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09.00-12.30 & 15:00-18:30

Room: PHS 1A2



Highlights

Tackling unfair trading practices in the food chain



The Commission will present its communication from July 2014 on [tackling unfair trading practices in the business-to-business food supply chain](#). This communication encourages operators in the European food supply chain to participate in voluntary schemes aiming to promote good faith and fair dealing and to reduce practices that grossly deviate from good commercial conduct. The communication however does not foresee regulatory action at EU level.

DG AGRI seminar on the CAP reform



Representatives from the European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture (DG AGRI) will present to AGRI Members the main regulations of the 2013 CAP reform during a seminar from 15.00 to 18.00. Presentations will cover the direct payments' regulation, the regulation on the common market organisation (CMO), the rural development regulation and the horizontal regulation. Each presentation will be followed by a question and answers session.

Work in progress

A new EU forestry strategy: presentation of Commission communication



The Commission will present and debate with AGRI Members its communication on a new EU strategy for forests and the forest-based sector. Based on the concept of sustainable forest management and the multifunctional role of forests, this new strategy aims to update and replace the existing Forestry Strategy dating from 1998. The AGRI Committee intends to draw up an own-initiative report on this strategy (rapporteur: Elisabeth Köstinger, EPP, AT).

Novel foods: presentation by the Commission



A presentation by the Commission on its novel foods proposal will be followed by a debate with AGRI Members. Unlike the proposal presented in 2008, and which failed at the conciliation phase, this proposal excludes food from cloned animals from its scope. ENVI, the lead Committee, plans to adopt its report on 24 November, which means that the AGRI opinion (rapporteur: Daciana Sârbu, S&D, RO) will have to be adopted on 5/6 November.

Next committee meeting

02 October 2014 - 9.00-12.00 (room tbc): Hearing of Commissioner-designate Phil Hogan

06 October 2014 - 15.00-18.30 - Room: JAN 4Q1

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