

# EUROPEAN AGENDA: Agriculture, Livestock Farming and Fisheries

17 April - 2 June 2020

## Next meetings

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European Commission	09.06.2020 AGRI	11.06.2020 AGRI	
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European Parliament	11.06.2020 AGRI	11.06.2020 PECH	12.06.2020 PECH



The European institutions work to adopt measures in the areas of agriculture and rural development, fisheries and all aspects of the common agricultural policy (CAP).

To this effect, we point out below significant events in this agenda:

## **2 June, European Parliament Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development: future of the CAP and agricultural affairs**

Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, the Council and the commission exchanged views with Commissioner Johannes Hahn, responsible for Budget and Administration, on the new MFF proposal and the recovery plan following the outbreak of COVID-19, with particular attention to the future CAP and agricultural matters.

The Commission voted on the proposals for the approval of:

- Commission Delegate Regulation derogating, for the year 2020, from Commission Delegate Regulation (EU) 2017/891, as regards the fruit and vegetables sector, and from Commission Delegate Regulation (EU) 2016/1149, as regards the wine sector, due to the COVID-19 pandemic

- Delegated Regulation of the Commission on temporary derogations from certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council to deal with market disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the fruit and vegetable and wine sectors, and related measures

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## **26 May, European Parliament Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development: EAFRD and EAGF**

The committee held a debate with the European Commission's Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, Wolfgang Burtscher. The discussion focused on the **COVID-19 pandemic**, its adverse effects on agriculture and the **agri-food industry** in the EU and exceptional support measures for the sector. Among the measures discussed, particular emphasis was placed on:

- The role of the EU in protecting and restoring the world's forests
- Transitional provisions for support from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF)

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## **25 May, European Parliament Committee on Fisheries: international agreements**

In the distance voting procedure the following was agreed:

- Sustainable **Fisheries Partnership Agreement** and its implementing Protocol (2020-2026) between the European Union and the **Republic of Seychelles**
- Recommendations on negotiations for a **new partnership** with the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

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[UK and North Ireland Amendments](#)

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## **20 May, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development: A new way of working for the future of agriculture**

The future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) proposes a modernised and simplified approach to enable EU agriculture to meet the constantly changing economic, social and environmental needs of a globalised world. In its [proposal](#), the European Commission sets out a vision for a more targeted, flexible and efficient CAP. To achieve this, a [new way of working](#) is vital.

### **More information**

[A new way of working future farming](#)

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## **20 May, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development: compatibility of CAP reform with the ambition of the Green Deal**

The reform of the **Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)**, proposed by the European Commission in June 2018, introduces a more flexible, performance and results-based approach that takes into account local conditions and needs, while increasing the EU's ambitions for sustainability. Based on this approach and complemented by new **CAP instruments**, the European Commission considers that the proposed reform of the CAP is compatible with the ambitions of the **Green Deal**.

At the request of the European Parliament, the European Commission today published the "[Analysis of the links between the CAP and the Green Pact](#)". This analysis examines the contribution of the proposed CAP reform to the EU's commitments on environmental, climate and biodiversity protection set out in the European Green Deal and identifies the measures needed to make the future CAP fully compatible with the Green Deal and its strategies, such as the **From Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies**.

### **More information**

[CAP reform compatibility wiith green deals ambition](#)

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## **8 May, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development: policy on promotion of agri-food products**

On 8th May the European Commission launched a [public consultation](#) on the EU's agricultural and food promotion policy. The consultation, which is part of an [overall assessment of the current policy](#), aims to gather information from citizens and stakeholders with regard to the effectiveness, efficiency and relevance of current

measures as well as their coherence with EU action in other areas and the added value of this type of policy that is being implemented on an EU level.

**More information**

[European Commission seeks feedback on promotion policy agrifood products](#)

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## **26 April, European Commission: “Trees for Children” plan, improving biodiversity and climate action goals**

On the second day of the European Commission’s conference “**Our Forests, Our Future**“, Commissioner Hogan announced the possibility of a “Trees for Children” plan to provide solutions for achieving national and European targets in line with our [Common Agricultural Policy proposals for the post-2020 period](#). The plan would focus on supporting tree planting by schoolchildren.

**More information**

[Press release – Tress kids scheme](#)

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## **29 April, European Fisheries Control Agency: Annual Report 2019**

The FCA Administrative Council approved the agency’s Annual Report for 2019. The agency supported the Member States and the European Commission in the implementation of the control system of the Common Fisheries Policy by coordinating the Joint Deployment Plans, developing specific projects related to the evaluation of compliance with the Landing Obligation (LO) and new technologies such as **Remote Electronic Monitoring** (REM) and carrying out capacity building operations within the framework of the international dimension. The functions of the European Coast Guard Cooperation enhanced the capacity of EFCA to contribute to an effective and uniform implementation of the CFP. In 2019, the agency extended operational cooperation with **EUROPOL** and **EUROJUST** in the framework of the European Multidisciplinary Platform against Criminal Threats, in the fight against illegal fishing activities.

**More information**

[EFCA Annual Report 2019](#)

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## **17 April, European Parliament Committee on Fisheries: emergency measures to help EU farmers and fishermen**

The EU adopted a series of **emergency measures** to help **farmers and fishermen affected by the coronavirus pandemic**.

During the plenary session on 17 April, MEPs approved **financial aid** for the most affected fishing and fish farming communities. Fisheries are facing logistical difficulties in ports, rising freight prices for fish products, trade restrictions with non-EU countries, price collapses, loss of markets, concerns about crew safety and limited rotation possibilities due to quarantine.

A number of emergency measures will help the sectors, including increased **possibilities for state aid and the introduction of support measures** through the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, which will be made more flexible.

### **More information**

[Covid-19: emergency measures to help EU farmers and fishermen](#)