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Under overskriften "Sustainable CAP Initiative" sætter Danmarks Naturfredningsforening og en lang række europæiske miljø-, landbrugs-, udviklings- og forbrugerorganisationer fokus på behovet for en bæredygtig reform af den fælleseuropæiske landbrugspolitik. Til din orientering har vi vedlagt programmet for den internationale konference i Helsingør den 21.-22. oktober. På [www.sustainablecap.dk](http://www.sustainablecap.dk) findes mere information om initiativet.

Med venlig hilsen

Gunver Bennekou



**Registration**

The registration form and payment details can be found on [www.sustainablecap.dk](http://www.sustainablecap.dk). The registration form shall be returned no later than 18 September.

**Conference fee**

350 Euro, including board and lodging.  
200 Euro, board only.

Accommodation between Sunday 20 October and Monday 21 October is possible and can be booked together with the application. Cost: 120 Euro.

**Sponsorships**

East and South European NGO's can apply for sponsorship. Application has to be submitted before 30 August and include a brief description of the participant, the organisation and the expected costs. Please apply for sponsorship via the registration form.

**Conference language**

English

**Conference venue**

Comwell Elsinore (near Copenhagen)  
Nørrevej 80  
DK-3070 Snekkersten  
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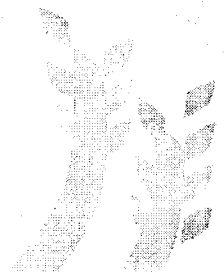
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SUSTAINABLE CAP INITIATIVE

2nd Announcement



A civil society call  
for a renewal of European agriculture

**21-22 October 2002  
Elsinore, Denmark**

Organised by:



**The Danish Society for  
the Conservation of Nature**

In cooperation with:

European Environmental Bureau (EEB) / European Public Health Alliance / WWF  
International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) / Oxfam International  
Biovision International / Friends Of the Earth Europe / Association of European Consumers

## JOIN THE SUSTAINABLE CAP INITIATIVE

The Danish Society for the Conservation of Nature and our co-operating partners are happy to invite everyone interested in farming, nature, food, landscapes, the environment, and development issues to attend a two-day conference on 21 and 22 October on a sustainable reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

The aim of the conference is to deepen the understanding of the global and regional implications of CAP and to send a strong message to the political leaders of Europe, that radical change is needed and that we have the means to bring about that change.

The Gothenburg Summit in 2001 agreed that CAP shall „contribute to achieving sustainable development by increasing its emphasis on encouraging healthy, high quality products, environmentally sustainable production methods, including organic production, renewable raw materials and the protection of biodiversity“.

If the current enlargement negotiations and mid-review are not directed towards sustainable development, the chances for a major reform may be lost for many years.

Important issues for the conference to look at are:

- ✦ The shifting of substantial funds from production based subsidies to rural development and agri-environment measures,
- ✦ A de-coupling of area payment from production, thus changing the emphasis from intensive to extensive agricultural methods,
- ✦ The abolishment of export subsidies,
- ✦ The opening of EU-markets to agricultural products from developing countries,
- ✦ The role of organic farming in developing sustainable rural communities.

At the end of the conference a declaration will be presented to the Danish EU Presidency, stating our common wishes and visions for the future agricultural policy in an enlarged European Union.

We hope that as many organisations and individuals as possible will sign the declaration in order to convince the Danish Presidency and European governments of its relevance and importance.

Prior to the conference a small team representing different types of NGOs will draft the declaration text. The text will be subject to two hearings amongst participating organisations from all of Europe.

On [www.sustainablecap.dk](http://www.sustainablecap.dk) you can read more about the aims and set-up of the Sustainable CAP Initiative and keep yourself up to date with the drafting of the conference declaration, the conference programme etc.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Monday 21 October

**10.00 Opening of the conference**

Mr. Poul Henrik Harritz, President of the Danish Society for the Conservation of Nature

**10.10 Opening speech**

Mr. Peter Melchett, Policy Director, Soil Association, UK

**10.30 Key note speech**

Mid-term review presentation

Mr. Oliver Drewes, member of Commissioner Fischler's cabinet

**11.00 Coffee break**

**11.30 Stakeholder presentations**

- ✦ Environmental NGO's, Ms. Giovanna Pisano, Birdlife International
- ✦ Development NGO's, Oxfam International (speaker to be announced)
- ✦ Organic farmers, Mr. Francis Blake, Chairman of IFOAM's EU-group
- ✦ Farmers from EU-Accession Countries, Mr. Krzysztof Mularczyk, Foundation for the Development of Polish Agriculture
- ✦ Consumers, Professor Secondo Tartini, University of Sienna

**13.30 Lunch**

**15.00 Workshops**

- ✦ Environment
- ✦ Trade and development
- ✦ Farming in Candidate Countries
- ✦ Organic farming
- ✦ Public health and food quality

**16.30 Coffee Break**

**17.15 Presentation of workshops and plenary debate**

**19.30 Conference Dinner**

Tuesday 22 October

**9.00 Visions for sustainable rural development in Europe**

- ✦ Creating a market for organic food, Mr. Thomas Harttung, Aarstiderne, Denmark
- ✦ Eco rural tourism, Mr. Michal Burian, Union of Czech Rural Entrepreneurs
- ✦ The Role of Organic Agriculture in a Sustainable CAP, Mr. Patrick Holden, director of the Soil Association, UK

**10.30 Coffee break**

**11.00 Key note speech**

Sustainable agriculture in Candidate Countries (speaker to be announced)

**11.30 Views from national parliaments followed by discussion**

Panel of national MP's (speakers to be announced)

**13.00 Lunch/Press Conference**

**14.30 Presentation of Conference Declaration to the Danish EU Presidency**

**14.45 Conclusions and closing of conference**

**15.00 End**