

Newsletter

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AGRI Committee meeting

Monday 18 March 2024, 15.00 – 18.30

Tuesday 19 March 2024, 9.00 – 13.00

and 15.00 – 16.00 (joint TRAN/AGRI meeting) and 16.00 – 18.30

Brussels

Room: SPAAK (3C050)



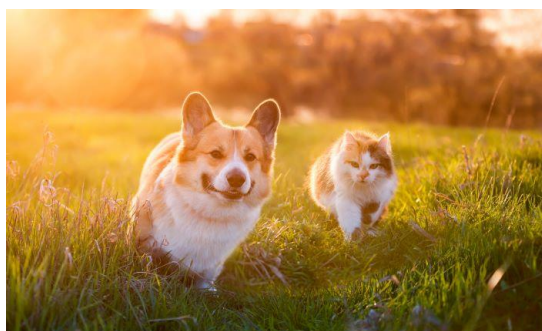
Highlights

Presentation of the study 'The dependency of the EU's food system on inputs and their sources', organised by Policy Department B



This study analyses the vulnerabilities of the EU food system regarding inputs, describing the tools to secure those inputs and make the EU less dependent on foreign suppliers. It provides recommendations for appropriate measures to increase the EU food system's resilience to disruptions in trade flows and price increases of imported inputs.

Exchange of views with the Commission on welfare of cats and dogs and their traceability



Today the Commission will present its proposal adopted on 7 December 2023. The proposal aims to create a common framework for the welfare of dogs and cats kept in establishments (including pet shops and animal shelters) and supplied in the Union with the view to prevent serious animal suffering, unfair business practices,

including fraud, and protect customers. It will introduce stricter conditions on traceability of dogs and cats and stricter rules on import of those animals.

Exchange of views with the Commission on the EU Code of Conduct on responsible food business and marketing practices



The EU Code of Conduct on responsible food business and marketing practices entered into force in July 2021 and today counts 141 signatories. The objective of this voluntary initiative of the food manufacturers, wholesale and retail, and hospitality and food service sector is to accelerate the transition to sustainable food systems. DG SANTE will present the results of a mapping study carried out whereby the various commitments by the signatories were mapped against these objectives.

Exchange of views with the Commission on Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specific hygiene requirements for mobile slaughterhouses



The exchange of views will cover the presentation of the European Commission and will focus on expanding the conditions for slaughtering livestock on farms through mobile facilities.

Exchange of views with Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski on the recent simplification package for farmers



Commissioner Wojciechowski will present today the recent Commissions' initiatives related to simplification and reduction of the administrative burden for farmers. Several actions were already announced, including the recent legislative proposal amending the CAP strategic plans and FMM regulations. An amendment to the delegated act on GAEC 1 is also on the table, along with a delegated act on some provisions of the FTA with New Zealand. After the recent farmers' protest

across Europe in the recent weeks, this exchange of views will clarify the short and medium term actions being taken by the Commission to address farmers' concerns.

Exchange of views with the Commission on the implementation of the deforestation legislation and sustainable forest management



March 21 is traditionally "Forest Day", which the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) established back in the 1970s in response to the global destruction of forests. The AGRI Committee takes this day as an opportunity to take stock of how the legislation on deforestation and the communication on "sustainable forest management" have affected the state of forests.

Exchange of views with the Commission on the annual quality assessment of Area Monitoring System and Geospatial Application System



In implementing the CAP New Delivery Model, Member States must annually assess the quality of the Area Monitoring System and the Geo-spatial Application System and remedy any deficiencies. In 2023, because of delays in the provision of a complete EU methodology and some of the data needed to perform the evaluation, many Member States had difficulties in carrying out this assessment. Moreover, many deplore the inappropriateness of the current methodology and ask the Commission to improve it. AGRI Members and EC representatives will review the issue and explore a possible follow-up to the requests of the Member States.

Joint meeting of TRAN and AGRI on protection of animals during transport and related operations



Members of the TRAN and AGRI Committees will exchange views on the Commission legislative proposal on protection of animals during transport and related operations.

**Exchange of views with the Court of Auditors on the special report 23/2023
'Restructuring and planting vineyards in the EU: unclear impact on competitiveness
and limited environmental ambition'**



The EU is the world's leading producer, consumer and exporter of wine. In 2020, there were 2.2 million wine holdings in the EU and vineyards covered about 2 % of the EU's utilised agricultural area.

On 2023 the European Court of Auditors published its report being now the moment to exchange with Ms Joelle Elvinger, member rapporteur at the ECA for this special report to present its conclusions and have an exchange of views with the AGRI committee members.

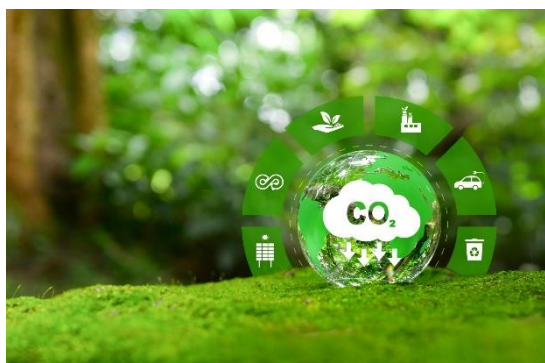
**Exchange of views with Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra on the contribution of the
agricultural sector to the Union climate objectives**



After the FitFor55 package that set the climate objectives of the Union for 2030, the Commission published a communication in February 2024 that paves the way for the extra step to reach climate neutrality by 2050 according to 1990 levels. The Commission recommends a 90% reduction by 2040 relative to 1990. Commissioner Hoekstra is to present this communication and to clarify what is expected from the agricultural sector.

Work in progress

Establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals



On 8 March, COREPER has sent the letter confirming the outcome of the inter-institutional negotiations and the consolidated text of the provisional agreement on the COD proposal for establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals to the European Parliament. On 11 March, ENVI Committee took its final vote paving the way for the adoption in the next plenary session. The AGRI rapporteur Martin HLAVACEK (Renew,

CZ), will provide his assessment of how this final position of the EP reflects AGRI opinion.

Votes



AGRI Committee will adopt its reports on forest reproductive material and plant reproductive material; its opinion on EU agencies in the area of chemicals; the inter-institutional agreement on the Plant Health Law, and an early non-objection on changes to GAEC standard 1.

Next committee meetings

- 15 April 2024 (Brussels)

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