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ENASP Conference

The role of social security in food security

How can agricultural social protection systems safeguard farmers' health and help young people build a future in farming? These questions were at the heart of the ENASP conference, held in Berlin and online on 03.11.2026.

Under the theme "From Health to Harvest – Social Security for Secure Food Systems", the European Network of Agricultural Social Protection Systems (ENASP) brought together voices from social security, policy, research and farming.

The opening session examined how the Common Agricultural Policy and social protection can help farms withstand shocks and adapt to change. Research highlighted the pressures young farmers face and their hopes for the future, while accounts from farmers showed what these challenges mean in their day-to-day work and life.

In a panel discussion, ENASP member organizations from Austria, Germany Finland, France and Poland presented practical ways to support farmers and their families. These included administrative assistance, farm and household replacement services during illness or after an accident, holiday cover, mental health support and farm succession seminars. The discussion showed how these services can ease the pressures of running a farm and help young people enter agriculture and remain in the sector.

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The conference concluded with practical examples on nutrition, wellbeing and preventive healthcare.

ENASP thanks Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank for its longstanding support and for helping to make the conference possible.

The next ENASP conference will take place in Berlin on 23 and 24.11.2027, so please already save the date.

More information about the 2026 conference programme is available online at:
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