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16.45 – 18.45

Tuesday 16 March 2021

13.45 – 16.15 and 16.45 – 18.45

Brussels, room Paul-Henri Spaak 1A002

in visioconference



Highlights

Public Hearing on “Enabling innovation for sustainable agriculture”



The public Hearing on “Enabling innovation for sustainable agriculture” brings together different perspectives of innovation in agriculture: from the farm level to research institutes, from animal to plant production, from technological to social innovation. It will allow the Members of the AGRI Committee to hear valuable experiences to better equip them to contribute in providing pathways to a more sustainable European agriculture.

Retail alliances



At their meeting of 15 March, two years after the adoption of the Unfair Trading Practices Directive, AGRI Members will tackle again the important issue of retail alliances and market concentration. To this end, they will exchange views with Mr Grégory Besson-Moreau, Member of the French Parliament (Assemblée nationale) and rapporteur of a committee of inquiry on the matter.

Commission Strategic Foresight Communication



An exchange of views with the Vice-President of the Commission Maroš Šefčovič will take place on the 2020 Strategic Foresight Report - Charting the course towards a more resilient Europe, published by the Commission last September. The central theme of this first report is resilience, which has become a new compass for EU policies with the COVID-19 crisis.

State of play in relation to the revision of marketing standards for agricultural products:



The representative of DG AGRI will present the report published at the end of last October about the 'Evaluation of marketing standards' and the initiative from the Commission to update some of them.

Work in progress

CAP Strategic Plans: Ongoing trilogue negotiations



The 7th CAP Strategic plans trilogue took place on 11 March 2021. No agreements were reached by the co-legislators but the institutions set the framework for a possible compromise on Direct Payment and on the New Delivery Model. Sectorial support and the first provisions on Rural Development were also discussed. Next trilogue is scheduled for 26 March with the aim of reaching a compromise on points previously discussed.

Votes

Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 640/2014 as regards the rules on non-compliances in relation to the system for the identification and registration for bovine, ovine and caprine animals and on the calculation of the level of administrative penalties in respect of declared animals under animal aid schemes or animal-related support measures



Members are going to vote on a request for early non-objection to the mentioned delegated act. The procedure was triggered by a request from the Commission and was endorsed by the Coordinators. This delegated act foresees simplification in the field of direct payments and Integrated Administration and Control System, in particular concerning administrative penalties for animal related direct payment schemes. Changes shall apply in relation to aid applications, applications for support and payment claims starting as from 1 January 2021.

Next committee meetings

23 March 2021, 13.45 – 16.15 and 16.45 – 18.45
14-15 April 2021

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