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Meeting of:
Tuesday 30 August
09:00-12:30 and 15:00-18:30
Room JAN 4Q2



Highlights

Milk/fruit and vegetables: Commission update on crisis package



Commission representatives will update Members and answer their questions on the draft delegated acts relating to the so-called “crisis package” for the milk and livestock sector announced in July. They will also present a state-of-play concerning the delegated regulation laying down further temporary exceptional support measures for producers of certain fruit and vegetables.

Votes

2017 EU budget: adoption of AGRI opinion, budget amendments & pilot projects



Following the AGRI vote in May on the EP mandate for the trilogue on the 2017 budget, Members will vote on 30 August at 09h00 on the opinion drafted by Peter Jahr (EPP, DE) in view of the EP resolution to be adopted by the Plenary at the end of October. 62 amendments have been tabled. Members will also vote on the budgetary amendments and proposals for pilot projects tabled as part of the budgetary procedure.



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Work in progress

Investing in jobs and growth: consideration of draft opinion



Ms Viorica Dăncilă (S&D, RO) will present her draft 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) ". This draft opinion focuses on the implementation of the new European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. REGI, the Regional Affairs Committee is the lead Committee on that own-initiative implementation report.

Price volatility in agricultural markets: consideration of amendments



Nearly, 400 amendments have been tabled to the draft own initiative report by Ms Angélique Delahaye (EPP, FR) on price volatility in agricultural markets, highlighting Members' interest for this sensitive issue. The rapporteur has requested a debate in order to identify the possibilities to achieve a high number of compromise amendments and secure support from a large majority of members in the AGRI vote provisionally planned for November.

Annual report on EU competition policy: exchange of views



The level of concentration of large retailers in the EU is adversely affecting farmers and is resulting in growing imbalances of power between them and the companies buying their products. Farmers are often the victims of unfair and uncompetitive trading practices in the food supply chain. Member will exchange views with their rapporteur, Mr Michel Dantin (EPP, FR), in view of a draft opinion on the Annual Report on EU Competition Policy to be submitted to ECON, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

Responsible ownership and care of equines



Members we will hold a first exchange of views on the draft own initiative report on "Responsible ownership and care of equines", for which Ms Julie Girling (ECR, UK) is the rapporteur. There are a number of serious equine welfare challenges across the EU, including overpopulation, irresponsible breeding, illegal trading, fly grazing, poor levels and overuse of transportation, and inhumane slaughter. The aim of this report is to call on the Commission and express a wish to see the dissemination of guidance to promote responsible ownership and care of equines.



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