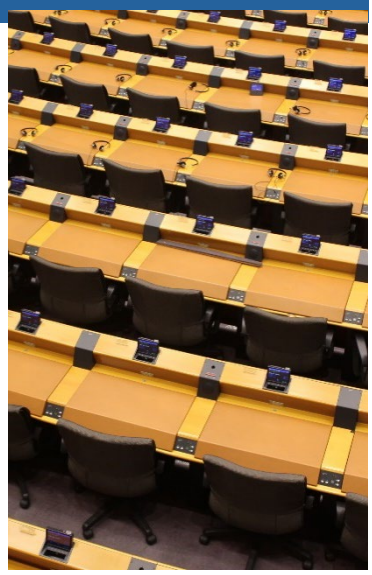
FM 26: Topics in Agricultural and Food Policy

Exploring agricultural & food policy-making by EU institutions

Student excursion to Brussels, 29.06.-02.07.2026



Background: In the EU, agriculture and food are partially governed by EU institutions. This excursion provides an opportunity to meet stakeholders in Brussels to understand their perspectives and reflect upon processes and institutions.

Dates (participation required):
21 April 2026, 17:00-19:00 (Kick-off)
12 May 2026, 17:00-21:00 (Workshop I)
26 May 2026, 17:00-21:00 (Workshop II)
02 June 2026, 17:00-21:00 (Workshop III)
13 July -16 July 2026 (Excursion to Brussels)
21 July 2026, 17:00-20:00 (Debriefing and Reflection)

Requirements for participation:
Students need to be enrolled in either

- M.Sc. Agricultural Economics
- M.Sc. Integrated Natural Resource Management
- M.Sc. Rural Development

… and must have either completed *or* started one of the following modules at the time of the excursion:

- FM 2 European & International Agricultural Policy
- FM 5 International Macroeconomics & Agricultural Trade

For completion of the module FM 26 (6 ECTS), students must:

- submit a statement on individual learning goals (600 words) one week before workshop I;
- prepare and deliver a group presentation (20 min, max. 5 group members, topics to be announced) with discussion (oral exam) during workshops I-III;
- actively participate in the excursion and
- submit a reflection report after the excursion (2,000 words).

Planned activities:

- Visit of the European Commission (DG Agri, DG Envi, DG Climate) and European Council and talks with staff
- Visit of the European Parliament and talks with Members of Parliament and staff
- Visit of the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany at the EU and talks with experts
- Meetings with representatives of farm interest groups (Copa-Cogeca), agribusiness, civil society organisations and think tanks

Transport: By bus as a group

Participation fee: 125 € (incl. transport to/from Brussels, hotel accommodation with breakfast)

Coordinators: Prof. Dr. Peter Feindt, Prof. Dr. Harald Grethe, Dr. Harry Hoffmann

Please **register by April 10, 2026** via email to ute.eckstein@hu-berlin.de.

Important: Please provide your full name, study programme, semester, enrolment number and the required module that you have completed or will start in summer semester 2026 (FM2 or FM5, proof will be requested later). By registration you commit to pay the participation fee. Reimbursement is not possible. Maximum capacity applies – first come, first served!