

MEDIA INVITE

Scientists Debate Dublin Declaration on Livestock

Join us 10:00 to 11:00 on 9 October for a live webinar

Brussels, 06 October 2025 – The [*Dublin Declaration of Scientists on the Societal Role of Livestock*](#) has become one of the most controversial scientific statements in global agriculture.

Signed by more than 1,000 scientists since its launch in 2022, the Declaration defends the continued role of livestock in sustainable food systems, emphasising its contributions to nutrition, livelihoods, and ecosystem management. It seeks to ensure that animal agriculture continues to evolve responsibly while remaining recognised for its indispensable contributions to humanity.

Not all scientists agree with the premises of the Dublin Declaration. Critics argue that while the Declaration highlights the benefits of livestock, it downplays substantial scientific evidence showing that current levels of meat and dairy production and consumption are unsustainable and inconsistent with global climate and biodiversity goals.

Now, an upcoming [**live webinar**](#), taking place online from **10:00 - 11:00 on Thursday 9 October**, will bring leading experts from both sides together to unpack the Declaration's claims, motivations, and implications for science, policy, and the future of food. Journalists are invited to attend this important event to hear directly from key figures in the debate.

Speakers:

- **Dr. Irina Herzon**, Academic and author of critical analyses of the Declaration, arguing that it undermines transparency and the integrity of science in policymaking.
- **Prof. Frédéric Leroy**, Co-author of the Dublin Declaration, who will outline the rationale behind its creation and defend the need for a more nuanced, inclusive debate on livestock's role.

Moderated by:

- **Bárbara Machado**, Environmental Journalist at EurActiv.

Key Themes:

- What the Dublin Declaration asserts about livestock, nutrition, and sustainability

- Concerns about selectivity, polarisation, and advocacy in science
- The importance of open, multidisciplinary dialogue in shaping food policy
- The future of livestock in sustainable food systems

Why Attend?

This webinar provides a rare opportunity to hear directly from both critics and defenders of the Dublin Declaration. It is an open platform where conflicting perspectives meet. This will be an essential conversation for anyone reporting on, researching, or shaping the future of sustainable food systems.

There will be opportunity to ask questions to the experts mentioned above during the webinar. Additionally, if there's any further information you may require for your story after the webinar, then please contact **hollie@revolve.media** to facilitate anything you may need for this.

Please register for the webinar [here](#).

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About PATHWAYS

With the aim of reducing environmental impacts while addressing societal demands for safe, nutritious and affordable meat and dairy products, [PATHWAYS](#) is about identifying and increasing sustainable practices along the supply and production chains of the European livestock sector. Coordinated by the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and comprising 28 partners from 12 countries, this 5-year (2021-2026) €9 million Horizon 2020 project contributes to the [EU Farm-to-Fork Strategy](#) which is at the heart of the [EU Green Deal](#).

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