



PRESS RELEASE : A global congress on water management for agriculture in Marseille: two press events to remember

September 28 – Press video conference | October 12 – Press conference at Parc Chanot

Faced with intense heat, drought, and mounting tensions over water resources, the global congress organized by the Water, Agriculture and Territories Association (EAT) will bring together the world's leading experts in irrigation and drainage in Marseille, from October 12 to 17, 2026, around a major challenge: **"Water, Soil, Climate: Shaping Resilient Agriculture."**

More than 700 participants from some fifty countries are expected, including several Ministers of Agriculture.

SEPTEMBER 28, 11:00–11:30 AM — PRESS VIDEO CONFERENCE

The organizers invite journalists to a video conference to present, in preview, the key issues, program, and highlights of the congress, followed by a Q&A session.

- **Bruno Grawitz**, Technical Director of the Société du Canal de Provence and President of EAT
- **Sami Bouarfa**, Chair of the Congress Scientific Committee, Research Director at INRAE and Director of the COSTEA think tank
- **Nicolas Roche**, Co-Chair of the Congress Scientific Committee, Professor at Aix-Marseille Université

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OCTOBER 12 — PRESS CONFERENCE IN MARSEILLE

At the opening of the congress, journalists are invited to Parc Chanot in Marseille for a press conference presenting the key issues of the event, the main scientific and political milestones, as well as the **Marseille Call**.

Monday, October 12, 2026 – Parc Chanot, Marseille | Free admission for journalists upon registration and presentation of press credentials.

THE MARSEILLE CALL: FROM SCIENCE TO ACTION

The congress will also serve as the setting for the signing of the Marseille Call, aimed at mobilizing Ministries of Agriculture and their partners at major international water forums. It will notably carry the ambition of making agriculture a key player in the water transition — rather than a sector competing with other water uses.

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