



Agri-Tech Project Partners

Düsseldorf, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008

**International Conference of the EU Employee Agri-Tech Networking Project  
9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in Frankfurt a. M.**

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Dear Sir, dear Madam,

as already informed you earlier we now would like to invite you to the final international conference of our EU Employee Agri-Tech Project in Frankfurt. Please find attached a first draft programme and a registration form.

As you will notice from the programme, our conference is aiming to draw a first balance of our networking and exchange activities so far. At the same time we would like to discuss cornerstones of our further cooperation and networking in the agricultural engineering sector also in the light of the industrial policy of the EMF. In this context we are at the moment preparing a draft text for a joint statement of all project partners which should be discussed and presented to the public at the Frankfurt conference. We will provide you with the draft text soon.

Beside presenting first results of our stock-taking of national information and structural trends in the agricultural engineering sector (the so called "Map of European Agricultural Technology") to which you have already contributed at the seminar in Vienna), we would also like to actively involve you and colleagues from the company level in the meeting. In particular we would like to ask you

- to also invite 2-4 colleagues from individual companies to come with you to Frankfurt and take part in the 1<sup>st</sup> round table session of the conference
- In this session we would like to organise an exchange of information and experience regarding the situation of interest representation at the workplace level in different companies, in particular issues of restructuring and workplace working conditions
- Our idea is to have a round table consisting of colleagues from various countries and a discussion (no powerpoint presentations) which will be moderated by Wolfgang Nettelstroth from IG Metall
- Also as mentioned in the programme draft attached we also would like to organise a 2nd round table session on the broader context of the agricultural machinery sector in different European countries. Since some reports have been already presented at an international workshop in Vienna earlier this year (you will find more information on this on the networks' website: <http://netkey40.igmetall.de/homepages/netzwerk-landtechnik-en/startseite.html> ) we would like to concentrate on those countries not having been presented so far, including

Poland. Therefore we would like to invite you to prepare a presentation on the situation of the sector on the basis of a common format we have prepared and which is attached to this letter.

- Finally, we would be happy if you could participate in the final round table discussion focussing on how to develop our network further and on future tasks.

A final word regarding organisational and technical matters: You should address all practical questions regarding the conference either to Uwe Fink at the IG Metall in Frankfurt ([uwe.fink@igmetall.de](mailto:uwe.fink@igmetall.de)) or to Eckhard Voss at Wilke, Maack and Partner ([eckhard.voss@wilke-maack.de](mailto:eckhard.voss@wilke-maack.de)) who is supporting our project and also involved in the preparation of the conference. Since this conference is taking place in the context of the EU funded project all travel and accommodation costs will be covered and simultaneous translation will be organised.

With kind regards

Wolfgang Nettelstroth

**Attachments:** Draft programme and registration form, format for national report