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Meeting of: Monday 25 September 2017 15.00 - 18.30

Room: PHS 1A002



Highlights

Hearing: A comparative analysis of global agricultural policies. Lessons for Europe?



The AGRI Committee is organising on 25 September at 15h00 a hearing on "A comparative analysis of global agricultural policies: Lessons for Europe?". Ahead of the Commission's Communication on the CAP post 2020, Members felt it useful to discuss the Common Agricultural Policy by comparing it to other agricultural models in the US, Canada, Australia and other parts of the world. Invited experts include: Professor Thia Hennessy, of the Cork University Business School (Ireland); Professor Erik Mathijs, of the University of Leuven in Belgium; and Mr Joshua Anderson, Head of EU Affairs at Meat and Livestock Australia in Brussels.

Presentation on the European Soya Declaration



Hungarian Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Istvan Nagy, and German Ministry Director for Food and Agriculture, Clemens Neumann, will present the *'European Soya Declaration'* put forward by Hungary and Germany at the Agriculture Council of 12 June last. This declaration supports increased production of legume crops, in particular soybeans, as a contribution to the development of more sustainable and resilient agricultural systems in Europe. The discussion is aimed to feed into the own-initiative report by Jean-Paul Denanot (S&D, FR) on a European Strategy for the promotion of protein crops.

Commission's DG AGRI activity report 2016 on CAP performance: presentation



Members will have a discussion with Jerzy Plewa, Director General for Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission (DG AGRI), on the DG's "Annual Activity Report 2016 – CAP performance" report. The report details achievements, initiatives taken and the financial and human resources spent during 2016 and is an important element in the budgetary discharge procedure.

Work in progress

EU financial framework review ('omnibus proposal'): update on trilogue negotiations



The rapporteur for the agricultural part of the "Omnibus" proposal (Financial Rules Applicable to the General Budget of the Union), Albert Deß (EPP, DE), will update Members on the ongoing trilogue negotiations with the Council and the Commission. The second trilogue on the agricultural elements of this proposal took place on 7 September.

Next committee meeting

2 October 2017, 19:00 - 21:00 Strasburg 9 October 2017, 15.00 - 18.30 10 October 2017, 9.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30 Brussels

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