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Welcome to Farming the future

- Agriculture and Food Systems: The Role of AI and Digitalization

EurSafe 2026, Cappadocia University, Ürgüp/Nevşehir, Türkiye, 9-12 September 2026

Since its establishment in 1999, the European Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics (EurSafe) has provided an international and interdisciplinary forum for reflection on the ethical dimensions of agriculture, food, animals and the environment. Today, as climate change, biodiversity loss, food security concerns and rapid technological transformation reshape agricultural and food systems, these discussions have become even more urgent. Against this background, the 19th Congress of EurSafe, "Agriculture and Food Systems: The Role of AI and Digitalisation," brings the international EurSafe community to Cappadocia University on 9-12 September 2026 to examine how artificial intelligence and digitalisation intersect with questions of responsibility, justice, governance, sustainability, animal welfare and environmental values.

EurSafe 2026 is also a significant milestone for our community. For the first time in its history, the EurSafe Congress is being held in Türkiye, while 2026 marks ten years of collaboration between EurSafe and the Turkish Agriculture and Food Ethics Association (TARGET). Hosted by Cappadocia University and organised in collaboration with EurSafe and TARGET, the congress brings together complementary academic traditions and reinforces a shared commitment to interdisciplinary dialogue, applied ethics and engagement with the complex challenges facing agriculture and food systems. Cappadocia provides a particularly meaningful setting for this encounter, bringing questions of culture, landscape, agriculture and human relationships with the environment into close proximity.

We hope that the days ahead will offer more than an opportunity to present research. We hope they will create space for genuine exchange across disciplines, countries and professional backgrounds, for questioning assumptions and for developing new collaborations. The diversity of perspectives represented at EurSafe 2026 reflects our conviction that responsible futures for agriculture and food cannot be shaped by technological innovation alone but require sustained ethical reflection and dialogue. We warmly welcome you to Cappadocia and wish all participants an inspiring congress, fruitful discussions and lasting new connections.

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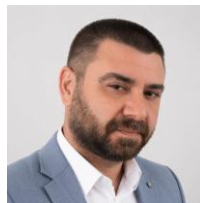
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Congress programme

Overview

Time	Wednesday, 9 September
11:00-13:00	Registration 📄
13:00-15:00	Parallel workshops 1
15:00-15:30	Coffee break ☕
15:30-17:30	Parallel workshops 2
17:30-18:45	Walking tour of Mustafapaşa village
19:00-21:00	Welcoming reception <i>Gorgoli Lounge and Eatery</i> 🍷

Time	Thursday, 10 September
09:15-09:45	Registration 📄
09:45-11:30	Opening & plenary session 1: Hilal Elver
11:30-12:00	Coffee break ☕
12:00-13:00	Parallel session 1
13:15-14:30	Lunch break 🍴
14:30-15:30	Plenary session 2: Burçin Çokuysal
15:30-15:45	Short break (no coffee)
15:45-16:45	Parallel session 2
16:45-17:15	Coffee break ☕
17:15-18:15	Parallel session 3

Congress programme

Overview

Time	Friday, 11 September
09:00-09:30	Registration 📄
09:30-10:30	Plenary session 3: Mark Ryan
10:30-11:00	Coffee break ☕
11:00-12:00	Parallel session 4
12:15-13:30	Lunch break 🍴
13:30-14:30	Plenary session 4: Mustafa Koç
14:30-14:45	Short break (no coffee)
14:45-15:30	Poster session
15:30-16:30	Parallel session 5
16:30-16:45	Short break (no coffee)
16:45-17:30	EurSafe General Assembly
19:30-22:30	Congress dinner (incl. transport) Zemi Hotel Restaurant, Göreme 🍴

Time	Saturday, 12 September
09:00-09:15	Registration 📄
09:15-10:15	Parallel session 6
10:15-10:45	Coffee break ☕
10:45-11:45	Parallel session 7
11:45-12:00	Short break (no coffee)
12:00-12:45	Summary reflection on EurSafe 2026
12:45-13:00	Closing conference
13:00-13:15	Lunch bags 🍴
13:15-18:45	Guided half-day Cappadocia excursion

Congress programme

Wednesday, 9 September

11:00	Shuttle arrival at Medrese building main gate (for departure times from downtown Ürgüp, see "EurSafe 2026 Shuttle Program")		
11:00 - 13:00	Registration (Medrese building - Courtyard Area)		
13:00 - 15:00	Parallel workshops 1 (Medrese building)		
	Workshop room A (Medrese A I)	Workshop room B (Medrese A II)	Workshop room C (Medrese A III)
		Workshop 1	Workshop 2
13:00 - 15:00		Developing EthoInsights: A World Café on Ethics and AI for Non-Human Animal Behaviour Research Hosted by: Caatje Kluskens Bernice Bovenkerk Mark Ryan	From Principle to Practice: Advancing Harm-Benefit Analysis under EU Directive 2010/63/EU Hosted by: Dominik Hajosi Herwig Grimm
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break (Medrese Building - Foyer Area)		
15:30 - 17:30	Parallel workshops 2 (Medrese building)		
	Workshop room A (Medrese A I)	Workshop room B (Medrese A II)	Workshop room C (Medrese A III)
	Workshop 3	Workshop 4	Workshop 5
15:30 - 17:30	Publication Strategies for Early-Career Researchers Hosted by: Franck Meijboom	Developing a Benchmark for Animal Friendly LLMs: Hands On Practice and an Exploration of the Complications Hosted by: Nathalie Muffels Christoph Krüger Bernice Bovenkerk	Gender and Intersectionality Research Gaps Related to AI in the Agrifood Domain Hosted by: Kelly Rijswijk Mark Ryan
17:30 - 18:45	Walking tour of Mustafapaşa village (optional - guided by Cappadocia University Faculty)		
19:00 - 21:00	Welcoming reception (Gorgoli Lounge and Eatery Terrace, Mustafapaşa)		
21:00	Shuttle departure to downtown Ürgüp (from the entrance to Cankut Bagana building)		

