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## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

### **Joint hearing on**

### **"Leader experiences- lessons learned and effectiveness of EU funds for rural development"**

**Thursday 22 November 2018, from 10.00 to 12.30**

**Brussels, Room PHS P1A002**

10.00 - 10.10 10 min	<b>Opening remarks and introduction:</b>  <b>Dr. Inge Gräble</b> , Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control, <b>Paolo De Castro</b> , Vice-Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
10.10 - 10.20 10 min	<b><u>First part: Institutional and government perspective</u></b>  <b>What indicators for rural development for monitoring and evaluation?</b> <b>The specific achievements of Leader.</b>  <b>Josefine Loriz-Hoffmann</b> , Director, European Commission, DG AGRI
10.20 - 10.30 10 min	<b>Tracking overall inputs and outputs in rural development. How can we measure the added value of the Leader programme in the future?</b>  <b>João Figueiredo</b> , Member of the European Court of Auditors

10.30 - 10.40 10 min	<p><b>The global impact of rural development programmes in rural areas</b></p> <p><b>Alistair Prior</b>, Head of Rural Network Support Unit, Rural Economy and Communities, Scottish Government</p>
10.40 - 11.10 30 min	<p><b>Questions, replies, debate</b></p>
11.10 - 11.30 2 x 10 min	<p><b><u>Second part: Stakeholder perspective</u></b></p> <p><b>Local partnerships for rural development and innovation</b></p> <p><b>Maria João Botelho</b>, President of the European LEADER Association for Rural Development (ELARD)  <b>Riccardo Fargione</b>, Copa-Cogeca</p>
11.30 - 11.50 2 x 10 minutes	<p><b>Lessons from the past – how to improve LEADER in the future</b></p> <p><b>Robert Lukesch</b>, LEADER Evaluator  <b>Paul Soto</b>, Senior Policy Expert at the Contact Point of the European Network for Rural Development</p>
11.50 - 12.20 30 min	<p><b>Questions, replies, debate</b></p>
12.20 - 12.30 10 min	<p><b>Conclusion by Dr. Inge Gräßle</b>, Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control, and by <b>Clara Eugenia Aguilera García</b>, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development</p>