

## Newsletter

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9.00 – 10.30

16.45 – 18.45

Brussels, room Paul-Henri Spaak 3C050

in visioconference



## Highlights

### Study on “Challenges and opportunities for agricultural land abandonment beyond 2020”

Presentation by Dr. Bernd SCHUH (ÖIR - Austrian Institute for Regional Studies and Spatial Planning, Austria) and Dr. Thomas DAX (Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research (BAB), Austria); Study requested by the AGRI Committee, commissioned and managed by Policy Department B



This study provides an overview of the possible future evolution of land abandonment in the EU by 2030, its historical evolution and current state of play. Based on desk research and case studies, this research project carries out an analysis of the drivers and effects of the phenomenon, considers mitigating actions to be implemented through EU policies, notably the CAP, and outlines different scenarios about land use changes, using as variables climate change, the globalisation of markets and a major health crisis.

## EU agri-food promotion policy work programme of 2021 and upcoming policy review:



Mr Wolfgang Butcher, Director-General of Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development is attending the meeting for an exchange of views on the EU agri-food promotion policy work programme of 2021 and upcoming policy review expected by the end of this year.

## Work in progress

### CAP Strategic Plans: Ongoing trilogue negotiations



On 10 February 2021, the Council hosted a new trilogue on the Strategic plan. Some elements were partially agreed and technical discussion remains intensive, especially on the New Delivery Model, the scope and common requirements and also on Direct Payments provisions. Another trilogue will take place on 23 February and important progress is expected on those three blocks.

## Votes

### 2019 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Commission



Members will vote on the opinion to the CONT Committee on the Commission discharge for the financial year 2019. Given that agriculture represents a large share of the EU budget, it is appropriate that our committee closely scrutinises how these funds are spent. The AGRI draftsman for the 2019 Commission discharge is Mr Giuseppe Milazzo (EPP, IT).

**Shaping the digital future of Europe: removing barriers to the functioning of the digital single market and improving the use of AI for European consumers**



Members are going to vote on an opinion prepared by Mr Ivo Hristov (BG, SD) to the IMCO report on Digital future of Europe. The rapporteur and the members focused on the impacts and opportunities that development of new technologies will bring to the farmers and consumers of farming products.

**Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/592 on temporary exceptional measures derogating from certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council to address the market disturbance in the fruit and vegetables and wine sectors caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and measures linked to it**



Members are going to vote on a request for early non-objection to the mentioned delegated act. The procedure was triggered by an informal request from the Commission and was endorsed by the Coordinators. This delegated act aims to address difficulties in the running of the aid schemes for fruits and vegetables sector and in the wine sector, preventing further economic losses and addressing the market situation and disturbances of the functioning of the supply chain in the both sectors.

**Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1366 as regards the basis for allocating the financial contribution in the apiculture sector**



Members are going to vote on a request for early non-objection to the mentioned delegated act. The procedure was triggered by a request from the Commission, and was endorsed by the Coordinators. The Transitional regulation included a change in the amount dedicated to financing of the national apiculture programmes. The delegated act in question allows for the implementation of this change and the extension of the national apiculture programmes for the years 2021 and 2022.

## Next committee meetings

4 March 2021, 9.00 – 12.00 (Brussels)

15 March 2021, 16.45 – 18.45 (Brussels)

16 March 2021, 13.45 – 16.15 and 16.45 – 18.45 (Brussels)

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