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9.00 – 12.00

Brussels, room Paul-Henri Spaak 1A002

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Highlights

Entry into force of Animal Health Law:



Coordinators of Political groups during their meeting of 24 February decided to invite the European Commission (DG SANTE) representative to the next ComAGRI meeting for an exchange of views on the date of application of Animal Health Law. As a result, Bernard Van Goethem, DG SANTE Director responsible for Crisis preparedness in the food, animals and plants portfolio will address questions from Members during the Agri Committee meeting of 4 March.

Current situation in the agricultural markets:



In 2020, the agricultural sector faced unprecedented challenges due to the Covid-19 crisis and its consequences. A representative from DG AGRI will attend the meeting to give the COMAGRI members an update on the market situation for the most important agricultural sectors.

Work in progress

Horizontal regulation: Ongoing trilogue negotiations



Ulrike Muller (DE/RE), Rapporteur of CAP FMM, reports that negotiations with the Co-legislator are proceeding according to plan: the 4th Trilogue took place on 2 March, followed by 10th ITM, in preparation of 5th Trilogue on 25 March. Of the seven clusters in total, three have been mostly closed, while two more are only partly closed and the sixth cluster has just been opened for discussion. CAP FMM is thus fully on-track to finalise the preliminary negotiations by end March, given the fact that only one Cluster remains to be opened.

CMO: Ongoing trilogue negotiations



Following the 3th trilogue which took place on 3 March, the Rapporteur for the CMO file, Eric Andrieu (S&D, FR) will give to the ComAGRI members the feedback on the progress reached during this negotiations round.

Votes

EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030: Bringing nature back into our lives



Members will vote on the AGRI opinion (under rule 57 of RoP) to ENVI INI report on EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 - Bringing nature back into our lives. AGRI MEPs have tabled 334 amendments. The Rapporteur, Isabel Carvalhais (PT/S&D) has been able to produce 18 compromises. The opinion welcomes the high level of ambition of the EU biodiversity strategy for 2030 in seeking to halt and reverse biodiversity loss in the EU. Furthermore calls on the Commission to establish an evidence-based evaluation of the implementation of the strategy's measures and targets, and stresses the key role of the common agricultural policy (CAP) in protecting and promoting farmland biodiversity.

Guidelines for the 2022 Budget - Section III



Members are going to vote on the Opinion to the BUDG report on the Guidelines for 2022 budget. AGRI Rapporteur Pina Picierno (SD, IT) managed to negotiate six compromise amendments out of 65 amendments tabled.

Next committee meetings

15 March 2021, 16.45 – 18.45

16 March 2021, 13.45 – 16.15 and 16.45 – 18.45

23 March 2021, 13.45 – 16.15 and 16.45 – 18.45

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