



35th Annual Conference of the
Austrian Society of Agricultural Economics

CALL FOR PAPERS

Security of supply in the face of rising demand and limited resources

18 - 19 September 2025
at the University of Graz



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A secure supply of agricultural and forest commodities is characterized by their simple, affordable, and permanent availability. The tensions between the rising global demand for these commodities and the limited availability of natural resources such as land and water pose particular challenges to science, policy, and society. In addition, consumption patterns change, societal awareness about sustainable agricultural production increases, and the demand for cultural and regulatory services rises. While security of supply, resilience, and sustainability are firmly anchored in policy goals and practices in the agriculture and forestry sectors, a constructive discourse is needed to identify and implement suitable pathways to change. Alternative land use concepts, innovative production technologies as well as agricultural and environmental policy strategies are continuously developed to improve production capacities, serve international markets for agricultural and forest commodities, and, at the same time, maintain natural resources.

During the conference, representatives from science, professional practice, and the education sector will discuss the following questions, among others: *What trade-offs arise from the changing requirements to land and resource use? Which technologies, institutions, and actors contribute to achieving the societal goals of security of supply, resilience, and sustainability? And what are the responsibilities of international markets and trade agreements in this context?*

The 35th ÖGA Annual Conference provides a platform for discussing these questions and aims at contributing innovative solutions. The keynote speakers of the conference discuss the conference topic. The research and poster forums as well as the conference workshops will also cover additional topics.

This call addresses scholars from the field of rural studies, rural sociology, agricultural economics, agricultural policy, agrarian geography, rural history, agricultural law, and other relevant academic fields to submit their research results. The conference provides – especially for early career researchers – the opportunity to present current research to an international audience. Representatives of administration, policy, agricultural extension services and research are invited to organise workshops in order to discuss questions of practical or scientific relevance with experts and stakeholders.

Submissions of short papers (max. two pages) or workshop outlines (max. one page) are welcome in German or English by **13 April 2025** (for templates see: <https://oega.boku.ac.at>). The submissions should be uploaded by following this [submission link](#) or via <https://oega.boku.ac.at>.

1. Conference schedule

Thursday, 18 September 2025	
Morning	Plenary session on the conference topic
Noon	Lunch
Afternoon	Parallel paper, poster and workshop sessions
Friday, 19 September 2024	
Morning	Parallel paper, poster and workshop sessions
Afternoon	Field trip

2. Research sessions and workshops

The topics of the submitted short papers and the workshops can be dedicated to the conference topic or any other topic related to agricultural economics, rural areas as well as rural society (e.g., organic farming, renewable energy, technologies, institutions, gender issues).

Workshop organizers have the opportunity to organize a 90-minute session. All formats are welcome that bring the workshop topic closer to the participants and stimulate a constructive discussion.

3. Review process, conference proceedings and journal

The programme committee will review the short papers and workshop outlines submitted for the ÖGA conference (templates: <https://oega.boku.ac.at>; submission: [Submission link](#) or <https://oega.boku.ac.at>). The authors of the accepted submissions will be invited to give a paper presentation, a poster presentation or to organise a workshop at the ÖGA conference. Accepted short papers and workshop outlines will be published in the conference proceedings. In addition, full manuscripts (max. 4,000 words) may be submitted to the peer-reviewed AJARS – Austrian Journal of Agricultural Economics and Rural Studies by 16 November 2025 (templates: <https://oega.boku.ac.at>; submission: oega_journal@boku.ac.at).

4. Conference languages and Best Presentation Award

Presentations during the plenary sessions are given in English. At least one of the contributed paper sessions (per time slot) shall be held in English throughout the conference. Speakers are asked to present in the language of the submitted short paper or workshop outline. The audience will vote on the best presentations, which will be awarded the *Best Presentation Award*.

5. Conference fee and registration

Conference participants are asked to register by **31 August 2025** (registration form: <https://oega.boku.ac.at>). The **conference fee of € 130** has to be paid by bank transfer to the ÖGA's bank account (IBAN: AT81 1200 0251 1113 6100; BIC: BKAUATWW) by **31 August 2025**. The fee includes participation, lunch and refreshments. However, it does *not* include costs for accommodation and the field trip.

6. Important dates 2025

Date	Description
13 April	Deadline for submitting short papers and workshop outlines
Mid June	Notification of acceptance of submissions
31 August	Deadline for conference registration Deadline for transferring the conference fee of € 130
18 – 19 Sep	ÖGA Annual Conference at the University of Graz
16 Nov	Deadline for submitting manuscripts to the AJARS – Austrian Journal of Agricultural Economics and Rural Studies

7. Organising committee

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8. Contact and venue

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