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Building food security & protein resilience
through the Three Seas Initiative
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Congress Outline

Europe's food and protein systems are facing a period of growing vulnerability. For decades, reliable imports, open trade routes and stable global markets were taken for granted. Today, this stability can no longer be assumed. The increasing pressure on agricultural value chains is exposing a critical weakness: **Europe does not control its own protein supply.**

Protein is not only an agricultural commodity — it is the foundation of Europe's food sovereignty. Secure access to sustainable protein is essential for stable food systems, competitive agriculture, livestock production, food industries, and healthy diets. Yet, Europe continues to face a structural protein deficit at a time when demand for nutritious, sustainable and regionally available protein sources is growing.

We are living in a world of **compounding shocks**. Geopolitical and environmental risks are escalating, supply vulnerabilities are deepening, and price volatility across core commodities has reached unprecedented levels. Wars in Ukraine and across the Middle East, instability around the Black Sea, disruptions to ports and logistics, and the accelerating impacts of climate change are no longer isolated crises – they are converging into a **new age of uncertainty**. The issue goes beyond supply security. It has a wider systemic impact on food availability, environmental sustainability and the health of Europe's population. Animal-based value chains depend on reliable protein feed. At the same time, long-term food security requires a broader and more diversified protein base, including regional protein crops and plant-based food markets. The central question is therefore not only how Europe can secure supply, but how it can build a protein system that reduces dependency, strengthens regional capacity and supports sustainable, healthy diets.

The **Donau Soja Congress 2027** responds to this urgency by putting the **Three Seas Initiative** at the centre of Europe's food sovereignty debate. Connecting the Baltic Sea, Adriatic Sea and Black Sea, the Three Seas Initiative encompasses Europe's agricultural heartlands, critical trade routes, key ports and major geopolitical pressure points – from Poland and the Baltic States to the Danube Region, Ukraine and the Black Sea coast. No other European framework brings together this combination of production capacity, logistics infrastructure and strategic exposure. This region has the potential to become the backbone of a new European protein corridor – linking regional production and market access across both North–South and East–West routes.

The Donau Soja Congress will turn this strategic challenge into a concrete agenda for cooperation. Bringing together key actors across the agri-food system, it will define where Europe's protein system is most exposed, where regional capacity can grow, and how the Three Seas Initiative can drive food security and protein resilience - laying the groundwork for reducing dependency and strengthening food sovereignty for the decades ahead.

Why attend? Over two high-level days, participants will:

- Gain strategic insight into the growing importance of protein security for Europe's food system, agriculture and value chains.
- Explore the role of the Three Seas Region as a future European protein corridor connecting the Baltic, Adriatic and Black Sea areas.

- Understand how ports, logistics, processing capacity, sustainable imports and regional production can strengthen food and feed resilience.
- Discuss the future of feed security and domestic protein production with traders, crushers, oil mills, feed producers, farmers and policymakers.
- Engage with retailers, food producers and innovators on how legumes, soy foods and regional protein products can play a stronger role in future diets.
- Meet key decision-makers, business partners and institutions working to reduce dependency, manage volatility and develop resilient European protein markets.

Who will be there?

- Retailers, brand owners and major food industry representatives
- Food producers, plant-based innovators and ingredient companies
- Traders, oil mills, crushers and processors
- Feed producers, livestock and aquaculture stakeholders
- Logistics, infrastructure and port stakeholders
- Farmers, cooperatives and producer organisations
- Ministries, policymakers and public institutions
- Researchers, universities, financial institutions and investors

Get involved - Shape Europe's protein future

The Donau Soja Congress 2027 is more than a conference – it is a high-level strategic collaboration platform for organisations that helps to shape Europe's future protein and food security. We invite sponsors, partners and stakeholders to contribute to the agenda, showcase solutions, connect with key decision-makers and position themselves within one of Europe's most relevant resilience debates.

Sponsorship and partnership opportunities include:

- High-visibility branding and thought leadership
- Direct access to European and international decision-makers
- Exhibition and innovation showcase formats
- Targeted networking and matchmaking
- Long-term positioning within trusted European value chains

Join us and be part of building Europe's food security through regional protein resilience — from the Baltic to the Adriatic and the Black Sea.

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