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Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

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## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### Hearing on

**"Models of cooperation to strengthen farmers' position in the food chain -  
with a particular focus on the dairy sector"**

**5 November 2018, 15.00 – 17.30, Brussels**

**Room J. Antall (JAN) 4Q1**

**15.00 - 15.10** Welcome by **Mr Czesław Siekierski**, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

<b>PANEL I: Current situation and challenges in the dairy sector</b>
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**15.10 - 15.25** **Dr Robert Zampieri**, Director of Bergmilch Südtirol, Italy  
*"The role of cooperative processors for small-scale dairy farms in mountain areas"*

**15.25 - 15.40** **Mr William Irvine**, Dairy Committee Chair of the Ulster Farmers Union, United-Kingdom  
*"Brexit - What it means for Northern Ireland Dairying"*

**15.40 - 16.20** *Question & Answer session*

<b>PANEL II: Models of cooperation beyond the dairy sector</b>
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**16.20 - 16.35** **Mr Domenico Annicchiarico**, CEO of the agricultural cooperative society Pomgrana, Italy  
*"Concrete examples of models of cooperation"*

**16.35 - 16.50** **Mr Michiel van Galen**, Expert on Economics of markets and supply chains, innovation and competition, LEI Wageningen UR, The Netherlands  
*"Producer organisations, cooperatives and interbranch organisations as a means of strengthening farmers' position. Insights from recent studies."*

**16.50 - 17.25** *Question & Answer session*

**17.25 - 17.30** Closing remarks by **Mr Czesław Siekierski**, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development