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Meeting of:

5 December 2016,
15.00 – 18.30 - room JAN 6Q2



Highlights

EU financial framework review and “Omnibus” proposal



AGRI Members will hold an exchange of views with their co-rapporteurs, Albert Dess (EPP, DE) and Paolo De Castro (S&D, IT) on the Commission proposal on the review of the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and amending a number of sectorial regulations. This so-called “Omnibus proposal” contains amendments to the 4 basic CAP Regulations (direct payments, rural development, the single Common Market Organisation (CMO) and financial and other horizontal issues) as well as to the 2014 Regulation on expenditure in animal and plant health sectors. This proposal has been attributed to the Committee on Budgets (BUDG) as the lead committee but AGRI has requested an associated committee status for the Provisions falling under its exclusive competence.

Promotion: Commission presentation of annual programme and call for proposals



A Representative for the Commission’s Directorate General for Agriculture (DG AGRI) will present to AGRI Members the 2017 work programme defining strategic priorities for promoting EU agricultural products as well as the results of the call for proposal selecting beneficiaries under the 2016 programme. Both programmes have been adopted in accordance with the 2014 Regulation on promotion which provides for a €200 million budget for promotion actions until 2019.

Work in progress

Farmland concentration in the EU: how to facilitate the access to land for farmers



Fair access to land and agriculture for small to medium scale family agriculture is the basis for lively rural areas in Europe and a condition for the creation of employment. AGRI has decided to prepare an initiative report on this issue and Maria Noichl (S&D, DE) was appointed rapporteur. A first exchange of views took place on 12 October. Ms Noichl will now present her draft report.

Including agriculture and forestry into the EU's 2030 climate change objectives



Members will have a first exchange of views with their rapporteur, Elisabeth Köstinger (EPP, AT) and a Commission representative, on the proposal related to the inclusion of agriculture and forestry in the so-called LULUCF sectors (for land use, land-use change and forestry) into the Union's climate policy framework. This proposal has been attributed to the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) as the committee responsible but AGRI has requested a joint committee status.

EU's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for 2021-2030



AGRI Members will have a first exchange of views with the Commission on its proposal setting greenhouse gas emission reduction targets in the Member States for the 2021-2030 period. This proposal was allocated to the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) as committee responsible. AGRI was appointed as opinion giving committees given that the agricultural and forestry sectors will now be taken into account when setting those objectives. Nicola Caputo (S&D, IT) has been appointed rapporteur.

Next committee meeting

9 January (15.00-18.30)

25 January (09.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30)

26 January (9.00-12.30)

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