



DRAFT PROGRAMME

Hearing on "The future of the sugar market after the abolition of sugar quotas in 2017"

13 July 2016, 16-18.30, Brussels

Room: PHS 3 C 50

16.00 - 16.05 Welcome by **Mr Czesław Siekierski**, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Part 1: "The sugar market situation and possible changes following the abolition of quotas"

16.05- 17.20 **Mr. Helmut Bleckwenn** - *Chairman of the North German Umbrella Association of Sugar Beet Growers*
"The end of quotas: will it help or harm the European producers?"

Mr. Jose Ignacio Senovilla - *Secretary for Agriculture at UPA (Union of Small Farmers - Spain)*
"How to maintain sustainable and balanced development post quota?"

Mr. Pekka Myllymäki - *Chairman of the MTK Sugarbeet Committee at the Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners of Finland*
"The Agreements within the trade"

Ms Laura Girol, *Executive Director, ESRA (European Sugar Refineries Association)*
"The impact on the sugar refining sector"

Q & A session

Part 2: "The abolition of sugar quotas: how the EU can deal with the possible social and environmental impact."

17.20- 18.25 **Ms. Pascale Giry** - *Director of EU Affairs at Saint Louis Sucre*
"Will a new European policy guarantee a coherent link with the international market?"

Mr. Giovanni Tamburini - *President of Unionzucchero (Italian Union of sugar producers) and Vice President of Cooperative beet producers*
"EU operators and Institutions towards the future challenges faced by the sector"

Mr. Krzysztof Nykiel - *President of the Board of Directors of the National Union of Sugar beet planters (Poland)*
"Market liberalization: will it ensure a fair cooperation between the parties of the food chain?"

Q & A session

18.25 - 18.30 Closing remarks by **Mr Czesław Siekierski**, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development