

# FIVS 2025 BRUSSELS MEETINGS

## WHITE & CASE

37 rue de la Science  
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## DRAFT PROGRAMME

18-19 March

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With the outlook for wine remaining challenging in 2025, FIVS "The Voice of Wine" is working to strengthen and realign to support our members and the wine sector in these transformative times.

Our March meetings will focus on how we will deliver our new FIVS 3-year Strategy. During the sessions, we will identify the key actions FIVS will do over the coming period and consider how to align our tasks with the strategies of our most important stakeholders, including the World Health Organization (WHO), the Organisation Internationale de la Vigne et du Vin (OIV), and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' (FAO) Codex Alimentarius Commission. Led by the Committee Chairs, this year's meetings will focus more on our committees and their workplans than previous conference-style gatherings.

The meetings (open to FIVS members only) are expected to **run from 9 AM on Tuesday, 18 March** and will **conclude with lunch at 1 PM on Wednesday, 19 March**. We have liaised with other major wine organisations holding in-person meetings in Europe to ensure our dates and times are the optimum fit for as many of our members as possible.

All timings will be confirmed as the programme develops. At present, we will aim to have our **FIVS General Assembly on 18 March** and plans are afoot for a networking dinner that evening. A registration fee (tbc) will apply and be payable at the point of booking your participation.

## DAY 1 - 18 March

### FIVS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

<b>08.45</b> (15 mins)	<b>Registration</b>	<i>Coffee and pastries available</i>
<b>09.00</b> (20 mins)	<b>Welcome and CEO address</b>	<b>Julie Hesketh-Laird</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- FIVS activities and achievements - release of our Annual Review 2024 to Members.</li><li>- A word on the purpose of the Brussels meetings and the operational planning underway.</li></ul>
<b>09.20</b> (40 mins)	<b>Forward Look</b> Presco Short-Life Working Groups progress  Developing a FIVS Corporate Plan	<b>Charles Jefferson</b> (Membership SLWG) and <b>Sarah Wilson</b> (SLWG Committees & Ways of Working)  <b>Julie Hesketh-Laird</b>
<b>10.00</b> (40 mins)	<b>FIVS General Assembly</b>	Co-Presidents: <b>Ignacio Sánchez Recarte &amp; Charles Jefferson</b> and CEO: <b>Julie Hesketh-Laird</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To consider and approve the usual governance matters and select new Presco members.</li></ul>
<b>10.40</b> (30 mins)	<b>Coffee &amp; networking</b>	<i>Opportunity to network with FIVS members and continue discussions</i>

# DELIVERING FIVS STRATEGY 2024-2027 COMMITTEE SESSIONS

## FIVS Priority: Trade & Global Economics

<b>11.10</b> (1h20)	<b>Economic Sustainability Committee Session</b>  Presentation: Measuring the Impact of Tariff and Non-tariff Barriers on Wine Trade  Panel discussion on the cost of regulation	Chair: <b>Jamie Ferman</b> and <b>Nicola Tinelli</b>  <b>Simon J. Evenett</b> , Professor of Geopolitics & Strategy IMD Business School  <b>Simon J. Evenett &amp; John Clarke</b> , former Director General of International Affairs at DG Agri/European Commission
<b>12.30</b> (1h)	<b>Lunch and networking</b>	<i>Wine sponsored by Comité Vins</i>
<b>13.30</b> (1h15)	<b>Economic Sustainability Committee Session (continued)</b>  Working session	Chair: <b>Jamie Ferman</b> and <b>Nicola Tinelli</b> - Outcomes of the High Level Group on the future of the EU wine policy meetings: <b>Mauro Poinelli</b> , Head of Unit, Wine, Spirits and Horticultural products in the Directorate General for Agricultural and Rural Development (DG AGRI), European Commission - FIVS E-labelling Principles - Wine Labelling – Global Developments

## FIVS Priority: Wine & Sustainability

<b>14.45</b> (45 mins)	<b>Environmental Sustainability Committee Session</b>  Working session	Chair: <b>Chris Savage</b> and <b>Patricio Parra</b> - FIVS Stakeholder Matrix: <b>Patricio Parra &amp; Laura Gelezuinas</b> - Presentation of the WWTG Sustainability Matrix: <b>Sarah Wilson</b> - Spotlight on upcoming EU Reporting & Compliance Requirements (CS3D, CSRD, etc): <b>William de Catelle</b> , Associate, White & Case
<b>15.30</b> (30 mins)	<b>Coffee &amp; networking</b>	<i>Opportunity to network with FIVS members and continue discussions</i>

## FIVS Priority: Wine & Society

<b>16.00</b> (1h15)	<b>Social Sustainability Committee Session</b>  Working session	Chair: <b>Simon Stannard</b>  - FIVS UN NCD Strategy: <i>Please come prepared to share your government's position on the UN discussions/papers and contribute to any FIVS activities</i> - Refreshing the Committee's terms of reference
<b>17.15</b> (5 mins)	<b>Close</b>	
<b>17.20</b> (1h40)	<b>Free time</b>	
<b>19.00</b> (3h)	<b>Networking dinner</b>	<b>La Table de Mus</b> Place de la Vieille Halle aux Blés 31, 1000 Bruxelles Dress code : business casual

# DAY 2 - 19 March

**08.45** (15 mins) **Arrival** *Coffee & pastries available*

**09.00** (5 mins) **Welcome, housekeeping remarks and purpose of the day** Chair: **Julie Hesketh-Laird**

## UNDERPINNING OUR FIVS WORK WITH SOUND SCIENCE

**09.05** (1h) **Scientific & Technical Committee** Working Session  
Chair: **Jennifer Turner, Paul Huckaba, and Eric Wilkes**  
- Fire Impact: **Eric Wilkes**  
- De Minimis: **Matthieu Dubernet tbc**

## FIVS Priority: Workable Operating Environment

**10.05** (1h) **FIVS Strategic Engagement Opportunity** Chair: **Julie Hesketh-Laird**  
Managing our outreach and relationship with the stakeholders identified in our strategy: the World Health Organisation, Codex & the OIV  
- Update on OIV Expert Group Meetings: **Laura Gelezuinas**  
- Interactive session on how we move forward, what we do well and where are the gaps. Our proactive agenda with the OIV is of particular concern.

**11.05** (30 mins) **Coffee & networking** *Opportunity to network with FIVS members and continue discussions*

**11.35** (1h) **Codex Task Force** Working Session  
Chairs: **Tim Ryan and Eric Wilkes**  
- Engagement Plan with Codex  
- How to leverage Codex in the future around enforcement of standards

**12.35** (15 mins) **Pulling it all together** **Co-Chairs of each Committee/WG/TF** to summarise the outcomes and actions from their sessions

**12.50** (10 mins) **Wrap up & closing remarks** **Julie Hesketh-Laird**

**13.00** (1h) **Networking lunch and wine** *Wine sponsored by Comité Vins*

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