

# EVS — EUROPEAN VEGAN SUMMIT

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Healthy and ethical food should be available to everyone, and the food that causes animal suffering, that harms people and the planet should be no longer available.

## **SYLWIA SPUREK**

Ph.D in Law, Member of the European Parliament,  
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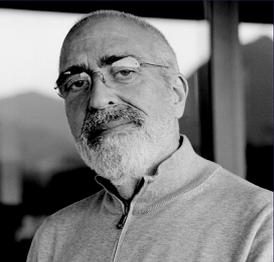
## PLENARY SESSION

16:00 - 17:30 (GMT+2) **SEPT 15**

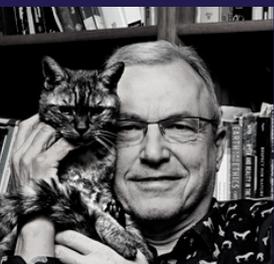


### Opening plenary

During the opening plenary of our event, we will invite eight inspiring speakers to deliver their keynote speeches. To kick off four days of discussions on vegan activism, economy, politics and science, we asked our guests to introduce the audience to the contemporary problems and experiences any vegan entrepreneur, activist or ally must face.



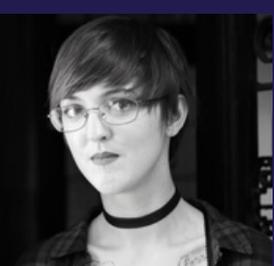
The floor will be given to:



- **Dr. Sylwia Spurek** – Member of the European Parliament from Poland (Greens-EFA), lawyer, legal counsel, legislator, feminist.
- **Anita Krajnc** – Executive Director of the Animal Save Movement and assistant professor at Queen’s University.
- **Sebastiano Cossia Castiglioni** – vegan investor, animal rights activist.
- **Prof. Andrzej Elżanowski** – Chairperson of the Polish Ethical Society, associated with the University of Warsaw, scientist, zoologist, bioethicist.
- **Claire Smith** – Founder of Beyond Investing and Beyond Cruelty Foundation, Board Member of AVVEC.
- **Philip Lymbery** – Global CEO of Compassion in World Farming and President of the Eurogroup for Animals.
- **Captain Alex Cornelissen** – Chief Executive Officer for Sea Shepherd Global and expert on IUU fishing.
- **Oksana Khomiak** - Co-Founder of Lviv Vegan Kitchen.



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# Plant Based Treaty as the New Deal

HOSTED BY ANITA KRAJNC & NICOLA HARRIS

What should the policy of the future regulate? How should politics progress, and how can the socio-economic systems evolve? We want to discuss these questions with progressive politicians, who will tell us what we can do to make the Plant Based Treaty not just an idea but a political strategy for the future.



The following experts will take part in a debate hosted by Anita Krajnc and Nicola Harris:



- **Dr. Sylwia Spurek** - Member of the European Parliament from Poland (Greens-EFA), lawyer, legal counsel, legislator, feminist.
- **MP Mai Kivelä** - Member of the Finnish Parliament, Helsinki City Councillor, activist.
- **Alice Di Concetto** - animal lawyer, Founder of The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy.
- **Inês de Sousa Real** - animal lawyer, Spokesperson for the PEOPLE-ANIMALS-NATURE Party.
- **Ziggy Klazes** - GroenLinks councillor at Haarlem City Council.



**Anita Krajnc** is Executive Director of the Animal Save Movement and assistant professor at Queen's University. **Nicola Harris** is a Director of Communications at Animal Save Movement and Plant Based Treaty.



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## Listen to Vegan Start-Ups

HOSTED BY ANNA ŻUCHNIEWICZ

Is vegan food a replacement for or the successor of meat and dairy products?

The film tells the story of Yoush, Listny Cud, It's Bean, foodtech.ac, and Well Well Group – vegan enterprises which change the contemporary status quo and contribute to the development of the Polish vegan market.

In the interview preceding the screening, **Anna Żuchniewicz** will interview **Matylda Szyrle**, CEO of Listny Cud, **Marcin Tischner**, Corporate Engagement & Sustainability Specialist of ProVeg Polska, **Anastasia Trofimova**, Co - Founder and CEO of Your Beet, a foodtech startup and **Anna Czajkowska**, Managing Editor of KUKBUK.pl.