Congress programme

Thursday, 10 September

09:15	Shuttle arrival at Oktay Sinanoğlu building main gate (for departure times from downtown Ürgüp, see "EurSafe 2026 Shuttle Program")			
09:15 - 09:45	Registration (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall - Foyer Area)			
09:45 - 10:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall - Hall A)			
10:30 - 11:30	Plenary session 1 Hall A (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall)	Hilal Elver	Human Rights Based Approach to Global Food Governance in Era of AI and Digitalization	Chair: Franck L. B. Meijboom
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall - Foyer Area)			
12:00-13:00	Parallel session 1 (Oktay Sinanoğlu building)			
	Hall A (Conference Hall)	Hall B (Room D I)	Hall C (Room D II)	Hall D (Room D III)
	1.1: AI futures in food systems environment, culture and justice	1.2: AI futures in food systems	1.3: Animals use and governance	1.4: Ethical food consumption and governance
	Chair: I. Wallimann-Helmer	Chair: N. Y. Yalim	Chair: B. Çokuysal	Chair: B. Gremmen
12:00 - 12:30	The ethics of multiple crises: ideal and non-ideal principles of crisis management E.D. Stabell p. 155	'Not for me, but hopefully for the others'. A study on the perception of in-vitro meat among vegans C. Dürnberger and K. Fuhrmann p. 21	Applied ethics in public policy: competences for ethics advice in public administration S.P. Meisch, A. Bachmann, S. Burri and A. Willemsen (video recording) p. 343	Digitalization, shame, and the ethics of animal agriculture C. Salzani and T. Kainberger p. 214
12:30-13:00	A multispecies justice approach to the epistemic considerations in AI for nonhuman communication C. Kluskens p. 149	AI-based nutrient estimation in apples using hyperspectral imaging A. Balgay, E. Demirci, S. Turkay and V. Okatan p. 27	What good is basic animal research? C.J. Rademaker p. 349	The ethics of sustainable transformations of the food system M. Kaiser and A. Cretella p. 225
13:15 - 14:30	Lunch break (Central Dining Hall)			

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14:30 - 15:30	Plenary session 2 Hall A (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall)	Burçin Çokuysal	Algorithmic Foods and Ethical Debates on Modern Slavery in Agri-Food Systems in the Age of Digital Justice	Chair: Cemal Taluğ
15:30 - 15:45	Short break (no coffee)			
15:45 - 16:45	Parallel session 2 (Oktay Sinanoğlu building)			
	Hall A (Conference Hall)	Hall B (Room D I)	Hall C (Room D II)	Hall D (Room D III)
	2.1: AI governance ethics and regulatory frameworks	2.2: Livestock, blue foods and aquaculture in the digital age	2.3: One Health and veterinary ethics	2.4: Animals, ethics and technology
	Chair: M. Kaiser	Chair: H. Grimm	Chair: F.L.B. Meijboom	Chair: K. Demiryürek
15:45 - 16:15	Context-sensitive AI ethics in agrifood systems: the importance of regional premise conditions K. Ota p. 61	An ethical taxonomy of genome edited animals B.K. Myskja, H. Winther and T. Blix p. 99	Defining health in One Health I. Wallimann-Helmer and A. Martin p. 257	Harm-benefit analysis beyond human medical research S. Aerts p. 311
16:15 - 16:45	Distinctive aspects of agricultural artificial intelligence: what makes it special, and why it requires unique governance E. LaRosa p. 67	Techno-fixing Norwegian mariculture: a defence L. Ursin and R. Nydal p. 128	The epistemic challenges of fairly including animals in One Health decision-making E.L. van den Brandeler p. 268	Use of digital media as a decision-making tool for agricultural practices: socio-ecological atlas of Samsun, Türkiye K. Arapgirlioğlu, E.Ç. Bilgiç, A.T. Erden and A. Polat p. 305
16:45 - 17:15	Coffee break (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall - Foyer Area)			

