



2025 EFLA CONGRESS: In search of a nexus: Science, law and the landscape of uncertainty

18-19 September 2025 | Worldhotel Cristoforo Colombo, Milan, Italy

DAY 1 | Thursday, 18 September

08:30 - 09:00

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

09:00 - 09:10

Welcome address
Paola Corte — EFLA President

Session I | Food law challenges: navigating legal cases in the EU

09:10 - 09:20

Introduction
Vicente Rodriguez Fuentes — Food Lawyer, Legal Agrifood Abogados

09:20 - 09:50

Keynote speech
Lucia Serena Rossi — Professor, University of Bologna

09:50 - 10:20

Scientific uncertainty in decision-making by risk managers
Guillaume Cousyn — Director for Regulatory Affairs, ProductLife Group

10:20 - 10:50

Aloe case
Speaker TBC

10:50 - 11:20

Titanium dioxide case
Speaker TBC

11:20 - 11:40

COFFEE BREAK

11:40 - 12:10	Smoke flavouring case <i>Elisabetta Righini — Partner, Sidley Austin LLP</i>
12:10 - 12:40	Mancozeb case <i>Claudio Mereu — Partner, Fieldfisher</i>
12:40 - 13:00	Discussion session — All participants
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH

Session II | Substantiation of marketing claims

14:00 - 14:10	Introduction <i>Peter Loosen — Managing Director, Lebensmittelverband Deutschland</i>
14:10 - 14:40	Green claims <i>Andreas Meisterernst — Partner, Meisterernst Rechtsanwälte</i>
14:40 - 15:10	Beauty claims <i>Ina Gerstberger — Owner, Gerstberger Products & Law</i>
15:10 - 15:40	Botanical claims <i>Paola Corte — Partner, Studio Legale Corte</i>
15:40 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00 - 16:30	The case of BPA-free claims sanctioned by the French Competition Authority <i>Emmanuel Durand — Partner, DWF France</i>

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16:30 - 17:00

Discussion session — *All participants*

17:00 - 17:05

Closing remarks

Peter Loosen — Managing Director, Lebensmittelverband Deutschland

DAY 2 | Thursday, 18 September

Session III | Substantiation of marketing claims

08:30 - 09:00

WELCOME COFFEE

09:00 - 09:10

Introduction

Francesco Planchenstainer — Global Head of Food Law, Nestlé

09:10 - 09:40

GRAS self-affirmation & synthetic colour additives and other ingredients

Ricardo Carvajal — Director, Hyman, Phelps & McNamara

09:40 - 10:10

Food science in the legal crosshairs: a US litigator's perspective

Hannah Chanoine — Partner, O'Melveny & Myers

10:10 - 10:40

Food supplements: how can national science influence regulatory evolutions at the national and EU level?

Gilles Boin — Associate, Qolumn

10:40 - 11:00

COFFEE BREAK

The logo for the European Food Law Association (EFLA) features the word "efla" in a lowercase, bold, sans-serif typeface. The letters are dark blue, and the "e" and "f" are connected.

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11:00 - 11:30	Cultured products <i>Karin Verzijden — Attorney at Law, Axon</i>
11:30 - 12:00	Regulatory sandboxes <i>Francesco Montanari — Director, Arcadia International</i>
12:00 - 12:30	Discussion session — <i>All participants</i>
12:30 - 12:40	Closing remarks <i>Francesco Planchenstainer — Global Head of Food Law, Nestlé</i>
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