**Anna Żuchniewicz** is the Social Media Specialist at Change4Good and Communication Coordinator at Fundacja Onkologiczna Rakiety.



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# Three years of new EU authorities

HOSTED BY LARA PAPPERS



Three years after the new EU authorities were elected, we need to evaluate EU policies from the standpoint of animal rights, food security, and the fight against climate catastrophe. Among experts from major European organisations, we will review the EC policies and discuss future work on recommendations for concrete solutions to the identified issues.

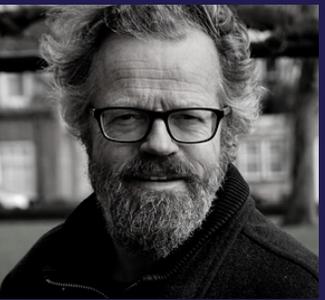
The following experts will take part in a debate hosted by Lara Pappers:



- **Dr. Joanna Swabe** - Senior Director of Public Affairs for Humane Society International/Europe.
- **Dr. Olga Kikou** - Head of Compassion in World Farming EU, Sub-representative for the End The Cage Age European Citizens' Initiative.
- **Siska Pottie** - public affair professional, Founder of Fjutjer BV, PCC Coach and NLP practitioner.
- **Ronja Berthold** - Head of public affairs of the European Vegetarian Union.
- **Joe Moran** - Political Affairs Manager in Eurogroup for Animals.
- **Frank Mechielsen** - Director of Feedback Europe, former Co-leader of the UN Sustainable Food Systems Programme.



**Lara Pappers** is the Director of Communications of ProVeg International.



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## Fiscal tools for an ethical world

HOSTED BY JEROOM REMMERS



Combating climate catastrophe and expanding animal rights requires the use of many tools, such as reducing with the ultimate goal of ending subsidies to agriculture and zoonotic production, raising consumer awareness and expanding the right to product information. At the beginning of this road, however, we need new fiscal tools to make it harder for harmful businesses to operate and to make the plant-based industry more competitive.



The following experts will take part in the debate hosted by Jeroom Remmers:

- **Prof. Piotr Krajewski** – economist, Director of the Institute of Economics at the University of Łódź.
- **Shweta Sood** – Head of Programmes at 50by40, advocate for animal rights and welfare.
- **Bartek Gawrecki** – Coordinator of the National Advocacy Program of Green REV Institute, lawyer.
- **Emma Hurst** – representative for animal rights at the NSW Parliament.



**Jeroom Remmers** is the Director of the True Animal Protein Price Coalition, author of several reports and opinion pieces.

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## First to support. Plant-based businesses

HOSTED BY PIOTR GRABOWSKI



EU funds should be redirected to industries of the future and withdrawn from sectors of the past. Businesses that harm animals and humans must change their model, or they will become obsolete. The EU should be at the forefront of innovation in the plant-based sector; therefore, we need new funds for research and development, building infrastructure, and supporting the promotion of new product categories. We will discuss these ideas with vegan investors, the individuals who make up the European plant-based sector and who are changing the world daily.



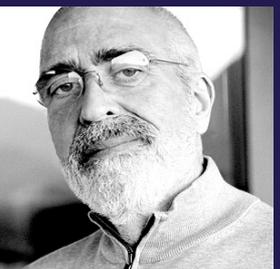
The following experts will take part in the debate hosted by Piotr Grabowski:



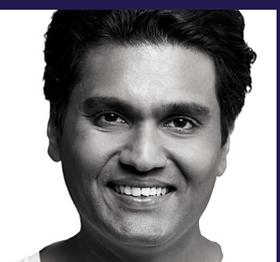
- **Sebastiano Cossia Castiglioni** - vegan investor, animal rights activist.
- **Christie Lagally** - Founder and CEO of Rebellious Foods.
- **Igor Sadurski** - Co-Founder and Board Member of Bezmięsny.
- **Rosella D'angeli** - CEO of Vegan Finest Foods.
- **Mary Iriarte Jähnke** - Co-Founder of Jay & Joy, France's first vegan Cremerie.
- **Katarzyna Gębala** - Co-Founder and CEO of the Well Well Group.
- **Vikas Garg** - CEO and Founder of Abillion.



**Piotr Grabowski** is the Co-Founder of the first food industry accelerator in Poland - [foodtech.ac](https://www.foodtech.ac).



