Focus

The future of food and the Common Agricultural Policy

Dear Reader,

Building on the report of the AGRI Committee approved in April 2019, the EP position on the Commission proposals regarding the reform of the CAP might be soon supplemented by further amendments if the newly elected Members of the Committee so choose.

Against this background and following a decision by coordinators, the Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies commissioned a study on the "Megatrends in the Agri-food sector: global overview and possible policy response from an EU perspective" to update Committee Members on the state of play and suggest policy options.

This study will be presented to Committee Members on 4-5 November and I am confident that it will be an interesting base for discussion concerning the Committee’s activities in the months ahead.

Norbert Lins, MEP
Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Culture and creative sectors in the European Union

Culture and creative sectors (CCS) are confronted with an ever-changing environment which challenges practices, business models and market balances.

This study highlights the key trends that are likely to impact the future development of the CCS in their operational context in the European Union by 2030. Recommendations encompass six policy areas and also refer to key EU programmes that could better support CCS with regards to the identified challenges.

Forthcoming events

**REGI** Gender dimension of the EU cohesion policy
Study presentation - 4 November 2019

**EMPL** Labour mobility and recognition in the regulated professions
Study presentation - 5 November 2019 - 9:00-10:00 - JAN 4Q2

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Women, Gender Equality and Energy Transition in the EU
Policy Department for Citizens’ Rights and Constitutional Affairs

Women are more likely than men to live in energy poverty which limits their access to renewable energy services and hinders their participation in the energy transition. Decisions on studying science are made early. Girls lose interest in STEM earlier than boys. This study identifies gender inequalities preventing women from having careers in the renewable energy sector. It also assesses the effects of the sustainable energy model on gender equality and women as actors of change.

Code of Conduct for Commissioners
Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs

The EP is very attentive to the issue of transparency and integrity. In the past, it has commissioned two studies on the effectiveness and efficiency of the code of conduct. This in-depth analysis verifies whether the Code of Conduct of 2018 complies with the requests the EP has made in order to guarantee the best performance in terms of transparency and integrity by the EC Commissioners.

Free trade or geo-economics? Trends in world trade
Policy Department for External Relations

The EU should continue to uphold the multilateral trade order, defend its own interests and avoid escalation of geo-economic measures into a trade war. This in-depth analysis presents the dilemma that the EU faces between further defending the rules based world trade order or more strongly defending its own interests. The multilateral order has come under severe stress because other countries (such as the US and China) instrumentalise trade as a geo-political tool.

EU Public Health Policies - current and future challenges
Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

With healthcare taking up nearly 10% of the EU’s GDP, health is a main concern of Europeans and a policy area where the European Union has been asked to do more. This study provides an outlook on the topics that may shape the ENVI Committee’s public health agenda during the new legislature. It describes key public health definitions, principles and concepts, discusses the EU’s powers to act on health, and presents an overview of health policy developments and challenges.

Forthcoming publications

| TRAN | Postal services in the EU - November 2019 |
| DEVE | The impact of ethical certification schemes funded by the EU - January 2020 |
| ECON | Green Economy - the financial dimension - February 2020 |
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