

First CAP reform trilogue: statements by Parliament's chief negotiators

Ahead of Tuesday's first round of negotiations on the EU farm policy reform, the Chair of Parliament's Agriculture Committee and the three lead MEPs have issued the following statements.

Statement by [Norbert Lins \(EPP, DE\)](#), Chair of the [Agriculture Committee](#):

"I am glad that we have managed to start trilogue negotiations on the future shape of the EU farm policy so early after both the Parliament and Council approved their negotiating mandates. We need to make a significant progress during the German Presidency and I can guarantee that Parliament will approach the negotiations with an open mind. I look forward to fruitful discussions and I hope our counterparts from the Council will be willing to compromise too."

Statement by [Peter Jahr \(EPP, DE\)](#), rapporteur on the [Strategic plans regulation](#):

"The most important thing is to deliver this reform as soon as possible in order to provide clarity to member states and to our farmers. The future EU farm policy must continue to support the production of high-quality food that is also accessible and affordable for all in the EU."

"Looking at the Council's and Parliament's position, it is clear that we will have to build bridges to deliver a positive result for our farmers and citizens and for the environment. We must all be prepared to compromise if we want to reach a deal by the end of June next year."

Statement by [Eric Andrieu \(S&D, FR\)](#), rapporteur on the [Common Market Organisation regulation](#):

"Our main goal is to create effective mechanisms to prevent and better manage agricultural crises. Farmers must get a fair and stable income to carry out the green transition."

“Markets cannot self-regulate themselves, that is a myth. The European Commission must be given more power, it must become a real regulator of the agricultural sector. This goes hand in hand with regulation of the financial sector. The Commission must co-operate more with financial regulatory authorities, but also with regulators in other sectors, in particular energy.”

Statement by [Ulrike Müller \(RE, DE\)](#), rapporteur on the [Financing, management and monitoring regulation](#):

“It is up to all of us to make this Common Agricultural Policy a success. There is more at stake than just producing food. We want to deliver a CAP that is fit for the future. It is about the multifunctional role of agriculture and forestry and about the existence of family farms and concerns people who not only work but also live in the countryside, therefore helping to maintain the social fabric of rural areas, produce high quality food, and protect the environment. For this, we need the new delivery model as the cornerstone of this future CAP.”

Next steps

Following the first trilogue on 10 November that will cover all three legislative texts on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the trilateral negotiations between Parliament, the Council, and the Commission on each regulation will proceed separately. The next trilogues are provisionally scheduled for 19 November (Strategic Plans regulation), for 2 December (Common Market Organisation regulation), and for 4 December (Financing, management and monitoring regulation).

Further information

[A greener, fairer, and more robust EU farm policy \(EP press release, 23.10.2020\)](#)
[EU farm policy as approved by MEPs \(EP background note, 23.10.2020\)](#)
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