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## Mission, courage, strength. Listening to activists

HOSTED BY **CLAUDIO POMO**



Recent years have shown that activists, not politicians, have triggered a critical mass and widened the debate on the effects of climate catastrophe. Activists, not politicians, are carrying out thousands of investigations and raising the alarm about animal rights violations. We will discuss how to support activists, broaden public participation, guarantee activists' influence on the decisions of those in power, mobilise people for activism with the leaders of the largest organisations and look for concrete systemic solutions.



The following experts will take part in the debate hosted by Claudio Pomo:



- **Matteo Cupi** - Vicepresident for Europe | Animal Equality.
- **Olivier Morice** - Public Affairs Officer at L214.
- **Alicja Kowal** - vegan activist from Anonymous for the Voiceless.
- **Amy Quichiz** - Founder of Veggie Mijas.
- **Kristina Chaparro** - Founder and CEO of Slovak Vegan Society.
- **Oksana Khomiak** - Co-Founder of Lviv Vegan Kitchen.
- **Daniel Petryczkiewicz** - Photographer, blogger, activist, 'Our Beaver' Association.



**Claudio Pomo** is a Development Manager at Essere Animali.



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## Milked

HOSTED BY GARETH SCURR

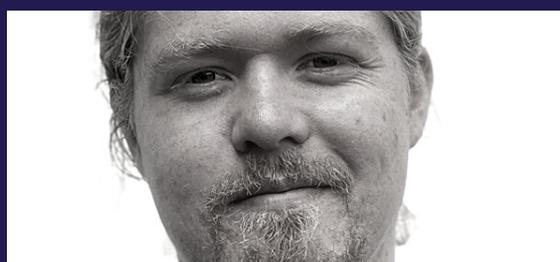
How far are the multi-billion-dollar businessmen willing to go to whitewash the dairy industry?

Young activist Chris Huriwai travels around the country searching for the truth about how this source of national pride has become the nation's biggest threat. It's rapidly gone from a land with no cows to being the biggest exporter of dairy in the world, but the industry seems to be failing in every way possible.

During the second screening of the event, we will present 'Milked'. The discussion proceeding the film will be led by **Gareth Scurr**, animal rights activist and Creative Director at Vegan FTA, who will ask **Amy Taylor** and **Jackie Norman** equally thought-provoking or contentious questions.

Amy is the owner of Ahimsa Films and has 20 years of experience working with non-profit organisations. Jackie, who also stars in the film, is a former dairy and beef industry worker and a full-time activist and campaigner.

The screening is done in partnership with **Vegan FTA**



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DEBATE >> 6

10:00 - 11:30 (GMT+2)

SEPT 17



## Science in the service of an ethical food system

HOSTED BY ALBRECHT WOLFMEYER

It is time to ask what food will be there in the future. What should we do so that we do not repeat past mistakes when we create a new system of food production? Which direction should we take? Plant-based or cell-based?



The following experts will take part in the debate hosted by Albrecht Wolfmeyer:

- **Prof. Dr hab. n. med Piotr Rzymki** - professor of environmental and medical biology.
- **Prof. Piotr Skubała** - professor of biological sciences, ecologist, acarologist.
- **Jah Ying Chung** - researcher, CEO and Founder of Good Growth.
- **Alison Kilmer** - serial entrepreneur and purpose-driven brands inventor.
- **Simcha Nyssen** - representant of GAIA Belgium at IFI Working Group and IPF, working on cell-based meat.
- **Nandini Roy Choudhury** - Client Partner, Food & Beverages, Future Market Insights.



**Albrecht Wolfmeyer** heads the ProVeg Incubator and is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of an online fundraising startup.



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## Time to connect the dots

HOSTED BY EWELINA ŁOBODZIEC



It is time to start connecting the dots. European policy must recognise the connection between the environment, human, and animal rights. If we do not move away from silo thinking, we will never be able to develop effective strategies, address climate catastrophe successfully, or guarantee the right to safe and healthy food and extend animal rights.

