

## Newsletter

### 8th legislature - Issue No 3/2018

Meeting of:  
Wednesday 21 February 2018,  
9.00 – 12.30 and 15.00 – 18.30

Thursday 22 February  
9.00 – 12.30

Room: JAN 4Q1

Brussels



## Highlights

### Special Report of Court of Auditors on Greening



European Court of Auditors (ECA) Member Samo Jereb will present to AGRI Members the findings of an ECA Special Report on Greening, which examines whether or not this new scheme introduced by the 2013 CAP Reform has actually had a positive impact on the environment and climate mitigation. The report also makes some recommendations for improving the scheme.

### Exchange of views with Budget Commissioner Oettinger on Next MFF



Given that the total funding dedicated to the CAP in the next Multiannual Financial Framework has implications for the design of the policy after 2020, Members are expected to question Commissioner Oettinger on the future size of the CAP budget, especially in the context of Commission's June 2017 Reflection Paper which presented several scenarios for the future of EU finances - of which all but one implied cuts to the CAP budget.

### Delegated act on designations of origin and labelling in the wine sector



The Commission will present a draft delegated act on applications for protection of designations of origin, geographical indications and traditional terms in the wine sector. The draft act, which has been under discussion at the expert group on wine for more than a year, is expected to be adopted by the Commission in June.

## Work in progress

### Dual quality of products in the single market



Momchil Nekov (S&D, BG) will present his draft opinion on the question of dual quality of products in the Single Market. At stake is the issue of products sold under the same brand sometimes being of lower quality in Member States that joined the EU after 2004, compared to “older” Member States. This situation is problematic for consumers, but is also of interest to farmers who provide the input for the products in question and are often contractually bound to the companies involved. The opinion will provide input for an initiative report drawn up by the IMCO Committee.

### A European one health action plan against antimicrobial resistance (AMR)



Matt Carthy (GUE/NGL, IE) will present his draft opinion on another topical issue - the fight against antimicrobial resistance and, in particular, the Action Plan unveiled by the Commission in 2017. The rapporteur calls in his draft for legislative solutions to help farmers reduce the use of antimicrobials in livestock farming and insists that such solutions address prophylactic and metaphylactic use. Lead committee ENVI is drawing up an own initiative report on this topic.

## Votes

### European strategy for the promotion of protein crops



Members will vote on Jean-Paul Denanot's (S&D, FR) own initiative report on the promotion of protein crops, for which 339 amendments were tabled and 34 compromise amendments negotiated ahead of the vote. In the meantime, the European Commission has announced its intention to present an "EU Protein Plan" by the end of 2018.

### Situation and future prospects for the sheep and goat sectors in the EU



The following vote will be on another draft own initiative report, in this case by Esther Herranz Garcia (EPP, ES) on the future of the sheep and goat sectors. The rapporteur has negotiated 26 compromise amendments; Members had previously tabled 386 amendments to the rapporteur's draft.

## Next committee meetings

27 February, 15.00 – 17.30 (Brussels)

12 March, 19.00 – 20.30 (Strasbourg)

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