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09.00 – 12.30

15.00 – 17.30

Brussels

Room: JAN 4Q1



Highlights

Exchange of views on the issue of patentability of plants with a view to submitting a written statement to the Enlarged Board of Appeal of the European Patent Office (case G3/19)



Members will discuss the issue of patentability of plants in view of a recent EPO decision, which maintained that it is possible to grant patents on plants. This decision was received with disappointment by many stakeholders, given earlier statements that it had never been the intention, under the existing EU legislation (Directive 98/44/EC), to grant patents on natural traits that are introduced into plants by means of essentially biological processes. The EPO's President has requested a final judgement from EPO's Enlarged Board of Appeal. Third parties are entitled to submit written statements to the Enlarged Board of Appeal, by 1 October 2019.

Exchange of views with Jari Leppä, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry on the priorities of the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union



Finland took over the reins of the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union from Romania on July 1 and will be at the helm until the end of this year. Mr Jari Leppä, Minister for Agriculture and Forestry of Finland, will present the priorities of the Finnish Presidency, followed by an exchange of views with members.

Votes

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections - Adoption of draft opinion and budget amendments and pilot projects



Members will hold two votes concerning the 2020 EU budget. Firstly, they are going to vote on the draft opinion prepared by Paulo De Castro (SD, IT), rapporteur for this year's budgetary procedure, on the draft budget proposed by the European Commission. 53 amendments have been tabled to this draft opinion.

Secondly, Members are going to vote on budgetary amendments aiming to modify the figures of the draft budget. These amendments include pilot projects and preparatory actions. This year, 44 such budgetary amendments have been tabled, out of which 9 concern pilot projects and preparatory actions.

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25 September 2019, 09.00 - 12.30 and – 14.30 - 18.30

26 September 2019, 09.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)

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