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17:15 - 18:15	Parallel session 3 (Oktay Sinanoğlu building)			
	Hall A (Conference Hall)	Hall B (Room D I)	Hall C (Room D II)	Hall D (Room D III)
	3.1: AI futures in food systems	3.2: Ethical food consumption and governance	3.3: AI governance ethics and regulatory frameworks	3.4: Animals, ethics and technology
	Chair: G. Çapar	Chair: E. Demir Özer	Chair: K. Ota	Chair: B. Gremmen
17:15 - 17:45	Digital water management for climate-resilient wheat production: the water risks R&D project C. Coskun Dilcan, T. Pilevneli, Y. Ahi, Y. E. Yildirim, S. Kodal and G. Capar p. 33	Are people’s cooking skills constraining their ability to consume more plant-rich foods? T.B. Lund p. 207	Study on ethical embedding mechanisms and practices in China’s smart agriculture policies P. Jiang p. 72	A narrative review of scientific literature on the ethics of animal breeding J.E. Doornweerd, M. van der Sluis and K.H. de Greef p. 316
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18:30	Shuttle departure to downtown Ürgüp (from the main gate outside of Oktay Sinanoğlu building)			

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09:00	Shuttle arrival to Oktay Sinanoğlu building main gate (for departure times from downtown Ürgüp, see "EurSafe 2026 Shuttle Program")			
09:00 - 09:30	Registration (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall - Foyer Area)			
09:30 - 10:30	Plenary session 3 Hall A (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall)	Mark Ryan	The Past, Present, and Future of AI Ethics in Agri-food	Chair: Neyyire Yasemin Yalim
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall - Foyer Area)			
11:00-12:00	Parallel session 4 (Oktay Sinanoğlu building)			
	Hall A (Conference Hall)	Hall B (Room D I)	Hall C (Room D II)	Hall D (Room D III)
	4.1: Animals, ethics and technology	4.2: AI futures in food systems environment, culture and justice	4.3: Livestock, blue foods and aquaculture in the digital age	4.4: One Health and veterinary ethics
	Chair: N.Y. Yalim	Chair: K. Demiryürek	Chair: K. Nadiradze	Chair: K. Millar
11:00 - 11:30	Multi-objective optimization and machine learning for sustainable irrigation under drought scenarios D. Olcay and S.U. Seçkiner p. 322	Non-economic values and climate loss and damage: the case of traditional agricultural practices S. Kräuchi p. 186	GPS tracking technology for companion animals: risks and challenges for human-animal relationships N. Muffels and B. Bovenkerk p. 104	Inclusive and fair One Health through the integration of nonhuman interests A.K. Martin p. 262
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12.15 - 13:30	Lunch break (Central Dining Hall)			

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13:30 - 14:30	Plenary session 4 Hall A (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall)	Mustafa Koç	Learning and Teaching Agriculture and Food Ethics Collectively	Chair: Matthias Kaiser
14:30 - 14:45	Short break (no coffee)			
14:45 - 15:30	Poster session (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall - Foyer Area)			
15:30 - 16:30	Parallel session 5 (Oktay Sinanoğlu building)			
	Hall A (Conference Hall)	Hall B (Room D I)	Hall C (Room D II)	Hall D (Room D III)
	5.1: Ethical food consumption and governance	5.2: Animals use and governance	5.3: AI futures in food systems environment, culture and justice	5.4: Livestock, blue foods and aquaculture in the digital age
	Chair: M. Ryan	Chair: M. Paksoy	Chair: H. Elver	Chair: H. Grimm
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16:30 - 16:45	Short break (no coffee)			

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16:45	Shuttle departure to downtown Ürgüp for non-EurSafe members (from the main gate outside of Oktay Sinanoğlu building)
16:45 - 17:30	EurSafe General Assembly (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall - Hall A)
17:35	Shuttle departure to downtown Ürgüp for EurSafe members (from the main gate outside of Oktay Sinanoğlu building)
18:45	Shuttle departure to Congress Gala Dinner (from the main gate outside of Oktay Sinanoğlu building)
19:30 - 22:30	Congress Gala Dinner (Zemi Hotel Restaurant - Göreme)
22:45	Shuttle departure to downtown Ürgüp and Mustafapaşa (from the restaurant)

Congress programme

Saturday, 12 September

09:00	Shuttle arrival to Oktay Sinanoğlu building main gate (for departure times from downtown Ürgüp, see "EurSafe 2026 Shuttle Program")			
09:00 - 09:15	Registration (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall - Foyer Area)			
09:15-10:15	Parallel session 5 (Oktay Sinanoğlu building)			
	Hall A (Conference Hall)	Hall B (Room D I)	Hall C (Room D II)	Hall D (Room D III)
	6.1: AI futures in food systems environment, culture and justice	6.2: Animals use and governance	6.3: Livestock, blue foods and aquaculture in the digital age	6.4: One Health and veterinary ethics
	Chair: K. Arapgirlioğlu	Chair: U. Özdağ	Chair: S. Akilli	Chair: B. Bovenkerk
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09:45-10:15	Rational vs. wise futures: on the sustainability of the capitalist food regime A. Büke p. 170	Knowledge does not influence attitudes towards animal experiments S. Aerts and L. De Schoemaeker p. 339	Equine euthanasia in end-of-life contexts: a triangular ethical decision-making framework M. Ouellette-Dubé p. 278	Provision of end-of-life care in pets: can we identify keys to success – or failure? L.E.A. Beirens-van Kuijk, E. Deelen and F.L.B. Meijboom p. 284
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee break (Oktay Sinanoğlu building Conference Hall - Foyer Area)			

