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Monday 20 June, 15:00-18:30 - JAN 4Q2

Tuesday 21 June, 09:00-12:30 and  
15:00-18:30

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## Highlights

### Improving European Plant Protein Supplies: hearing



The AGRI Committee is organising a hearing on "Improving European Plant Protein Supplies" on 21 June from 15.00h to 17.00h. Five experts have been invited to address Members and reply to their questions: Prof. Dr. Bernhard C. Schäfer of the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences in Germany, Dr. Andrzej Gąsowski of the Institute of Political Science of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Poland, Matthias Krön of the Danube Soya Association in Austria, Maria Pelletier of Moulin Marion (France) and David Mc Naughton of Soya UK (United Kingdom).

### Debate with Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy



Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, will discuss on 21 June at 09.00h with AGRI Members the role of agriculture in climate change mitigation in the light of ongoing work on the implementation of the 2030 targets for sectors not included in the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) such as agriculture, which are part of the so-called Effort Sharing Decision (ESD). The European Commission is carrying out an ex-post evaluation of the ESD performance since its entry into force in 2009 with a view to prepare a legislative proposal to continue the ESD after 2020 within the 2030 Climate and Energy Framework.



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## Risk management tools implemented by Member States: study presentation



Isabel Bardají and Jose Maria Sumpsi from the Research Centre for the Management of Agricultural and Environmental Risks (CEIGRAM) and Tomas Garcia Azcarate from the Institute of Economics, Geography and Demography (CSIC) will present a study on the risk management tools implemented by Member States (20 June at 15.00h). This study aims at reviewing the implementing arrangements adopted by the EU Member States with regard to the risk management provisions in the agricultural sector and suggests future CAP developments related to risk management in order to deal more effectively with income uncertainties and market volatility.

## 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 9th trilogue took place on 16 June in Brussels. This was the 7th trilogue under the Dutch Presidency. This update will be the last item on the agenda on 21 June.

### Minimum Standards for the Protection of Farm Rabbits: working document



Stefan Eck (GUE/NGL, DE) will present a working document on minimum standards for the protection of farm rabbits, which raises concerns about the animal welfare standards applied in this sector, for instance the cramped conditions in which they are sometimes housed in so-called 'battery cages'. The presentation marks the first opportunity for Members to air their views in view of a draft own-initiative report to be presented by the rapporteur in September.

### Delegated acts : Commission presentation on recent and upcoming acts



The Commission is going to present the state of play on recent and upcoming delegated acts in the field of agriculture. Given the number of acts concerned, due partly to the ongoing agricultural crisis, Members are eager to have the latest information on the timing, content and expected or observed effects of these delegated acts.



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## Next committee meeting

13 July (09.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30) and 14 July (09.00-12.30) - Brussels

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