- Rodolfo M. Nayga (Texas A&M University)
- Jeffrey M. Wooldridge (Michigan State University)

We are particularly excited to **welcome Professor Jeffrey M. Wooldridge**, who will present state-of-the-art, cutting-edge econometric methods for policy evaluation.

The workshop is open to academics (graduate students, faculty, and researchers) as well as non-academics (consultants and practitioners from the private sector or national and international organizations). Seats are limited, and registration is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this information with colleagues, students, and others who may be interested.

For more registration information, click here: [website](#).

For more information about scholarships, click here: [website](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact Vincenzina Caputo, Carola Grebitus, or Rachele De Cianni (vcaputo@msu.edu, carola.grebitus@asu.edu, & decianni@msu.edu) if you have any questions or need additional information!

International Summer School “Experimental Auctions for Agricultural and Applied Economics: Theory and Applications,” Verona, from June 15 to June 19, 2026.

Please find more information in the file attached and on:

<https://sites.google.com/view/experimentalauctions2026/home>

GEWISOLA

The 65th annual conference of the Society for Economic and Social Sciences of Agriculture (GEWISOLA) will take place from Wednesday, 23 September to Friday, 25 September 2026 at the Thünen Institute in Braunschweig. The conference theme is: Agriculture and rural areas: Challenges in a local, regional, and global context. **Please see the (updated) file attached for more information.**

Other

The University of Bonn developed an IT-tool for selecting suitable forecasting models (out of 40) based on certain criteria (about 50). In case you are interested, please use the following link to the beta version of the tool <https://www.eco-tool.eu>

Survey

We would like to invite you to participate in a short online survey on how empirical research is evaluated within agricultural economics. Participants will be asked to assess a brief description of a research study and answer a few questions about their professional background and research practices.

The aim is to better understand evaluation standards and professional norms in the field. The results will be used for academic research and reported only in aggregated form.

The survey takes approximately 5–7 minutes to complete. Participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw at any time or skip any question. Responses are anonymous and confidential; no identifying information will be collected.

To access the survey, please click the link below:

https://asumorrison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1NE8vQLiyYPHs1g

The survey will remain open until April 7.

Thank you for considering participating.

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EAAE Journals

EuroChoices

Rob Ackrill new Editor-in-Chief of EuroChoices

The Agricultural Economics Society and the European Association of Agricultural Economists are delighted to announce the appointment of Professor Rob Ackrill as the new Editor-in-Chief of EuroChoices. He will take up the role in July 2026, succeeding Professor John Davis.

Rob will lead EuroChoices into an exciting new phase, building on the journal's strong reputation for accessible, policy-relevant scholarship at the interface between research and practice. He is particularly committed to strengthening the journal's role in connecting academic insight with policy debates, and to further developing the distinctive writing styles that make EuroChoices engaging and influential across diverse audiences.

Rob brings extensive expertise in EU, agricultural, and rural policy, alongside a long-standing relationship with EuroChoices and a clear vision for its future direction. He is Professor Emeritus in Economics and Policy at Nottingham Business School, Nottingham Trent University.

Contact: robert.ackrill@ntu.ac.uk | eurochoices@aes.ac.uk (from July 2026)

Q Open

Q Open receives impact factor

We are proud to announce that Q Open has now officially been accepted into the Web of Science! The journal will receive its first Impact Factor in 2026. Our congratulations go to the editorial team led by Iain Fraser for their efforts that have led to this important milestone.

ERAE

ERAE Review Articles

In addition to research articles, the journal also publishes review articles. Review articles should provide a comprehensive and scholarly account of a topic that has direct relevance to agricultural economics (methodological or applied) and that has not recently been covered in the literature. Normally these are authored by individuals who have themselves made a significant contribution to the topic under review and/or are acknowledged authorities in the field. A pre-submission enquiry to is required for review articles. An abstract, outline and key references should be emailed to erae.editorialoffice@theeditorialhub.com. Review article submissions undergo the normal review process.

Vacancies

[Research associate](#)

At : ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland. Closing date 30 April 2026

[PhD position](#)

At : TU München, Germany. Closing date 30 June

EAAE Members information

EAAE members can access their registration card through the EAAE login on the homepage of the EAAE using their email address and personal password. You can login [here](#). If you forget your password, you can retrieve or modify it. Upon login, you will also find the link for free access of EuroChoices online!

As a member, you can post [vacancies](#) and [non-EAAE events](#) on our website. Simply [login](#), go to 'Post events (congress, seminars, courses, PhD activities) and Jobs', select 'New', and your information will be visible on the website after the approval of the secretariat.