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Saturday, 12 September

10:45 - 11:45	Parallel session 6 (Oktay Sinanoğlu building)			
	Hall A (Conference Hall)	Hall B (Room D I)	Hall C (Room D II)	Hall D (Room D III)
	7.1: AI governance ethics and regulatory frameworks	7.2: Ethical food consumption and governance	7.3: Animals use and governance	7.4: AI futures in food systems environment, culture and justice
	Chair: M. Koç	Chair: E. Demir Özer	Chair: S. Akıllı	Chair: N.Y. Yalım
10:45 - 11:15	Who owns the carbon? Ethical dimensions of hazelnut-based agroforestry systems E. Tepikoğlu Karabulut, Ö. Karabulut, K. Demiryürek and A. Pekşen p. 85	Feeding exclusion: why charitable food fails food justice A. Inza-Bartolomé and L. Escajedo San-Epifanio p. 242	Why do people choose to have or not to have pets? A comparative study of people living in Austria, Denmark and the UK S. Springer, T.B. Lund, S.A. Corr and P. Sandøe p. 372	The moral priority of forward-looking responsibility in alien species management I. Wallimann-Helmer p. 143
11:15 - 11:45	From seeds to sequences: legal and ethical challenges for plant genetic resources in the digital era L. Escajedo San-Epifanio, I. Alonso Sanz, I. Filibi and J. Uncetabarrenechea p. 78	Citizenship and digital optimisation in agriculture and food: a reflexive analysis and transition T. Matsuoka p. 220	Intervening in the carnist bias to encourage compassion for farmed animals M. Rooijakkers and B. Bovenkerk p. 360	Perception bias in assessing rodent welfare during euthanasia and anaesthesia Y. Baysal, J. Fleischmann, F. Gantenbein, P. Seebeck, P. Villiger, D.A. Hofmänner, P. Bühler and S. Hartnack p. 198
11:45 - 12:00	Short break (no coffee)			
12:00 - 12:45	Summary reflection on EurSafe 2026 and presentation EurSafe 2028			
12:45 - 13:00	Closing conference			
13:00	Lunch bags (Central Dining Hall)			
13:15	Shuttle departure to guided half-day Cappadocia excursion (from the main gate outside of Oktay Sinanoğlu building)			
13.15 - 18:45	Guided half-day Cappadocia excursion (Göreme Open Air Museum & Avanos Pottery Workshops)			

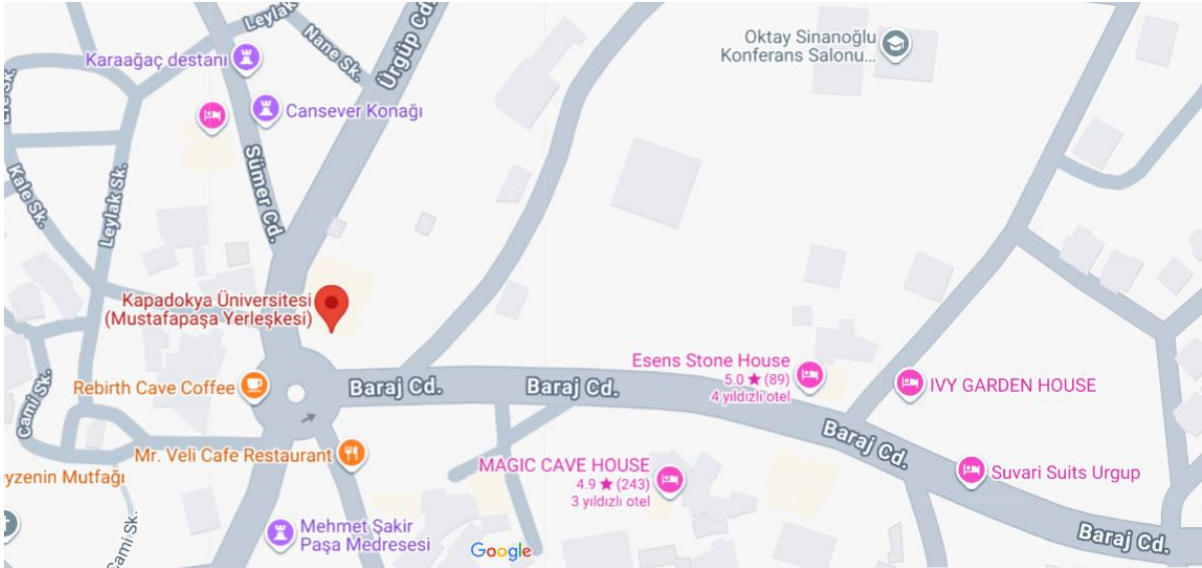
Venues

The EurSafe 2026 Congress will take place at Cappadocia University's Mustafapaşa Campus, located in the historic village of Mustafapaşa, Ürgüp, Nevşehir. The congress programme will be held in two university buildings within the campus area.

On Wednesday, 9 September, registration and thematic workshops will take place at the Mehmet Şakir Paşa Medrese Building. From Thursday, 10 September to Saturday, 12 September, the main congress programme, including plenary and parallel paper sessions, will take place at the Oktay Sinanoğlu Building.

