



European Union Young Academy of Agriculture (EUYAA) Platform

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First Meeting of the Initiative

Launch of the
European
Platform of
Young
Scientists

18 early-career
researchers
from 11
European
countries
participated.
Everyone
welcome.

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A **meeting
report/comm
unique** has
been
prepared
summarizing
the discussion
and outcomes.

The **first
meeting** of
the initiative
took place **6
February
2026
(online)**.

The meeting was
organized by the
**Lithuanian
Academy of
Sciences** and the
**Young Academy
of the
Lithuanian
Academy of
Sciences.**

The discussion
marked the
**first step
toward
establishing a
European
Platform of
Young
Scientists** in
agriculture,
food, and
environmental
sciences.

Vision of the Platform - A European Platform for Early-Career Scientists

The initiative aims to:

- Provide **a unified voice for young researchers** in agriculture and related sciences.
- **Strengthen collaboration across Europe** and between scientific disciplines.
- **Increase visibility and engagement in EU research and policy discussions.**
- **Support regions with less-developed research infrastructure.**

Scientific scope includes:

- Agriculture, horticulture, and veterinary sciences
- Forestry
- Food systems, safety, and nutrition
- Environmental and climate sciences
- Bioeconomy and rural development

Core Group and Initial Discussion - Initiating Core Group

18 researchers from institutions in:

Lithuania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Georgia, Italy, Latvia, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Sweden.

- Participants represented **diverse fields of agricultural, food, and environmental sciences.**

Key themes discussed:

- Long-term **vision and mission of the platform**
- **Organizational structure and legal framework**
- **Funding opportunities and collaborative projects**
- Establishment of **thematic working groups and networks**



Next Steps. Developing the Initiative

Planned actions:

- Encourage new members to join, representing their countries and young academics.
- Collect feedback from the initial participants.
- Organize a **follow-up meeting** to define priorities and structure.
- Develop **project-based collaborations and funding opportunities**.
- Strengthen cooperation with the **Union of European Academies for Science Applied to Agriculture, Food and Nature (UEAA)**.

Future engagement:

- Possible in-person activities during the **AGRISCI2026 - The Young Scientists for the Advancement of Agriculture Conference, 26 November 2026, Vilnius**.

