



#### **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development**

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Meeting of:

Monday 12 November 19.30 – 22.30

Room: Louise Weiss S1.4

Strasbourg



## **Highlights**

#### Presentation by the Commission on the current situation in the sugar market



Representatives from the Commission (DG AGRI) will present to the Members the current situation in the sugar sector and the measures taken or envisaged by the Commission to support EU producers most affected by the current sugar price crisis, combined with very low yields of sugar beet in several Member States this season.

#### Presentation by the Commission on imports of rice from Cambodia and Myanmar



At the invitation of the AGRI Committee, a representative of the Commission (DG AGRI) will provide Members with information concerning the state of play and findings of the ongoing safeguard investigation concerning imports of indica rice from Cambodia and Myanmar, which have been a serious source of concern for EU rice producers and contributed to disrupting the market for this product

#### **Votes**

#### The state of the debate on the Future of Europe



Members will start the voting session with a vote on the draft opinion prepared by Mr Ivan Jakovčić (ALDE, HR) to the initiative report of the AFCO Committee concerning the state of the debate on the Future of Europe. 97 amendments have been tabled, and the rapporteur has negotiated 10 compromise amendments.

#### **European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund**



Members will vote on the draft opinion on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund (ERDF-CF). In total 133 amendments have been tabled and the rapporteur, Mr James Nicholson (ECR, UK), has negotiated 13 compromise amendments.

#### **Common provisions Regulation**



Members will also vote on the draft opinion on the Common Provision Regulation for the next programming period. In total 187 amendments have been tabled by our committee to the initial Commission proposal. Following a fruitful cooperation between the rapporteur, Ms Maria Gabriela Zoană (S&D, RO), and the shadow rapporteurs, 4 compromise amendments have been negotiated.

# Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement



Members will conclude the voting session with two votes on the association agreement between the EU and the Kingdom of Morocco. The draft opinions were prepared by Mr Michel Dantin (EPP, FR). The first vote will be on the draft opinion to the INTA Committee motion for a resolution accompanying the consent report and the second vote on the INTA consent report itself. Members tabled 62 amendments to the draft opinion on the motion for a resolution, and Mr Dantin negotiated 6 compromise amendments. The second vote will be on the consent procedure, where Members can only vote in favour or against the EP giving consent.

# **Next committee meetings**

21 November 2018, 9.00 - 12.30 and 14.30 - 18.30 (Brussels)

22 November 2018, 9.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)

3 December 2018, 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)

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