

# AGRI NEWS

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Agriculture and Rural Development  
Newsletter

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15:00 - 18:30

Room: JAN 4Q1



## Highlights

### AGRI kick-off meeting with DG AGRI representatives



The first regular meeting of the AGRI Committee under the 8th legislature will be mainly devoted to presentations by Commission representatives of recent legislative proposals and other initiatives. The meeting will start with an exchange of views with the Commission's Director General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), Jerzy Plewa.

## Work in progress

### EU budget for 2015



Peter Jahr (EPP, DE), AGRI draftsman, will present his draft opinion on the 2015 EU budget. Council's position on the agriculture budget foresees total figures of € 59.9 billion in commitments and € 56.8 billion in payments. That would mean cuts of respectively € 48.5 million both in commitments and payments for Pillar I (direct payments), and € 1.3 million in commitments and €44.7 million in payments for Pillar II (rural development), compared to Commission figures.

#### Provisional calendar

Deadline for amendments: 25/07/2014 12.00

Adoption in committee: 03/09/2014

## School programmes: presentation of Commission proposal



The Commission will present its proposal on the aid scheme for the supply of fruit and vegetables and milk in school. This proposal aims, amongst other objectives, to reconnect children with agriculture, to increase the synergy between existing schemes and the visibility of EU action by harmonising provisions of existing schemes, and to increase spending efficiency.

## Report on the operation of producer organisations in fruit and vegetables sectors



The Commission will present its report on the implementation of provisions on producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector. The report highlights various shortcomings, such as the lack of organisation in some Member States, the very low use of crisis prevention and management instruments, the negligible expenditure for research and experimental production, as well as the complexity of rules.

## Commission report on the operation of the 'milk package'



The Commission will present its report on the development of the market situation in the milk sector and the operation of the 'milk package' adopted in 2012. The report brings forward additional elements of discussion on how best to manage the markets once the quotas have disappeared with a view to making further proposals where appropriate.

## Court of Auditors' report on supports in the wine sector



Members of the Committee will hear the Commission's reaction to the recent Court of Auditors' report on the impact of EU investment and promotion support for the competitiveness of the wine sector. This report is rather critical about the use of EU funds for investing in wine production facilities and infrastructure.



## Latest publications

### Overview of the work of the AGRI Committee during the 2009-2014 legislative term



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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

This document gives an overview of the main activities and initiatives of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development during the 7th term of the European Parliament. The beginning of that parliamentary term coincided with the completion of the Lisbon Treaty ratification process and the application of the codecision procedure, giving Parliament new powers and remits in the legislative process in this area. More information: [AGRI Overview - 7th Legislature](#)

## Next committee meeting

3 and 4 September 2014

Wednesday 3 September 09.00 - 12 and 15.00 - 18.30

Thursday 4 September 09.00 - 12.30

Room: ASP 3G3

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