

Newsletter

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Meeting of:
Monday 23 April
15.00 – 18.30

Tuesday 24 April
9.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 18.00

Room: JAN 4Q2

Brussels



Highlights

Meeting with national parliaments on the future of food and farming



The whole of Tuesday afternoon will be dedicated to a debate with national MPs on the future shape of the Common Agriculture Policy, as set out in the 'Future of Food and Farming' Communication adopted last November. AGRI Chair Czesław Siekierski, Commissioner Phil Hogan and Bulgarian Minister Rumen Porodzanov from the Council Presidency will open the proceedings, at which almost 60 national MPs will participate.

European Court of Auditors (ECA) report on Basic Payment Scheme



European Court of Auditors (ECA) Member João Figueiredo will present to AGRI Members the findings of an ECA Special Report on the Basic Payment Scheme, which examines what impact this scheme introduced by the 2013 CAP Reform had on farmers and the EU and to what extent it has actually achieved its objectives. The report also makes some recommendations for improving the scheme.

ECA briefing paper on the future CAP



Following on, Mr Figueiredo will also present a briefing paper prepared by the ECA on the CAP post-2020. The paper constitutes the ECA's response to the Commission Communication of November 2017 on the future of food and farming and formulates a set of criteria for assessing the future CAP.

Work in progress

Harnessing globalisation: trade aspects



Karin Kadenbach (AT, S&D) will present to AGRI colleagues a draft opinion which focuses on the main aspects of globalisation which influence the agriculture sector. These include the development of the multilateral trading system as embodied by the WTO, future FTA partners and negotiation mandates, Market Access Strategies, trade defence instruments and foreign direct investment. The draft opinion will feed into an INTA own initiative report on "Harnessing globalisation: trade aspects".

2019 budget - trilogue mandate



The AGRI draftsman for the 2019 budgetary procedure, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso (EPP, ES) will present his draft opinion on the mandate for this year's budgetary trilogue. This opinion will contribute to an EP resolution prepared by the BUDG committee as a first reaction to the 2019 draft budget, due to be presented by the Commission at the end of May. Agriculture currently accounts for approximately 38% of the EU budget.

Integrated farm statistics



On 11 April the three main EU institutions reached an agreement on the Integrated Farm Statistics (IFS) regulation at a third trilogue held on this file. Rapporteur Gabriela Zoană (S&D, RO) will therefore report back to fellow AGRI Members on the outcome of the negotiations.

