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Meeting of:

Monday 9 July

15.00 – 18.30

Tuesday 10 July

9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30

Room: ASP 3G3

Brussels



Highlights

Exchange of views with Juliane Bogner-Strauß, Austrian Federal Minister for Women, Families and Youth, on the priorities of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union



Juliane Bogner -Strauß , Minister for Women, Families and Youth replacing Elisabeth Köstinger Minister of Sustainability and Tourism of Austria, will present the priorities of the Austrian Presidency of the EU. These, among others include the proposal for the directive on Unfair Trading Practices on which intensive work has already started under the Bulgarian Presidency, the preparation of the CAP reform and the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

Exchange of views with Bernhard Url, Executive Director of EFSA



AGRI Members will exchange views with the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority, Dr Bernhard Url. The Executive Director will first present EFSA's current activities, including its recent publications on antimicrobial resistance and neonicotinoides. The new General Food Law proposed by the Commission, the impact of BREXIT on food safety, as well as EFSA's role in assessing Plant Protection Products being placed on the market are expected to be among the topics to be discussed.

Assessing reciprocity of Standards - Presentation by Annalisa Zezza (Council for Agricultural Research and Economics - CREA (Italy)) and Jo Swinnen (Center for European Policy Studies - CEPS (Belgium))



The two experts will present the study: "Agricultural trade assessing reciprocity of Standards", which aims to provide an assessment of the application of the reciprocity principle in EU agricultural trade at global level. The findings of this study strongly suggest that the regulatory frameworks at a worldwide level are getting more aligned.

Technical presentation by the Commission on the legislative financial statement for the proposals on the Common Agricultural Policy for post 2020



Director Georg Haeusler from DG AGRI, responsible for the budget and financial management of EAGF and EAFRD will deliver a technical presentation on the legislative financial statement for the proposals on the Common Agricultural Policy for post 2020. In his presentation he will explain the figures on which the new CAP proposals are based and the methodology used to obtain those figures.

Votes

Equivalence of field inspections carried out in Brazil (on fodder plant seed-producing crops and cereal seed-producing crops, and of fodder plant seed and cereal seed produced in Brazil) and in Moldova (on cereal seed-producing crops, vegetable seed-producing crops and oil and fibre plant seed-producing crops, and cereal seed, vegetable seed and oil and fibre plant seed produced in Moldova)



The Chair will announce, according Rule 50§2 of the Parliament's Rules of Procedure, that the report is deemed adopted since no objections were received by the deadline set out by the secretariat. Therefore no vote will be necessary.

Provisional agreement on proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of medicated feed and repealing Council Directive 90/167/EEC



Members will vote on the provisional agreement on the proposal for regulation on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of medicated feed. On 19 June the AGRI Rapporteur, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García (S&D, ES) attended the second and final successful trilogue. This technical file is closely linked to the proposal for the regulation on Veterinary Medicinal Products for which the ENVI committee is the lead committee.

Work in progress

First exchange of views on the three proposals for the CAP reform



The three rapporteurs for the CAP reform package, just appointed by the Political Groups: Esther Herranz Garcia (EPP, ES) (Strategic Plans Regulation), Ulrike Müller (ALDE, DE) (Horizontal Regulation) and Eric Andrieu (S&D, FR) (CMO) will present their initial positions. This will be the first exchange of views in AGRI following the official transmission by the Commission of the three proposals.

Unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain



Members will discuss the draft report by Paolo De Castro (S&D, IT) on the proposed directive on Unfair Trading Practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain. The Commission proposal's declared purpose is to contribute to a fair standard of living for the agricultural community. The Austrian Presidency has listed it as one of its main priorities. Negotiations with Parliament are thus expected to start in autumn with the goal of reaching an agreement by the end of the year.

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019 - all sections



The AGRI rapporteur for the 2019 budgetary procedure, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso (EPP, ES), will present his draft opinion on the draft budget for the year 2019 proposed by the European Commission at the end of May. Members will have the possibility to table amendments to this draft opinion, as well as budgetary amendments aiming to change the figures of the draft budget. The vote on these amendments is going to take place on 29 August.

Next committee meetings

29 August 2018, 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30 (Brussels)

30 August 2018, 9.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)

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