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**Cc:** Personal data (AGRI); Personal data (AGRI); Personal data (AGRI); Personal data Ricard (AGRI); HANIOTIS Tassos (AGRI); Personal data (AGRI)  
**Subject:** [Report] MEETING with German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig on Ukraine-Crisis impacts on food security  
**Attachments:** Minutes of meeting\_JW-iDiv\_23.05.22.docx

Dear colleagues,

Please find below a short summary of the above mentioned meeting between Commissioner Wojciechowski and the group of experts coordinated by Personal data (Div/UFZ). Also attached a more extensive account of the exchange.

Best regards,

Personal data

**Date:** 23 May 2022

**Subject:** Ukraine crisis' impacts on food security

**Attendees**

EC: Commissioner WOJCIECHOWSKI, Jorge PINTO ANTUNES (CAR), Personal data (AGRI), Personal data (Div/UFZ), Personal data (WUR), Personal data (UFZ), Personal data (KLUG), Personal data (ETH), Personal data (UAM), Personal data (UR)

**Background**

In March 2022, Personal data (iDiv), Personal data (University of Rostock) and Personal data (WUR) [wrote to the Commission](#) expressing their concern in light of political calls to reopen the Farm to Fork strategy and certain environmental elements of the CAP in response to the food security crisis generated by the war in Ukraine. They offered scientific advice to the Commission on the matter asking for an urgent meeting to discuss the scenarios ahead and their short- to long-term implications. Commissioner Wojciechowski, [replying on behalf of the Commission](#), outlined the measures already put forward at the EU level while reiterating the Commission's commitment to long-term sustainability goals. He replied positively to the request for a meeting.

**Summary:**

In the face of the current food security crisis, the Commissioner reiterated his personal commitment and that of the Commission to the course of action outlined by the Green Deal and the Farm to Fork strategy. He reaffirmed however the need for the EU to step up production efforts in the short-term to safeguard food security at the global scale, particularly for net food-importing countries. He asked the scientific community to keep providing robust evidence and arguments in support of more sustainability for more food security in the long term. The group of scientists recalled a range of recent initiatives and positions from the scientific community in support of the sustainable transformation of EU food systems, while questioning some of the short-term measures already put in place in the face of the current crisis. They suggested policy options to consider and confirmed their scientific support to the Commission in the public debate.

[see annex for details]

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**Subject:** MEETING with German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig on  
Ukraine-Crisis impacts on food security (JPA)

**When:** lundi 23 mai 2022 11:00-12:00 (UTC+01:00) Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris.

**Where:** online

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**COMMISSIONER WOJCIECHOWSKI is inviting you to a scheduled Webex meeting.**

Monday 23 May 2022

11:00 | (UTC+02:00) Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris | 1 hr

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