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Meeting of:

Tuesday 24 May, 15:00-18:30 - JAN 4Q2

Extraordinary meeting of:

Wednesday 25 May, 19:00-21:30

JAN 2Q2



Highlights

Hearing on the new exceptional market measures limiting milk production



AGRI is organising a hearing on the new exceptional market measures limiting milk production on 25 May from 19.00 to 21.30 in room JAN2Q2. In addition to Hans van Hoogeveen, Vice-minister for Agriculture of the Netherlands and Joost Korte, Deputy Director-General in DG AGRI at the European Commission, five experts have been invited to address Members and reply to their questions: Mansel Raymond of COPA, Tommaso Mario Abrate of COGECA, Romuald Schaber of the European Milk Board, Michel Nalet of the European Dairy Association and Isabel Vilalba of Via Campesina.

Exchange of views with Commissioner Phil Hogan



Commissioner Phil Hogan, responsible for Agriculture and Rural Development, will address AGRI Members on 24 May at 15.00 (in room JAN 4Q2) in the framework of the "structured dialogue" foreseen in the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the Commission. Likely topics to be addressed include tools to address the ongoing crisis in agriculture, measures to guarantee a fair and functioning food supply chain, the consequences of international trade agreements on the European agriculture model and the role of agriculture in the circular economy.



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Contribution of the structural funds to investing in jobs and growth



The Commission will present its opinion on "Investing in jobs and growth - maximising the contribution of European Structural and Investment Funds: an evaluation of the report under Article 16(3) of the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)". AGRI has decided to draw up an opinion on an own-initiative implementation report to be adopted by the Committee on Regional Development (REGI). Mrs Viorica Dăncilă (S&D) was appointed rapporteur for this opinion (Presentation on 24 May following the debate with the Commissioner).

Work in progress

Organic farming: update on ongoing trilogue negotiations



The EP rapporteur for the proposal for a new regulation on organic farming, Martin Häusling (Greens, DE), will report once more to AGRI Members on ongoing trilogue negotiations. The 6th trilogue took place on 12 May in Strasbourg. This was the 4th trilogue under the Dutch Presidency. This update will be the last item on the agenda on 24 May.

Votes on 24 May

Election of a new 2nd Vice-Chair



AGRI Members will elect on 24 May at 15.00 their new second Vice-Chair in replacement of Janusz Wojciechowski, who has left his seat in the European Parliament after having been appointed at the European Court of Auditors.



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