

Call for papers

65th Annual Conference of GEWISOLA 23 to 25 September 2026 Thünen Institute, Braunschweig

The 65th annual conference of the Society for Economic and Social Sciences of Agriculture (GEWISOLA) will take place from Wednesday, 23 September to Friday, 25 September 2026 at the Thünen Institute in Braunschweig. The conference theme is:

Agriculture and rural areas: Challenges in a local, regional and global context

We invite you to submit written contributions to be presented at the conference. Poster contributions are also welcome. We particularly accept contributions on the subject of the conference and from the economic and social sciences of agriculture and related disciplines.

Contributions on other topics may also be submitted if they contribute to the state of knowledge in the economic and social sciences of agriculture in terms of content and/or methodology. Theoretical and empirical work is equally welcome.

In addition, current issues will be discussed in self-organised working groups at the annual conference. Pre-conference activities are also welcome. The program committee invites proposals for both formats of exchange.

Deadlines

- Submission of proposals for self-organised working groups and pre-conference activities: by **Friday, 6 February 2026** (notification of acceptance by 9 March 2026)
- Submission of written contributions: by **Monday, 16 March 2026** (notification of acceptance by 5 June 2026)
- Submission of poster contributions: by **Friday, 15 May 2026** (notification of acceptance by 19 June 2026)
- Submission of written contributions revised in accordance with the reviewers' comments for publication on the conference website and on AgEconSearch: by **Friday, 28 August 2026**
- Submission of completed posters for publication on the conference website and for the poster judges (as PDF files): by **Friday, 28 August 2026**
- Submission of the final version of written contributions and poster summaries for publication in the conference proceedings: by **Friday, 13 November 2026**

Explanations on the conference topic

Agriculture and rural areas are caught between local, regional and global changes. Climate

change, geopolitical crises, economic interdependencies and social expectations influence the framework conditions for agricultural activity and life and economic activity in rural areas.

The 65th Annual Conference of GEWISOLA is therefore dedicated to the topic "**Agriculture and rural areas: challenges in a local, regional and global context**". The aim is to stimulate scientific dialogue on the interrelationships between different spatial levels and the importance of agriculture for vibrant rural areas. Thematic focal points for contributions include:

- global developments (e.g. in international trade and climate policy) and their impact on agricultural businesses, the agri-food industry and rural areas in Germany and Europe
- Spatially diverse challenges and their impact on agricultural businesses and the agri-food industry
- Resilience and adaptability of agriculture and rural areas: importance of innovation, learning processes, etc.
- Governance structures between local self-organisation and global regulation
- Interactions between agriculture and rural areas

We welcome contributions from the economic and social sciences of agriculture as well as from other disciplines, such as sociology, regional economics, communication science, geography and political science.

Information for contributors

Written contributions and presentations

Submitted written contributions must be complete, may not exceed 12 pages (including references, excluding title page) and may be written in German or English. The format templates with formatting specifications can be found on the conference website.

Manuscripts must be submitted by **16 March 2026** as **.pdf** and **.docx files** via the conference website. The number of accepted presentations from submitted papers is limited to one presentation per speaker. For submissions of papers with multiple authors, the designated speaker must be named. For English-language contributions, please indicate whether the presentation is to be held in English or German. If it is to be held in German, the English title of the contribution must also be provided in German.

The review process is anonymous and carried out by two reviewers. The following criteria are used for the evaluation: relevance of the topic, originality of the contribution, appropriateness of the methodological approach and comprehensibility of the presentation. Contributions that receive a positive evaluation will be presented in thematic working groups at the annual conference and, if necessary, published in the conference proceedings after incorporation of the reviewers' comments.

By submitting a paper, authors agree that the written paper will be made electronically available to registered conference participants and posted on AgEconSearch.

Self-organised working groups

In the self-organised working groups, current issues in agricultural economics and social sciences will be discussed with representatives from politics, business and society. Each working group will have 90 minutes. Proposals for such working groups should explain the topic and describe the format in a maximum of 4 pages in German or English: concept, time

structure, contributions and speakers or discussion participants. Proposals must be submitted by **6 February 2026** as **.pdf** and **.docx files** to the conference office email address. The program committee and the GEWISOLA executive committee will decide on the selection of the proposals submitted.

Poster contributions

Proposals for poster presentations should be no longer than two pages in German or English and should describe the problem, methodology and results of a research project. Submitted proposals will be evaluated in terms of their quality and suitability for the conference. The formatting templates can be found on the conference website. Proposals must be submitted by **15 May 2026** as **.pdf** and **.docx files** via the conference website. Accepted posters must be prepared in accordance with the poster guidelines provided on the conference website. Poster contributions will be grouped by topics and presented by the authors in parallel groups within a fixed time frame (max. 10 minutes for a short presentation and discussion per poster). Accepted and presented poster contributions will be published in the conference proceedings with a maximum two-page summary.

Pre-conference activities

There is the possibility to organise pre-conference activities on the morning of 23 September 2026. These can be workshops, meetings or discussion groups on topics of your choice. Proposals with details of content, structure, speakers and participants can be submitted in German or English on a maximum of two pages as a **.pdf** or **.docx file** to the conference office email address by **6 February 2026**. The program committee and the GEWISOLA board will decide on the selection of the proposals submitted.

Information and conference office

Further information on the annual conference can be found on the [conference website](#) . If necessary, you can also contact the conference office:

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