Congress shuttle services will operate between downtown Ürgüp and the congress venues throughout the four days of EurSafe 2026. Detailed pick-up and drop-off points and departure times are provided in the EurSafe 2026 Shuttle Programme. Please refer to the campus map below for the locations of the congress buildings.

For a virtual tour of the Mehmet Şakir Paşa Medrese Building and Oktay Sinanoğlu Building, please visit <https://sanaltur.kapadokya.edu.tr/turlar/mustafapasa-yerleskesi/>



Venues

Opening reception

The EurSafe 2026 Opening Reception will take place on Wednesday, 9 September, from 19:00 to 21:00, at Gorgoli Lounge & Eatery in Mustafapaşa.

Located in the historic village of Mustafapaşa, Gorgoli offers a setting closely connected to Cappadocia's local food culture. Inspired by the agricultural and culinary traditions of the region, it works with locally sourced products and seeks to contribute to the preservation of Anatolian biodiversity and gastronomic heritage.

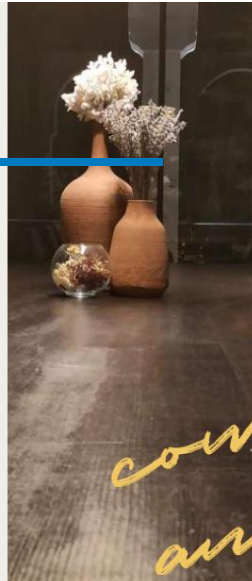
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Venues

Congress dinner

The EurSafe 2026 Congress Gala Dinner will take place on Friday, 11 September, from 19:30 to 22:30, at the restaurant of Zemi Hotel Cappadocia in Göreme. Set in the distinctive landscape of Zemi Valley, the restaurant combines Cappadocia's stone architecture and natural surroundings with regional culinary traditions and local flavours.

Shuttle transportation will be provided from the Oktay Sinanoğlu Building to the dinner venue, departing at 18:45. Following the dinner, shuttles will depart at 22:45 for downtown Ürgüp and Mustafapaşa.

For more information, please visit <https://zemihotelcappadocia.com/>



Pre-conference workshops at EurSafe 2026

In keeping with the EurSafe tradition, we are once again hosting a series of pre-conference workshops on Wednesday afternoon.

Parallel workshops 1, 13:00-15:00

Workshop 1

Developing EtholInsights: A World Café on Ethics and AI for Non-Human Animal Behaviour Research

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Topic: Non-human animal (hereafter: animal) behaviour and communication research generates enormous quantities of video and audio data and analysing it manually is labour-intensive and hard to scale. EtholInsights is a non-profit tool that brings together existing open-source AI models into a single, user-friendly interface designed specifically for animal behaviour researchers. Researchers can upload their footage, describe what they are looking for in plain language, and receive structured results ready for further analysis. The tool does not interpret the meaning of animal behaviour or vocalisations; it supports researchers in handling their data and identifying patterns that inform their own analyses.

Using the tool as a case study, this workshop invites participants to discuss the values that should guide tools of this kind, the ways they could be misused, and how the resulting risks might be prevented through design choices and governance.

Participants: This workshop is aimed at animal and AI ethicists, and others interested in the ethical discussions surrounding AI in animal behaviour research. No specific background is required.

Methods: The workshop starts with a short demonstration of EtholInsights and a brief introduction to AI for animal behaviour research and the ethical questions it raises.

Participants then take part in a world café. Three tables are set up, each with one question:

1. What values should guide the development of the tool;
2. How the technology could be misused, and what unintended harms or side effects it could produce;
3. How can risks be prevented through design and governance?

Workshop 1

Developing EtholInsights: A World Café on Ethics and AI for Non-Human Animal Behaviour Research

Each group discusses all three topics in turn, moving between tables at set intervals. A host stays at each table to introduce the topic, document the discussion, and pass on what earlier groups contributed.

Outcomes: Each table host documents the discussion and the recommendations that emerge. The workshop will identify key ethical tensions surrounding AI for animal behaviour research, and the report afterwards will provide concrete feedback for the future development of EtholInsights. Where appropriate, recommendations may be incorporated into the tool's governance, strategy, or ethical framework.

Workshop 2

From Principle to Practice: Advancing Harm–Benefit Analysis under EU Directive 2010/63/EU

Hosts

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Topic: This workshop explores how harm–benefit analysis (HBA) can be operationalized in practice using the Compound Model (CM), a structured framework integrating key elements from existing guidance. Participants will examine conceptual challenges, apply the model to case examples, and discuss its potential to support transparent and consistent ethical review.

Participants: The workshop is intended for members of ethics committees, animal welfare bodies, competent authorities, IACUCs, researchers, project applicants, laboratory animal veterinarians, and scholars interested in animal research ethics, governance, ethical review, and decision-making. It is particularly relevant for individuals involved in project evaluation and review under Directive 2010/63/EU. No prior experience with the Compound Model is required.

Methods: The workshop will combine a brief introduction to the challenges of HBA with an interactive presentation of the CM. Participants will apply the model to practical case studies, either individually or in small groups, and compare their assessments in a facilitated discussion. The session will focus on identifying key decision points, evaluating which components from existing guidance are essential for HBA, exploring sources of disagreement and differences, and evaluating how a structured approach may improve consistency and transparency in the HBA's application during the project evaluation process.