The following experts will take part in the debate hosted by Ewelina Łobodziec:



- **Prof. Andrzej Elżanowski** - Chairperson of the Polish Ethical Society, associated with the University of Warsaw.
- **Jana Gandert** - Policy Advisor and Campaign Coordinator at Animal Society e.V.
- **Adolfo Sansolini** - Director of Animal Welfare And Trade, Coordinator at #EUforAnimals.
- **Krishna Singh** - leader of the legal department of PETA Deutschland e.V. in Berlin.
- **Karolina Skowron-Baka** - Executive Director of Akcja Demokracja, animal rights, feminism, LGBTQIA and climate activist.
- **Małgorzata Szadkowska** - Head of Compassion in World Farming Poland, member of the European Citizens' Committee 'End the Cage Age'.



**Ewelina Łobodziec** is the Media Coordinator at Green REV Institute, Advocacy Coordinator at European Fem Institute, psychology student and animal activist.



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DEBATE >> 8

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SEPT 17



## Will women save the world?

HOSTED BY DR. JOANNA SWABE

Democracy without women is half democracy. Still, in many countries in the EU, women are a minority in politics and business. They are not visible in the media and do not participate in decision-making processes. It is not only a question of social participation, of the realisation of human rights, of women but also a question of effectiveness. The greatest challenges of the 21st century cannot be solved without the participation of women.

The following experts will take part in the debate hosted by Dr. Joanna Swabe:

- **Dr. Sylwia Spurek** - Member of the European Parliament from Poland (Greens-EFA), lawyer, legal counsel, legislator, feminist.
- **Claire Smith** - Founder of Beyond Investing and Beyond Cruelty Foundation, Board Member of AVVEC.
- **Varda Mehrotra** - animal advocate and movement builder, Co-founder of A Just World and Samayu.
- **Mikki Wilburn** - Program Officer at VegFund, animal activist, focused on local initiatives.
- **Catalina Lopez** - veterinarian, Director of the Aquatic Animal Alliance.

**Dr. Joanna Swabe** is a Senior Director of Public Affairs for Humane Society International/Europe.

This panel is organised in partnership with **Vegan Women Summit**



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DEBATE >> 9

18:00 - 19:30 (GMT+2) **SEPT 17**

## China and Mercosur. Is a green EU policy possible?

HOSTED BY MORGAN JANOWICZ



We will not defend the planet, we will not introduce new animal rights standards, and we will not extend human rights if we do not start thinking globally. The crisis was not created solely by and is not just about Europe, so it is essential to consider planning European policies from a global perspective. We will ask the panellists to what extent the European standards and ideas can be transplanted to other continents.

The following experts will take part in the debate hosted by Morgan Janowicz:



- **Dr. Carolina Maciel** – Senior Advisor on International Trade Law & Policy for the WFA, Regional Lead for ICFAW.
- **Stephanie Ghislain** – leader of the 'Trade & Animal Welfare' Programme at Eurogroup for Animals.
- **Dr. Miłka Stępień** – climate activist, Just Transition Coordinator at CEE Bankwatch Network.
- **Dr. Peter Carter** - family physician, Founding Director of CAPE and Climate Emergency Institute.

**Morgan Janowicz** is the Partnership Coordinator at Green REV Institute and Coordinator at Future Food 4 Climate coalition.



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20:00 - 21:30 (GMT+2) **SEPT 17**

# VEGAN WARSAW

HOSTED BY LENA ANNA KUKLIŃSKA

'Vegan Warsaw', directed by Marcin Anaszewicz and Anna Spurek, tells the story of four plant businesses in the capital of Poland - Warsaw. The creators look at the characters and creators not to see what's on their plate but to hear the beating heart of vegan Warsaw.

During the second screening of the event, we will present 'Vegan Warsaw'. The discussion proceeding the film will be led by **Lena Anna Kuklińska**, who will invite **Anna Witańska**, vegan, pro-animal activist and author, **Adrian Sosnowski**, Founder and host of „Wegaństwo” podcast focused on expanding plant-based horizons, **Oliwia Gede-Niewiadomska**, Creative Director of Kukbuk, **Nia Seney**, Founder, Co-owner and Editor-in-chief of Global Vegan Magazine, **Benjamin Pitkänen**, a full-time vegan activist and Co-Founder of Viral Vegans, to share their experiences and knowledge.

