

## Newsletter

### 9th legislature - Issue No 07/2019

Wednesday 4 December  
9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30  
Brussels - Room JAN 6Q2

Thursday 5 December  
9:00 – 13:00  
Brussels - Room PHS 3C050



## Highlights

### Public Hearing on "The reform of the Common Agriculture Policy"



On 4 December, the AGRI Committee will organise a public hearing on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). This meeting will take place during the current legislative work on the CAP beyond 2020. It will address the components of the CAP reform package, as amended by the AGRI Committee, which might be appropriate for further consideration. The hearing will be divided in three panels relating to, respectively, the Strategic Plans; the Financing, Management and Monitoring of the CAP, and the Common Organisation of the Markets.

### Presentation of a study on "The EU farming employment: current challenges and future prospects"



This research project will be presented to AGRI Members on 5 December. It outlines the current trends and patterns of farming employment at regional, national and European level and discusses possible development paths for the European agricultural labour force. The role and performance of the CAP with regard to maintaining agricultural and rural employment and improving farmers' working conditions is also to be discussed, building on a comprehensive literature review and in-depth case studies. The presentation will be followed by a debate with Members.

### Public Hearing on "Revaluation of the wolf population in the EU"



On 5 December, the PETI-ENVI-AGRI Committees will organise a public hearing on the Revaluation of the wolf population in the EU. For decades, the wolf was regarded as strongly endangered in Europe. Its population is now recovering in many areas of the continent due, among other things, to favourable legislation and changes in the habitat.

The hearing will be divided into three panels - *"Analysis of the wolf population in the EU"*, *"Legal framework and international obligations"* and the *"Impact of the wolves' population on the environment and rural communities"*.

## Works in progress

### 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Commission



As was the case in previous years, AGRI is giving an opinion on the discharge for the EU general budget for the preceding year (2018). Given that agriculture represents a large share of the EU budget, it is appropriate that our committee scrutinises on how these funds are spent. The AGRI draftsman for the 2018 Commission discharge is Mr Attila Ara-Kovács (S&D, HU).

## Competition policy - annual report 2019



Since 2016, the AGRI Committee has prepared an opinion to the ECON INI report based on the Commission's annual report on the competition policy of the EU. The work on these opinions has paved the way for AGRI's contribution to a number of important files such as the Omnibus Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2017/2393) and the Unfair Trading Practices Directive.

On 4 December, Members will discuss the draft prepared by the Rapporteur, Isabel Carvalhais (S&D, PT).

## Establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics



Ms Simone Schmiedtbauer (EPP, AT) will report from the second trilogue on the Single Market Programme, where AGRI is one of five associated committees. In the trilogue, the AGRI rapporteur emphasised the importance of definitions of the scope, funding and the means of implementation of the programme.

## Financial discipline as from financial year 2021 and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 as regards flexibility between pillars in respect of calendar year 2020



Members will discuss the proposal for so-called "*Flexibility Regulation*". This proposal is the first of two proposals from the Commission tackling the transition to the CAP post 2021. The proposal adapts the system of financial discipline and sets out a list of fixed amounts, which can be transferred from rural development to direct payments. At the request of the Commission, and considering the urgent and technical nature of the file, the committee will apply the simplified procedure (Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure).

## Next committee meetings

22 January 2020, 09.00 - 12.30 and 14h30 – 18h30

23 January 2020, 09.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)

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