Outcomes: Participants will gain familiarity with the CM and its practical application in HBA. They will develop a better understanding of common challenges in the evaluation and decision-making process, learn how to systematically evaluate individual HBA components, and critically reflect on the strengths and limitations of structured HBA approaches, including their normative foundations. The workshop aims to advance understanding of and promote discussion on how HBA can be implemented more consistently and transparently across regulatory and institutional contexts.

Workshop 2

From Principle to Practice: Advancing Harm–Benefit Analysis under EU Directive 2010/63/EU

Literature

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Parallel workshops 2, 15:30-17:30

Workshop 3

Publication Strategies for Early-Career Researchers

Host

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Summary

This workshop is designed to help early-career researchers navigate the academic publishing process more strategically and confidently. It will explore key considerations in developing a publication strategy, from identifying appropriate journals and positioning a manuscript for its intended audience to understanding editorial expectations and the peer-review process.

Drawing on practical experience in academic publishing, the workshop will also address common challenges faced by early-career researchers, including responding to reviewers, dealing with revisions and rejection, and making informed decisions throughout the publication process. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their own publishing practices, discuss questions and challenges, and gain practical insights for developing a more effective and sustainable approach to academic publishing.

Workshop 4

Developing a Benchmark for Animal Friendly LLMs: Hands On Practice and an Exploration of the Complications

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Summary

In just a few years, Large Language Models (like ChatGPT and Claude) have become part of our daily lives. The influence of LLMs reaches beyond the individual: they increasingly influence our knowledge, ways of thinking and decision making. For example, AI has the tendency to discriminate against women, people of colour, and other minorities (Hagendorff et al. 2023). Efforts are now being made to tweak the algorithms in order to prevent racist and sexist outcomes. However, discrimination against animals has so far stayed under the radar. This is problematic, because the datasets on which LLMs are trained show speciesist patterns and 'AI technologies currently play a significant role in perpetuating and normalizing violence against animals' (Hagendorff et al. 2023, 717). This speciesist bias can be discerned in language and images produced by algorithms. For example, objectifying language (such as using the word 'it') is often used when referring to animals, and the first images generated by searches for pictures of animals such as chickens are cooked chickens, or recipes, conveying the message that the main purpose of these animals is to be eaten. Because of this, it is important that LLMs generate information that does not violate ethical principles or reproduce harmful ideas about animals.

In this workshop we will explore the practical and conceptual challenges of developing a benchmark test that evaluates speciesist biases that result in animal harm in LLMs. We will discuss a particular LLM that has been designed to produce non-speciesist outcomes. In the first half of this workshop, we will discuss the practical steps of the development and challenges that are involved in the design of the benchmark: how do we approach adequate animal representation, ethical theory in practice and tradeoffs between feasibility, potential impact and ethical principles?

In the second part of this workshop, the participants will create and score scenarios, based on the award winning paper at ACL2024, the Machiavelli framework. By the end of the workshop, the participants have contributed to the finetuning of the benchmark, have discussed ethical and practical considerations for designing such benchmarks and gained insight into the importance and challenges of ethically responsible and fair AI.

Literature

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Workshop 5

Gender and Intersectionality Research Gaps Related to AI in the Agrifood Domain

Hosts

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Topic: This workshop explores gender and broader intersectionality gaps in AI-driven agrifood systems. Participants critically examine AI use cases, identify overlooked impacts on diverse groups, reflect on biases, and formulate research gaps to support more inclusive and responsible AI innovation in agriculture and food systems.

Participants: The workshop targets professionals working at the intersection of AI and agrifood, including researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and civil society representatives. Participants may have a background in ELSA of AI communities, digital agriculture initiatives, and ethical and social impacts of agriculture and food.

Methods: Using a structured 2 hour co-learning format, participants engage in positionality reflection, small-group case analyses, intersectionality stress testing, and collaborative research-gap identification. Discussions focus on AI agrifood applications such as advisory systems, autonomous machinery, and farm management tools. Facilitated plenary reflections promote awareness of biases and systemic blind spots.

Outcomes: Participants will gain greater awareness of gender and intersectionality dimensions in AI for agrifood, identify critical evidence gaps, and reflect on their own assumptions and research practices. The workshop will generate a set of research-gap statements and foster dialogue on how future AI and agrifood research can become more inclusive, equitable, and socially responsible.

Plenary sessions at EurSafe 2026

Plenary session 1

Hilal Elver

Human Rights Based Approach to Global Food Governance in Era of AI and Digitalization

AI and digital agriculture are becoming a new arena of food governance. They have enormous potential to improve agricultural productivity, climate resilience, early warning systems, and market efficiency. However, without appropriate ethical, moral, and legal principles, they may deepen existing inequalities, concentrate corporate power, undermine farmers' autonomy, food sovereignty and threaten the right to food.

Current global food system is already under the control of the few powerful states, and corporations. Combining with the power of new AI technology, digitalization and data without any restriction, it carries enormous risks, such as data colonialism, algorithmic concentration of power, digital exclusion, technological dependency, and cybersecurity risks. As a result, places already under the threat of conflict and climate change starvation will emerge in weaker societies.

