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Meeting of:

Monday 26 September, 15:00-18:30

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Thursday 29 September, 09.00-12.30

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Highlights

Joint AGRI-FEMM meeting on Women and their roles in rural areas: exchange of views



The AGRI and FEMM (Women's rights and gender equality) Committees will jointly hold on 26 September at 15.00 a first exchange of views in the framework of the preparation of an own-initiative report on women in rural areas. This will be an opportunity for the two co-rapporteurs, Lidia Senra Rodríguez (GUE, ES) and Marijana Petir (EPP, HR) - from the AGRI and FEMM Committees respectively - to listen to the points of view of Members of both Committees before starting to draft their report.

Debate with President of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)



The President of the Community Plant Variety Office, Martin Ekvad, will present to AGRI Members on 26 September (following the joint AGRI-FEMM debate) the work of the Office. The CPVO contributes to ensuring EU food security through increased yield for crops. An Administrative Agreement was adopted between the CPVO and the European Patent Office in the interest of legal clarity as regards the legal protection of biotechnological inventions. A session with questions and answers will follow.



Work in progress

National Emission Ceilings for certain pollutants: exchange of views



Julie Girling (ECR, UK), rapporteur for ENVI, the lead committee in the Parliament, will present to AGRI Members on 29 September the outcome of the trilogue on the National Ceilings for certain pollutants (NEC Directive). AGRI had issued an opinion, with Jan Huitema (ALDE, NE) as draftsperson. Among the key issues for agriculture was the question whether methane should be included in the scope of the directive. The agreement was reached on 21 June.

Votes

Job creation in rural areas: adoption of draft report



AGRI Members will vote on 29 September at 09.00h on the draft own-initiative report by Eric Andrieu (S&D, FR) on “How can the CAP improve job creation in rural areas?” 331 amendments have been tabled to this draft, and both the FEMM and EMPL Committees have contributed opinions. Negotiations among the groups resulted in 31 compromise amendments, covering a very large part of the initial text and the two opinions.

Pests of plants: draft recommendation for second reading



AGRI Members will vote on 29 September on Council's 1st reading position on the Pests of Plants Regulation, which corresponds to the text agreed after seven trilogues in December 2015. This draft recommendation for second reading should pave the way for the agreed text to be adopted in Plenary at the end of October.

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12 October 2016, 9.00 – 12.30 and 15.00 – 18.30

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