

# Climate change – The role of crop plants

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1<sup>st</sup> workshop of the series  
Sustainable growth: Unlocking the potential of plants



**1 December 19:00-21:30**

Dinner workshop

Salon Luxembourg/The Hague, Renaissance Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, Brussels

Climate change poses great challenges to agriculture and food production in areas such as crop diseases and increased drought and flooding.

At this workshop will be discussed how plant research and plant breeding in Europe can contribute to mitigation of climate change as well as adaptation of crop plants to emerging diseases and more severe weather conditions.

## Speakers:

- Wilhelm Gruissem, Professor of Plant Biotechnology, ETH Zurich
- Thijs Simons, Senior Advisor, Plantum
- Luc Peeters, Chair Phytosanitary questions Working Party, Copa-Cogeca

**Participants (max 60)** will be representatives from various DGs, Committees, Ministries and Councils of the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Member States as well as experts of the European Technology Platform 'Plants for the Future' from academia, farming and industry.