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Day 1	21 May 2026	Check-in from 9:00
09:45 - 10:05	Welcome The Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition: 25 years Driving Food Safety in Spain	Ana López-Santacruz Executive Director of the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN) - Spain
10:05 - 10:35	The Science Behind Healthy and Sustainable Food: EU and Spain 25 years hand-in-hand!	Carlos das Neves Chief Scientist of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
10:35 - 10:55	Risk Governance of Food Safety: When science to policy has to deal with society's relationship to science	Matthieu Schuler Managing Director General of the Science for Expertise Division of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES) - France
10:55 - 11:15	Risk Assessment, Risk Management and Public Expectation: When science meets politics	Tewes Tralau Vice President of the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) - Germany
11:15 - 12:00	Coffee break	
12:00 - 12:20	Risk Assessment by the Scientific Committee of the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition	Vicente Calderón Head of the Risk Assessment Unit at the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN) - Spain
12:20 - 12:40	Risk Assessment at the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (VKM)	Tore Tollersrud Director of the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (VKM) - Norway
12:40 - 13:00	Evidence- and science-based management in the Belgian food chain: the role of the Scientific Committee established at the FASFC	Axel Mauroy Director of the Staff Direction for Risk Assessment at the Belgian Food Safety Agency (FASFC) - Belgium
13:00 - 13:20	Enhancing Food Safety Risk Assessment through Artificial Intelligence: The ID RISK II Project at ASAE	Pedro Nabais Head of the Food Risks Division of the Economic and Food Safety Authority (ASAE) - Portugal
13:20 - 13:40	Implementing new tools and techniques in food safety risk assessment, a UK experience	Amie Adkin Deputy Director of Risk Assessment at the Food Standards Agency (FSA) – United Kingdom
13:40 - 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 - 14:50	Enhancing EU Genomic Surveillance through the One Health WGS System: ECDC and EFSA's Collaborative Efforts in Foodborne Outbreak Investigation	Mirko Rossi Scientific Officer at European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
14:50 - 15:10	Data Driven Risk Assessment at EFSA: Tools and Methodologies	Edoardo Carnesecchi Data Officer - Cheminformatics at EFSA Angelo Cafaro Data Scientist at EFSA
15:10 - 15:30	From Scientific Evidence to EU Food Safety Regulation	Frans Verstraete Deputy Head of Unit Food Processing Technologies and Novel Foods. DG SANTE - European Commission
15:30 - 15:50	European Union Food Safety Regulations: Regulatory updates and strategic trends	Victorio Teruel Deputy Director General for Food Safety Management at the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN) - Spain

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Day 2	22 May 2026	Check-in from 8:45
9:30 - 10:00	European Union and Codex Alimentarius maximum levels for contaminants and pesticide residues	Betül Vazgeçer Vice-Chair, FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission
10:00 - 10:20	Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures in the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement	Carmen González Deputy Director General for Sanitary Agreements and Border Control at the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA) - Spain
10:20 - 10:40	Latin American perspective	Diego Varela Executive Director, Food and Nutrition / Regulatory Advisory Council at Clear Strategy
10:40 - 11:25	Coffee break	
11:25 - 11:45	Food Risk Assessment Organizations in Latin America	Gustavo Sotomayor Food Risk Assessment Area Coordinator Chilean Agency for Food Safety and Quality (ACHIPIA) Ministry of Agriculture – Chile
11:45 - 12:05	From Science to Food Safety Regulation in Latin America	Ligia Schreiner Expert in Regulation at the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) - Brazil
12:05 - 12:25	Latin American Food Safety Regulations	Amanda Lasso Codex Advisor to the Ministry of Economy, Industry, and Commerce (MEIC) - Costa Rica
12:25 - 12:45	EU-Latin America and Caribbean Cooperation on Food Safety and Biodiversity	María Moreno Senior Executive, Positive Climate Action Department Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF)
12:45 - 13:05	Communication and Engagement Methods for Food Safety: New Evidence and Tools	Giorgia Zamariola Social Scientist at European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
13:05 - 13:50	Round table: Fake news and misinformation in food safety risk communication	Moderator: María Aranzazu López Communication Advisor at AESAN Luis Quevedo Biotechnologist, Science Communicator Laura Garaboa Deputy Inspector - National Police Luis Martín Director of AI Solutions, Marketing & Communications at LLYC
13:50 - 14:00	Closing	Elisa Darias Undersecretary of Social Rights, Consumption and Agenda 2030.- Spain

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