**Lena Anna Kuklińska** is a law student, promotion specialist and green activist, associated i.a. with FYEG.

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## Certification system for vegan and planetary food

HOSTED BY LENA ANNA KUKLIŃSKA

European citizens have the right to complete information about products, and the European Union has a duty to guarantee this right. In the context of the climate catastrophe and greater awareness of animal rights violations, we need to create a new system of certification and information on product composition. European consumers need to know which foods are good, healthy and ethical. We must strive to shift responsibility from consumers to decision-makers.



The following experts will take part in the debate hosted by Lena Anna Kuklińska:

- **Manuela Ripa** – Member of the European Parliament from Germany (ÖDP), Vice-President of the Animal Welfare Intergroup.
- **Camila Björkbom** – Political Advisor for Food Policy at Eurogroup for Animals.
- **Palak Mehta** – Founder of Vegan First and Vice-Chair of the World Vegan Organisation India.
- **Felix Hnat** – Chairman of the Vegan Society Austria and President of the European Vegetarian Union.
- **Andrew de Coriolis** – expert in animal welfare standards, Executive Director of Farm Forward.



**Lena Anna Kuklińska** is a law student, promotion specialist and green activist, associated i.a. with FYEG.

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13:00 - 14:30 (GMT+2) **SEPT 18**



## Veganism. A human right & the duty of decision makers

HOSTED RUNE-CHRISTOFFER DRAGSDAHL

More and more European citizens understand that veganism is not a trend, but a coherent value system, a model for responsible living, and concern for the future of the planet and the rights of others. We want to open the discussion on how to expand the right to be vegan in the European Union and what needs to change within the sphere of public policies.



The following experts will take part in the debate hosted by Rune - Christoffer Dragsdahl:

- **Georges Hayek** – the owner of Hayek Hospital, Founder of i.a. Lebanese Vegans.
- **Nuno Alvim** – lawyer, Board Director of the Portuguese Vegetarian Association.
- **Paola Segurini** – LAV campaigner, working for the replacement of animal- with plant-based proteins.
- **Agata Lewandowska** – urban and climate activist, member of the 'Parents for Future' initiative.
- **Cristina García** – lawyer, owner of a law firm specialising in animal law, Vice-President of PACMA.



**Rune - Christoffer Dragsdahl** is Secretary-General of the Vegetarian Society of Denmark and Director of Policy Initiatives at the International Vegetarian Union.



This panel is organised in partnership with **Dansk Vegetarisk Forening**



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SEPT 18

## Media in a time of climate catastrophe

HOSTED BY LENA ANNA KUKLIŃSKA



The war for the planet and animal rights will not be won without the media. The industries of the past will defend the status quo and restrict the development of new technologies and new ethical industries. We want to discuss with journalists, scientists and activists the media's role in information policy, raising public awareness and fighting fake news.



The following experts will take part in the debate hosted by Lena Anna Kuklińska:



- **Dr. Samantha Calvert** – member of the Senior Management Team at The Vegan Society.
- **Jo-Anne McArthur** – award-winning photojournalist and the founder of We Animals Media.
- **Bartek Sabela** – reporter, photographer, activist and author of i.a. the upcoming 'Wędrówka tusz'.
- **Ana Bradley** – Executive Director of Sentient Media, a non-profit news organisation.
- **Ludwika Włodek** – sociologist, reporter, animal activist, author of i.a. 'Wystarczy przejść przez rzekę'.
- **Karola Kosecka** – editor of the Szajn magazine and creator of the podcast 'Szajn for the voice', activist.
- **John Oberg** – social media influencer and animal advocate.



**Lena Anna Kuklińska** is a law student, promotion specialist and green activist, associated i.a. with FYEG.



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CLOSING SESSION

18:00 - 19:30 (GMT+2) **SEPT 18**

## Closing plenary

HOSTED BY **KAROLINA SKOWRON-BAKA**

During our closing plenary inspiring speakers will deliver their summarising speeches and share the last bits of knowledge and advice.

The floor will be given to:

- **Rune - Christoffer Dragsdahl** - Secretary-General of the Vegetarian Society of Denmark.
- **Mary Iriarte Jähnke** - Co-Founder of Jay & Joy, France's first vegan Cremerie.
- **Claudio Pomo** - Development Manager at Essere Animali.
- **Sharon Núñez** - Co-Founder and President of Animal Equality

The discussion that will follow the closing statements will be moderated by **Karolina Skowron-Baka**, the Executive Director of Akcja Demokracja.

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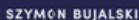
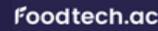
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