



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 Lecture | The evolution of the CJEU approach to food

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

Case law on Article 8 of Regulation (EC) 1925/2006

Katharina Ewert — Special Counsel, Covington

10:50 - 11:20

Titanium Dioxide: CWS Powder Coatings and Others v Commission (Joined Cases T-279/20, T-283/20, T-288/20)

*Thomas Delille, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs, and
Manon Ombredane, Legal Director, Squire Patton Boggs*

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11:20 - 11:40	COFFEE BREAK
11:40 - 12:10	Smoke flavourings: <i>Kerry and Kerry Ingredients (UK) v Commission (Case T-523/24)</i> <i>Anne Robert — Partner, Sidley Austin LLP</i>
12:10 - 12:40	<i>Mancozeb: UPL Europe and Indofil Industries (Netherlands) v Commission (T-742/20; C-262/23 P) - The interplay between scientific and regulatory decisions</i> <i>Claudio Mereu — Partner, Bird&Bird</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	Sustainability meets legal complexity: the evolving landscape of green claims <i>Andreas Meisterernst — Partner, Meisterernst Rechtsanwälte</i>
14:40 - 15:10	Beauty and the Beast: Delimitation and substantiation issues of beauty claims <i>Ina Gerstberger — Owner, Gerstberger Products & Law</i>
15:10 - 15:40	Botanical claims and legal confusion: A 20-year retrospective <i>Paola Corte — Partner, Studio Legale Corte</i>

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15:40 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00 - 16:30	BPA-free and legally bound: Antitrust implications in food labelling. Lessons from France <i>Emmanuel Durand — Partner, DWF France</i>
16:30 - 17:00	Discussion session — <i>All participants</i>
17:00 - 17:05	Closing remarks <i>Peter Loosen — Managing Director, Lebensmittelverband Deutschland</i>

DAY 2 | Friday, 19 September

Session III | Reducing red tape and facilitating innovation

08:30 - 09:00	WELCOME COFFEE
09:00 - 09:10	Introduction <i>Francesco Planchenstainer — Global Head of Food Law, Nestlé</i>
09:10 - 09:40	GRAS self-affirmation & synthetic colour additives and other ingredients <i>Ricardo Carvajal — Director, Hyman, Phelps & McNamara</i>
09:40 - 10:10	Food science in the legal crosshairs: a US litigator's perspective <i>Hannah Chanoine — Partner, O'Melveny & Myers</i>

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10:10 - 10:40	Food Supplements: How national science can influence regulatory evolutions at the national and EU levels <i>Gilles Boin — Partner, Qolumn</i>
10:40 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 - 11:30	From lab to law: cultured products and the evolution of legal frameworks <i>Karin Verzijden — Attorney at Law, Axon</i>
11:30 - 12:00	Regulatory sandboxes: A structured approach to food innovation <i>Francesco Montanari — Food law lecturer & researcher, Wageningen University</i>
12:00 - 12:30	Discussion session — All participants
12:30 - 12:40	Closing remarks <i>Francesco Planchenstainer — Global Head of Food Law, Nestlé</i>
12:40 - 14:00	LUNCH

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