To avoid such risks, the objective should not simply be ethical AI, but to establish a human right based AI governance for agriculture. A rights-based framework for AI in agriculture should move beyond technical efficiency to ensure that digital transformation advances social justice and follow “no harm” principle. This requires not only to protect human dignity, but also to maintain equality among food system agencies, to protect environmental sustainability, and overall to build a democratic governance of food system.

Therefore, AI should be governed by principles of human dignity, equity, transparency, accountability, non-discrimination, environmental stewardship, and democratic participation. Most importantly, it should strengthen—not undermine—the realization of the right to adequate food, farmers' autonomy, and food

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sovereignty, while preventing new forms of corporate concentration and digital dependency. Therefore, the central question is not whether AI will transform agriculture, but who governs AI, whose interests it serves, and whether digital infrastructures become instruments of accumulating of agri-food systems under powerful hands, or an instrument of realizing the right to food.

Plenary session 2

Burçin Çokuysal

Algorithmic Foods and Ethical Debates on Modern Slavery in Agri-Food Systems in the Age of Digital Justice

When we consider digital agricultural production and food systems, the ethical dimension may not be the immediate focus. However, the vast majority of problems observed in artificial intelligence (AI) applications, autonomous systems, and digital agriculture are inherently ethical. This paper begins with Hesiod's myth of Chaos, Gaia, and Uranus as a metaphor for the perennial human attempt to control nature's productive power (Hesiod, 1988). From the Neolithic transition to the Industrial Revolution and the Green Revolution, this effort continues today through digital systems and AI, producing "algorithmic food" – standardised products detached from naturalness. Drawing on three critical axes – Marx's theory of alienation, Horkheimer's critique of instrumental reason, and Foucault's concept of bio-power – the paper argues that digital agriculture reinforces power asymmetries and creates new forms of modern slavery (Marx, 2006; Horkheimer, 1998; Foucault, 2007). Local producers become data workers dependent on

global agri-food giants, while ecosystems are commodified. Using Rawls's "veil of ignorance" and "justice as fairness", a "digital justice" framework is proposed, including data ownership, algorithmic transparency, and the difference principle favouring the most disadvantaged (Rawls, 2020). The conclusion advocates for care ethics, agroecological principles, and open-source digital tools, rejecting both techno-optimism and techno-phobia. Technology should serve as an "assistant" not a "manager", and ethical discourse must shift from "feasibility" to "necessity".

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Agroecology: Another Agriculture is Possible (Metis Publishing, 2021); the co-authored chapter 'Ethics of Agricultural Research' in Key Issues in Agricultural Ethics (Burleigh Dodds Publishing, 2023); and the book The Origins of the Ecological Crisis (Yeni İnsan Publishing, 2025). He also co-hosted the programme 'I Think' on Ege University Television with Dr. Aydın Müftüoğlu, discussing concepts such as ethics, art, sports, and justice.

Dr. Çokuysal served as the coordinator for the 'Capacity Development Project in Higher Education and Training for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Production' under the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's 'Re-Inventing Japan' programme, for which he was awarded the Turkish Higher Education Council (YÖK) International Outstanding Service Award.

Dr. Burçin Çokuysal is a philosopher specializing in ethical issues in agricultural and food systems, as well as an academic researching plant stress physiology. Holding both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Philosophy, Dr. Çokuysal is a faculty member at Ege University's Faculty of Agriculture. He teaches undergraduate courses in Agricultural and Food Ethics, Science Ethics, Professional Ethics, and Plant Stress Physiology, as well as a Master's course titled Ethical Issues in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems.

Plenary session 3

Mark Ryan

The Past, Present, and Future of AI Ethics in Agri-food

Artificial intelligence (AI) in agri-food is a rapidly evolving field, and can be divided into two broad areas: virtual AI and physical AI. Virtual AI encompasses software interfaces and data analysis tools for insights into crop optimisation and field planning, pest and disease identification and management, animal health and welfare, input recommendations, and market and pricing analysis. Physical AI refers to virtual AI embedded in physical objects, such as robots, drones, and farm machinery, and can be used to plant crops, control pests and weeds, harvest, spray fields, prune, pick and sort fruits and vegetables, scrape manure, and milk cows.

AI can potentially be integrated into almost all aspects of the agri-food process. Therewith, AI is being proposed as a way to improve agri-food businesses, provide better advice on farming practices, reduce input use (e.g., fertilisers, pesticides, and irrigation), help respond to climate change concerns, democratise knowledge, address labour shortages in the sector, and overall, ensure food security for a growing global population. Despite these grandiose claims, the development, implementation, and use of AI raise many social and ethical concerns, such as transparency (black box), autonomy, privacy, justice, beneficence, non-maleficence, power asymmetries, sustainability impacts, animal welfare, and discrimination.

Therefore, as a leading agri-food ethics organisation and conference, EurSafe has a clear need to evaluate how specific AI technologies and applications may impact a wide range of groups (e.g., farmers, farm workers, agronomists, veterinarians, and animals), the environment, and society as a whole. This presentation will examine the growth of AI in the sector and how ethical analysis has responded thus far. It will map some of the most prevalent ethical research currently underway and provide a forward-looking vision for future AI applications and ethical considerations for researchers at EurSafe.

