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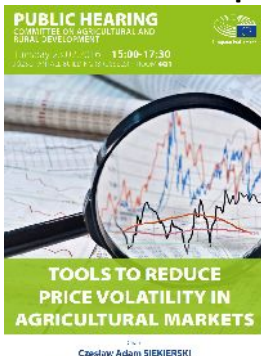
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Meeting of
Monday 22 February, 15:00-18:30 and
Tuesday 23 February 09:00-12:30 and
15:00-18:30
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Highlights

Tools to reduce price volatility in agricultural markets: hearing



The AGRI Committee is organising on Tuesday 23 February at 15.00 a hearing on how to reduce price volatility on agricultural markets in the context of the CAP, a topic which AGRI will soon be dealing with via an initiative report attributed to Angélique Delahaye (EPP, FR). Five experts have been invited to address Members and reply to their questions, including two academics (Felice Adinolfi of the University of Bologna and Jeroen Buysse of the University of Ghent), two think-tank representatives (Patrick Ferrère and Jacques Carles of SAF and Momagri respectively) and Liam Fenton, a private-sector expert who advises clients on managing volatility.

Expo Milan achievements: debate with Franz Fischler and David Wilkinson



Franz Fischler, former EU agriculture Commissioner and Chair of the EU Scientific Steering Committee for Milano Expo 2015, will present to AGRI Members the conclusions of his Committee and suggest what the EU should do to find new ways to provide knowledge to tackle food and nutrition security. David Wilkinson, the Commissioner General for the EU participation to the Expo, will for his part present an assessment of the Expo itself (Monday 22 February at 15.00).



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Work in progress

Update on ongoing trilogue negotiations



The EP rapporteur for the proposal for a new regulation on organic farming, Martin Häusling (Greens, DE), will report to AGRI Members on ongoing trilogue negotiations. Following two trilogues held under the Luxembourg Presidency of the EU in November and December 2015, works have resumed with the Dutch Presidency and a first trilogue took place on 29 January.

Secondary legislation for fruit and vegetables and wine: debate with Commission



Joost Korte, Deputy-General of the Commission's DG AGRI, will present and explain the main aspects of the delegated regulation on fruits and vegetables supplementing Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 and 1306/2013 followed by the implementing regulation on marketing standards and labelling for wine, which are currently being prepared. According to the Commission, both documents are intended to align and simplify the regulatory frameworks in their respective fields.

Votes

Animal health: vote to seal the second-reading agreement



In June 2015 the AGRI Committee approved the trilogue agreement reached with the Council on the animal health regulation in the form of a provisional text. As this agreement arrived at second-reading stage, the text had to be formally approved by the Council once finalised, before coming back to the Parliament for concluding the second-reading. In line with EP procedures, a deadline for amendments was opened and a formal vote will now take place. No amendments were tabled.

Cohesion policy in mountainous regions of the EU: adoption of opinion



143 amendments have been tabled to the draft opinion by Michel Dantin (EPP, FR) on the agricultural aspects of a non-legislative own-initiative report prepared by the Committee on Regional Development (REGI) on cohesion policy in mountainous regions of the EU. 17 compromise amendments have been negotiated among the groups with a view to ease the vote. The vote in REGI is expected to take place on 16-17 March.



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Next committee meeting

14 March (15.00-18.30) and 15 March (09.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30) -Brussels

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