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AGRI Committee meeting

Wednesday 24 January 2024, 9.00 – 12.30 and 15.00 – 18.00

Brussels
Room: ANTALL (2Q2)



Highlights

Exchange of views with Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič on the future of agriculture in the EU



The AGRI Committee will welcome Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič, EC Executive Vice-President, responsible for European Green Deal, Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight, to exchange on the questions that fall within his responsibilities.

Exchange of views with the rapporteur of the European Economic and Social Committee on 'Towards a sustainable food labelling framework to empower consumers to make sustainable food choices'

The Farm to Fork Strategy's action plan includes measures to promote sustainable food consumption and ease the shift towards healthy and sustainable diets. Labelling the origin of agricultural raw materials therefore also makes it possible to draw conclusions about their level of sustainability.

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At the end of 2022, the European Economic and Social Committee adopted the Opinion "Towards a sustainable food labelling framework to empower consumers to make sustainable food choices".

The EESC Rapporteur, Mr Andreas THURNER, will present the key elements of this Opinion.

Exchange of views with the Commission on the implementation of the EU Forest Strategy



In summer 2021, the Commission published its New Forest Strategy for 2030. This accompanied Strategy by the was announcement of several legislative proposals and initiatives. In its related Own Initiative Report, Parliament welcomed the Strategy in general, and made some specific requests, especially with regard to the accompanying measures. The Commission will report on the implementation of the Strategy and the follow-up given to Parliament requests.

Work in progress

Consideration of draft Report on the amendment to the Plant Health Regulation



Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 establishes the phytosanitary regime for the protection of the EU territory against the introduction and spread of plant pests. While it has been in force for about four years, the Commission proposes to clarify and simplify some of its provisions. The Commission also requests further power to adopt delegated and implementing acts. AGRI Rapporteur, Clara Aguilera (S&D, ES), will present and explain her draft report on this legislative proposal.

Consideration of draft report on the regulations on plant reproductive material and forest reproductive material

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AGRI Members will consider the amendments tabled to the Commission's proposal on a regulation on plant reproductive material 750 (around amendments) and a regulation on forest reproductive material (around amendments). The Commission's proposals seek to increase efficiency, reduce administrative burden and support innovation in the seeds market. Rapporteur Herbert Dorfmann (EPP, IT) aims to vote on the two legislative files in March.

Votes



AGRI Committee will adopt its opinions on the Green Claims Directive; the amendment to the 2008 Directive on waste; the 2025 Budget; the rules governing the European Medicines Agency, and the trade agreement with Kenya.

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• 12-13 February 2024 (Brussels)

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