Mark Ryan is a philosopher interested in the social and ethical implications of technologies (in particular, artificial intelligence, robots, and data spaces). He works as a Senior Digital Ethics Researcher at Wageningen Social and Economic Research, where he works in



interdisciplinary teams to evaluate challenges and opportunities of digital technologies for sustainability, their application in the agri-food sector, and their impact on humans and animals. In particular, they focus on the ethical, legal, and social aspects (ELSA) of AI in the agri-food sector. This research brings together his interests at the intersection of environmental and digital ethics through both theoretical and empirical research. He currently leads a work package on the business, governance, and ELSA aspects in the Common European Agricultural Data Space (CEADS).

Plenary session 4

Mustafa Koç

Learning and teaching agriculture and food ethics collectively

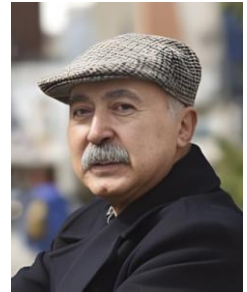
Agriculture and food ethics is a relatively new field of applied ethics that addresses the diverse relations humans have with one another and with nature. The questions raised by agriculture and food ethics about the dynamics of power over land, labour, other life forms and nature in general locate it at the intersection of many current problems of the modern era, such as social justice, environmental sustainability, and public health.

Although agriculture and food ethics as a formal course offering has grown significantly in recent years, it remains uneven across the world's agricultural institutions. Universities in the European Union and North America offer dedicated courses in food or agricultural ethics or embed ethical dimensions within sustainable agriculture, food systems, and rural sociology programs. In contrast, in major agricultural powerhouses such as China, Brazil, India, Turkey, and much of sub-Saharan Africa, ethics content in agricultural schools has been limited. The focus remains heavily on productivity, agronomy, and food security. Where ethics does appear, it tends to center on narrow professional conduct rather than broader food justice, animal welfare, or environmental ethics. These concerns are often dismissed by students and practitioners as problems of developed countries, and ethics is frequently seen as peripheral to professional training.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2026, TARGET has been one of the few exemplary organizations advocating a holistic and systemic perspective in agriculture and food ethics in Turkey. While acknowledging the uniqueness of local conditions, TARGET has demonstrated the importance of international cooperation and knowledge sharing by organizing 5 international food ethics conferences over the past 10 years. Through these conferences and various local events across the country, TARGET has channelled participants' theoretical and methodological contributions from different disciplines into ethical discussions. TARGET also moved ethical discussions beyond academia, making ethics training part of professional education in the agriculture and food sector through seminars at professional chambers, municipalities, and schools.

TARGET's first ten years have been a collective process of teaching and learning. While many food ethics researchers and teachers in Europe and North America have ethics training and backgrounds in philosophy and related fields, there were only a few experts with such qualifications in Turkey. Although the participation of international experts compensated for this gap to some extent, most agri-food scholars and students lacked formal ethics training. TARGET's advocacy in agriculture and food ethics has created a collective learning and teaching environment where participants have been educating themselves and each other to address ethical and moral questions in their own research, teaching, or everyday activities. TAR

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Plenary session 4

Mustafa Koç

moral questions in their own research, teaching, or everyday activities. TARGET's broad embrace drew participants from diverse fields and with varying levels of familiarity with ethical debates. While this diverse background carried the potential for miscommunications and frustrations, the welcoming and encouraging learning environment fostered deeper understanding and continued participation over the years, creating a community of learners. Reviewing the contents of the 5 TARGET congress proceedings, I will highlight the diversity among TARGET participants in their disciplinary backgrounds and research foci and provide insights into this collective teaching and learning process.

Half-day Cappadocia excursion at EurSafe 2026

As part of our cultural program, participants will visit Avanos and Göreme National Park, two of Cappadocia's most remarkable destinations, renowned for their unique heritage, breathtaking landscapes, and centuries-old traditions.

Our journey begins in Avanos, a historic town situated along the banks of the Kızılırmak (Red River), the longest river in Türkiye. For thousands of years, Avanos has been celebrated as the heart of Cappadocia's pottery-making tradition. The region's distinctive red clay has been used by local artisans since the Hittite period, and visitors will have the opportunity to observe traditional pottery workshops. Beyond its craftsmanship, Avanos offers charming streets, riverside scenery, and a vibrant atmosphere that reflects the authentic lifestyle of the region.

The excursion continues to Göreme National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognized for its extraordinary geological formations and rich historical significance. Shaped by volcanic activity and millions of years of natural erosion, the park is famous for its iconic fairy chimneys, dramatic valleys, and breathtaking panoramic views. Equally impressive are the rock-cut churches, monasteries, and cave dwellings, many of which contain remarkably preserved Byzantine frescoes dating from the 10th to the 13th centuries. These monuments provide valuable insight into the religious, artistic, and social life of early Christian communities in Anatolia.

Together, Avanos and Göreme National Park represent the harmonious relationship between nature, culture, and human creativity that defines Cappadocia. This excursion offers participants a unique opportunity to explore one of the world's most fascinating cultural landscapes while gaining a deeper understanding of Türkiye's rich historical and artistic heritage.



