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Europatat Congress 2018 – Final programme confirmed!

Europatat is delighted to confirm the final programme of its next annual Congress that will take place on 3-4 May in Brussels, Belgium. Under the slogan “Potatoes: a healthy, sustainable and responsible sector”, the event will focus on the many assets of the sector in the, both politically and technical key areas of health, sustainability and responsibility of the business. The final agenda includes:

Session 1 (10h00 – 11h25): Opening remarks

- Opening remarks by Europatat president
- Introduction by [Raquel Izquierdo de Santiago](#), *Europatat Secretary General*
- Key note speech by [Professor Gunter Pauli](#), *Entrepreneur and author of The Blue Economy*

Session 2 (11h50 – 13h20): Health & sustainability in the potato sector go hand in hand

- [Mrs Tania Santivañez](#), *Regional Agricultural Officer at the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia*
- [Mr Toine Timmermans](#), *Coordinator REFRESH & Program manager sustainable food chains, Wageningen UR Food & Biobased Research*
- [Mrs Loes Neven](#), *Vlaams Instituut voor Gezondheidspromotie en Ziektepreventie (VIGeZ)*

Session 3 (14h30 – 16h00): People and Community at the cornerstone of the potato sector

Moderated by [Romain Cools](#), *Secretary General of Belgapom. Director of FVPHouse. President of the WPC.*

- Key note speech by [Mrs Tine Delva](#), *Policy Officer at the European Commission’ Secretary-General in charge of Smart Regulation and Work Programme Europe 2020, European Semester*
- Case studies:
 - [Mrs Jolanda Soons-Dings](#), *Sustainability Manager at LambWeston Meijer*
 - [Mr Gilles Fontaine](#), *Chief Executive Officer of Desmazières*
 - [Mr Arnaud Delacour](#), *President of the “Union nationale des producteurs de pommes de terre”*

Session 4 (16h00 – 16h30): Closing

- Conclusion by [Mr Michael Scannell](#), *Director for the Food Chain – Stakeholder and International Relations in the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission*
- Closing remarks

Don't miss this opportunity, [registrations for the event are still open!](#)

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