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Thursday 4 February 2021

ENVI-AGRI joint meeting

9.00 – 12.00

Brussels, room Spaak 3C50

AGRI Committee meeting

13.45 – 16.00

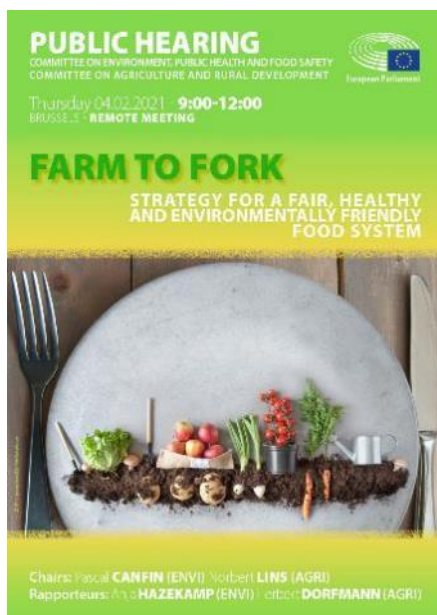
Brussels, room Spaak 1A002

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Highlights

Joint ENVI-AGRI hearing: “A Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food system”



The ENVI and AGRI Committees are co-organising a public hearing on the Farm to Fork Strategy. Academics, professional interest organisations and civil society will discuss with Members and the European Commission about the role that the Strategy is to play, its challenges and its links to and possible integration with other policies. The Farm to Fork Strategy is a key tool developed by the Commission in the framework of the European Green Deal and an opportunity to improve health and the environment, while at the same time integrating the CAP to form a comprehensive food policy.

New long-term vision for rural areas



Members are going to discuss the future of rural areas with representatives of the Committee of the Regions' Commission for Natural Resources. Rural areas are facing numerous challenges, such as demographic change, the digital gap, low-income levels and limited access to services. These challenges have intensified due to the covid-19 crisis. The on-going reform of the Common Agricultural Policy will have an impact on rural areas. The CoR representatives will present an opinion on the EU strategy for rural revival that the CoR adopted last December.

End of the derogation from Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 (food hygiene) for producing meat preparations and products, as laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/185 and promotion of local and alternative slaughter methods in line with the Farm to Fork strategy



AGRI Committee invited representatives from the European Commission, DG SANTE, for an exchange of views on the above mentioned matter. This exchange is the follow-up to the plenary debate of 15 December 2020 where the Commission confirmed legal hygiene requirements for processing poultry and lagomorph's meat. Furthermore, it aims to hear the Commission's views on the production methods of certain producers and the alignment with the F2F strategy.

Work in progress

Horizontal regulation: Ongoing trilogue negotiations



Mrs Ulrike Muller, Rapporteur of CAP FMM, will provide feedback on the current state of play and forward planning of the on-going negotiations. This mainly concerns the outcome of the 3rd Trilogue on 29 January, where some more Clusters of relevant articles were preliminarily agreed and others opened for discussion. The next Trilogue, the second under Portuguese's Presidency, is foreseen for 25 February.

CMO: Ongoing trilogue negotiations



Mr Eric Andrieu, Rapporteur for the CMO proposal, will give his feedback to the AGRI members on the outcome of the Trilogue of 27 January 2021.

The trilogue, hosted by the Council, was the first one under the Portuguese Presidency of the Council.

Next committee meetings

24 February 2021, 9.00 – 12.00 and 16.45 – 18.45 (Brussels)

4 March 2021, 9.00 – 12.00 (Brussels)

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