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Bedford Hotel Brussels,
rue du Midi 135

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Location: Bedford Hotel, Rue du Midi 135, 1000 Brussels

09:00 - Morning session

Keynote session: 'Setting the scene'

Introductory speech: **Ms Adriana Casillas**, IPIFF President

Keynote speeches:

'European Commission priorities in view of strengthening the EU domestic food and feed autonomy.'

Mr Koen Dillen, *Head of Unit E4 'arable crops and olive oil' at the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission*

'Perspectives of the European Parliament on avenues for ensuring more resilient agri-food systems in Europe'

Member of the European Parliament (name to be confirmed)

Representative from the EU Spanish Presidency (name to be confirmed)

Q&A and discussion with keynote speakers

10:45 - Coffee break

'Harnessing the potential of the European insect sector in supporting EU food security challenges: an overview of the European insect producing sector agenda.'

IPIFF Executive Committee member (*name to be confirmed*)

'Remaining knowledge gaps and recommendations for the scaling of insect protein production in the EU: main conclusions from the European research project SUSINCHAIN.'

Dr Elise Hoek, *Senior Project Leader at Wageningen Food Safety Research*

'How do European consumers and citizens position themselves towards innovative protein sources?'

Representative *from an EU NGO active in the agri-food sector (name to be confirmed)*

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Panel debate amongst the panellists and potential additional speakers.

12:45 - Lunch buffet

14:00 - Afternoon session

Different perspectives in view of positioning the insect sector as a ‘reliable partner’ of the agri-food chain

‘Can insect production open up new horizons for European farmers?’

Mr Peter Meedendorp, *President of the European Council for Young Farmers (CEJA)*
(to be confirmed)

‘May insect-derived products offer new opportunities for the European meat sector? Perspective from the European poultry-producing sector.’

Mr Paul-Henri Lava, *Deputy Secretary-General of the Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the EU (AVEC)*

‘Exploring innovative and sustainable solutions for crop nutrition: testimony from a fertilisers’ manufacturing company’

Ms Tiffanie Stephani, *VP of European Government Relations & External Communications at Yara.*

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Wrap-up by Moderator

Concluding remarks: IPIFF Executive Committee member (name to be confirmed)

17:00 Farewell cocktail

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