

Forms of contributions

Participants are invited to contribute to the XVIII EAAE congress in one of three formats:

- Contributed papers
- Posters and research design presentations
- Organised sessions

All three forms are integral to the success and vibrancy of the EAAE Congress, fostering a dynamic and collaborative environment that drives scientific innovation and progress in the field of agricultural economics and related scientific disciplines. Papers often stimulate discussions and debates that can lead to new insights and the identification of future research directions. The different formats are intended to facilitate networking among researchers. The forthcoming Congress will feature four different forms of Organised Sessions. In addition to the familiar Organised Paper and Organised Panel Sessions, Lightning Talks and Oxford Style Debates have been added to the Organised Session format.

Presenting at an EAAE Congress allows agricultural economists to connect with peers with similar research interests, potentially leading to collaborations, which can advance their work and foster interdisciplinary research. Presenting a contributed paper or poster, or actively participating in an organised session can enhance a researcher's visibility and reputation within her/his field. This recognition can be particularly important for early-career researchers seeking to establish themselves in the scientific community.

The research work presented at the EAAE Congress can contribute to the exchange of knowledge across different subdisciplines of agricultural economics and in various regional contexts. This exchange is vital in addressing the complex global challenges of food system transformation, which requires both a multidisciplinary approach and diverse perspectives.

Contributed papers and posters

Contributed papers and posters provide a record of the current state of research in agricultural economics and serve as a cornerstone for the dissemination of new research findings, fostering academic dialogue, and promoting collaboration among the European and global agricultural economics community. The EAAE Congress provides researchers with a great opportunity to receive feedback from peers. This feedback can be invaluable, allowing the refinement of research methods, interpretation of results, and development of conclusions, ultimately leading to higher-quality scientific work.

For researchers, particularly those in the earlier stages of their careers, presenting a contributed paper or poster at the EAAE Congress is an essential aspect of the professional development of an agricultural economist. The presentation of a paper at the Congress provides experience in public speaking, the opportunity to engage with constructive criticism, and the chance to improve a researcher's ability to communicate complex issues effectively. Poster contributions serve as a visual and concise medium for researchers to present their work and serve as educational tools for Congress participants, especially for PhD students. Participants can also use the poster format to present preliminary data or ongoing studies that are not yet ready for a full paper presentation. For the first time, researchers at this EAAE congress can use posters to present a new research design and receive valuable comments for their future work.

Organised sessions

Organised sessions at the EAAE Congress provide a platform to present recent research findings, innovative methodologies, and emerging trends and are also essential for driving the social impact of agricultural economics at the European and even global levels. They play a crucial role in

advancing the field and fostering collaboration among researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and other stakeholders involved in topics relevant to agricultural economics. Organised sessions facilitate networking among participants and can lead to fruitful partnerships and the cross-pollination of ideas across different subfields of agricultural economics.

The various organised session formats at the EAAE Congress are typically centred on specific themes or topics, enabling in-depth discussions and a more focused exchange of ideas. This can lead to a deeper understanding of complex issues and the development of targeted solutions. By bringing together experts and policymakers, organised sessions can also influence policy decisions. The insights and recommendations generated can inform and support policy development and implementation.

Agricultural economics intersects with various other disciplines such as environmental science, sociology, political science and public health. Organised sessions often encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, which can lead to more comprehensive and holistic approaches to addressing challenges in the food system. At this Congress, proposals for such sessions will be encouraged to address the main topic of food system transformation and contribute to finding innovative solutions.