

# AGRI NEWS

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## Highlights

### Report back from the AGRI mission to the Netherlands



Jan Huitema (ALDE, NL) will present the findings of the AGRI Committee delegation to the Netherlands, which took place from 29 to 31 March. This mission focused on technology and innovation in agriculture and, more specifically, on how these can contribute to improving on-farm economic competitiveness, animal welfare and environmental performance. Participants were invited to see with their own eyes concrete examples of such innovations, for instance a company developing new integrated pest management techniques, a chicken farm with an original design aimed at improving animal welfare and a plant for extracting and recovering phosphate in manure, for re-use in fertilizers.

## Work in progress

### EU's multi-annual financial framework revision: Parliament's input



Peter Jahr (EPP, DE) will present his draft opinion on the revision of the Union's multi-annual financing framework (MFF) for the 2014-2020 period. This opinion has been prepared in a context where price volatility on the agricultural market increased significantly over the past years and the margin of Heading 2 (agriculture) has become much smaller in comparison to previous MFFs, meaning that less money will be available for crisis situations. The Committee on Budgets (BUDG) is the Committee responsible for preparing the Parliament's contribution to this review.



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## Votes

### Pests of plants: Vote on inter-institutional agreement



AGRI Members will vote on the consolidated text of the agreement resulting from inter-institutional negotiations on the new regulation on protective measures against pests of plants (Report by Anthea McIntyre, ECR, UK). This agreement was reached under the Luxembourg Presidency on 16 December after 7 trilogues. The vote in AGRI will be a simple "yes or no" vote whereas a deadline for amendments will be opened for the plenary vote in line with EP procedures.

### Enhancing innovation in farm management : adoption of own-initiative report



312 amendments have been tabled to the draft own-initiative report by Jan Huitema on enhancing innovation and economic development in future European farm management. To streamline the vote, 18 compromise amendments have been put forward by the rapporteur.

## Next committee meeting

25 April (15.00-18.30) and 26 April (09.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30) - Brussels

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