

Newsletter

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AGRI Committee meeting

Monday 12 February 2024, 15.00 – 18.30

Tuesday 13 February 2024, 9.00 – 12.30 and
15.00 – 18.30

Brussels

Room: SPAAK (3C050)



Highlights

Exchange of views with Minister Clarinval on the priorities of the Belgian presidency in the field of agriculture



The AGRI Committee will welcome Mr David Clarinval, Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Self Employed, SMEs and Agriculture, Institutional Reforms and Democratic Renewal. Mr Clarinval will present the priorities of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the field of agriculture.

Exchange of views on Ukraine: extension of temporary trade liberalisation measures



The temporary trade liberalisation measures in favour of Ukraine will expire next June. The Commission proposes to extend them for an additional year. Because of the sharp increase in imports of Ukrainian commodities since 2022 and the resulting difficulties for EU farmers, it also proposes reinforcing the related safeguard mechanism to better respond to possible market imbalances. The AGRI Committee will consider the effectiveness of the proposed reinforced mechanism with Commission representatives.

Exchange of views with Valdis Dombrovskis: impact of EU trade agreements on agriculture



The AGRI Committee will consider the impact of EU trade agreements on agriculture with EC Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis, responsible for trade policy. The discussion will take place while the Commission's report on the matter is still pending.

Exchange of views with the Commission on the protection status of wolves



The AGRI Committee will exchange on the protection status of wolves. Last December, the Commission announced its intention to downgrade wolves from "strictly protected" to "protected" species. As a first step, the EC has proposed to adapt the protection status of the wolf under the 1979 Bern Convention, which is a prerequisite for a change in status at EU level.

Exchange of views with the European Food Safety Authority on the welfare of farmed animals



EFSA representative will present the results of the Agency's scientific opinions on the welfare of farmed animals. This discussion takes place within the framework of the ongoing revision of EU animal welfare legislation.

Exchange of views with the Commission on animal diseases: Bluetongue among sheep and cattle, African swine fever and Epizootic haemorrhagic virus in cattle herds



The Commission is invited to update the AGRI Committee on actions taken regarding recent epizootics that can cause severe economic losses for farmers, and pose significant threats to agriculture and public health.

Presentation of the study "Rural areas – levels of support and impact on competitiveness of farms", organised by Policy Department B



This study analyses how the CAP and State aid support farm competitiveness, including the role of young farmers and women. Challenges and drivers of EU farm competitiveness are identified. Key competitiveness indicators are analysed and their limitations are considered. The level of CAP support to competitiveness is assessed, with a comparison of the 2014-2022 and 2023-2027 programming periods. The study illustrates the Member States' differentiated approaches to supporting competitiveness.

The Committee listens to Farmers: exchange of views with European stakeholders



Following the recent farmers protests across Europe, the AGRI Committee will discuss the current challenges and potential solutions in European agriculture with sector representatives from Copa-Cogeca, Ceja and Via Campesina.

Work in progress

Re-attribution of scientific and technical tasks and improving cooperation among Union agencies in the area of chemicals



DG Environment will present the Commission proposal on the re-attribution of scientific and technical tasks and cooperation among Union agencies in the area of chemicals. The Commission's target is to streamline chemical safety assessments by moving towards a process of "one-substance, one-assessment".

Votes



The AGRI Committee will adopt its report on the Plant Health Law and its opinion on Soil Monitoring and Resilience.

Next committee meetings

- 26 February 2024 (Strasbourg)
- 18-19 March 2024 (Brussels)

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