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Programme: International Food Fraud Conference (IFFC)

5th – 7th November 2025, Berlin

The conference is available via livestream (except for the working group sessions on Thursday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, 5th of November 2025

12:00 – 13:00 Registration and welcome coffee

13:00 – 13:30 Welcome

Chair: **Andrea Pahne**

Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity, Germany

Alois Rainer

Federal Minister of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity, Germany

[English translation available]

Tanja Schwerdtle

President of Max Rubner-Institut, Germany

Ilka Haase

Head of National Reference Centre for Authentic Food, Germany

Address (via livestream)

Koen van Dyck

DG Santé, Head of Department, Unit G.5: Food Hygiene, Feed and Fraud, European Commission, Belgium

13:30 – 15:30 Panel I: Approaches against food fraud

Chair: **Oliver Frandrup-Kuhr**

Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety, Germany

13:30 – 13:45 Fraud risk identification and law enforcement tools in Italy

Carlo Fallovo & Francesco Librandi

Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests, Italy

13:45 – 14:00 Strengthened control of fraud in the food chain in Sweden

Albin Ring

Secretary of the Government Inquiry into Food Fraud, Sweden

14:00 – 14:15 The German National Reference Centre for Authentic Food

Ilka Haase

Max Rubner-Institut, Germany

14:15 – 14:30 Monthly report on food fraud notifications and coordinated control plans of the European Commission

Ghislain Marechal

DG Santé, Unit G.5: Food Hygiene, Feed and Fraud, European Commission, Belgium

- 14:30 – 14:45** **Combating food fraud: Practical implementations of vulnerability assessments under Art. 9(2) OCR**
Veronica van Tussenbroek
Heads of Food Safety Agencies (HoA): Working Group on Fight Against Agri-Food Fraud, Netherlands
- 14:45 – 15:00** **Overview of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency’s approach to food fraud (via livestream)**
Roxane Basket
Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Canada
- 15:00 – 15:15** **Prevention and control of food fraud: Codex and international regulatory actions**
Eleonora Dupouy
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Italy
- 15:15 – 15:45** **Q&A (auditorium as well as chat)**
- 15:45 – 16:15** **Coffee Break**
- 16:15 – 17:00** **Expert Roundtable:
Best practices and prospects of national and supranational strategies**
Chair: **Oliver Frandrup-Kuhr**
Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety, Germany
Stefan Engert
Max-Rubner Institut, Germany
- 17:00 – 17:10** **Closing of Day 1**

Thursday, 6th of November 2025

- 09:00 – 09:30** **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 09:30 – 10:30** **Panel II: Climate change, geopolitics and economics**
Chair: **Carsten Fauhl-Hassek**
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, Germany
- 09:30 – 09:45** **Spotlight Lecture I: Exploring food fraud within telecoupled socio-ecological systems in a changing climate**
Claudia Coral
Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Germany
- 09:45 – 10:00** **Spotlight Lecture II: From trade to table wars – shaping the future of food fraud research**
Selvarani Elahi
Food Authenticity Network, United Kingdom
- 10:00 – 10:30** **Short introduction into the subtopics climate change, geopolitics and economics by the working group leaders; subsequently formation of working groups**

- 10:30 – 12:00** **Moderated discussion of the topics in the working groups (on-site participation only)**
Chairs for working groups:
- Selvarani Elahi**
Food Authenticity Network, United Kingdom
- Timothy Wilkes**
Food Authenticity Network, United Kingdom
- Claudia Coral**
Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Germany
- Marc Lorenzen**
German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, Germany
- 12:00 – 14:00** **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 14:40** **Results of the working groups**
- 14:40 – 15:00** **Discussion (auditorium as well as chat)**
- 15:00 – 15:30** **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 – 17:20** **Panel III: Early warning systems, other prevention tools and perspectives**
Chair: **Eva Scharfenberg**
Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity, Germany
- 15:30 – 15:50** **FraudStat: Assessing the Austrian food fraud detection system in comparison with European approaches**
Katharina Herko
Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety, Austria
- 15:50 – 16:10** **AI-enhanced tracing in the agri-food chain (TraceMap)**
Eva Siegener
DG Santé, G.5: Food Hygiene, Feed and Fraud, European Commission, Belgium
- 16:10 – 16:30** **FFRAUD-ER Project and Emerging Risks Exchange Network (EREN)**
Raquel Garcia Matas
European Food Safety Authority, Italy
- 16:30 – 16:50** **The Power of We – The European Food Fraud Community of Practice Story**
Saskia van Ruth
University College Dublin, Ireland
- 16:50 – 17:10** **Q&A (auditorium as well as chat)**
- 17:10 – 17:20** **Closing of Day 2**
- 17:20 – 20:00** **Conference Reception (on-site participation only)**

Friday, 7th of November 2025

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 10:30 **Panel IV: Databases and the challenges ahead in detecting food fraud**

Chair: **Ulrich Busch**

Bavarian Health and Food Safety Authority, Germany

09:00 – 09:15 **Knowledge management by the German National Reference Centre for Authentic Food**

Andreas Hofmann & Stefan Engert

Max Rubner-Institut, Germany

09:15 – 09:30 **The European Wine DataBank**

Lutz van Elk

Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity, Germany

09:30 – 09:45 **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it can support the detection of food fraud within the EU**

Yamine Bouzembrak

Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands

09:45 – 10:00 **Provenance without borders: Leveraging shared infrastructure for inclusive, normative and cost-effective data governance**

Jade Saunders

World Forest ID, United Kingdom

10:00 – 10:30 Q&A (auditorium as well as chat)

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:00 **Expert Roundtable: Conclusions for future data management and processing related to databases**

Chairs: **Ulrich Busch**

Bavarian Health and Food Safety Authority, Germany

Marion Gottschald

German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, Germany

12:00 – 12:15 **Summary, Conclusion & Thank you**

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