

EU 27: How to Cope with the New Challenges of Agriculture and Rural Development?

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The Common Agricultural Policy, which was built in a European Community of 6 member states, has been reformed several times. It is now approaching an historical turning point. From an internal point of view it is confronted with the past and present heterogeneity of member states' backgrounds; with the changing expectations of Europeans concerning food, the countryside and the environment; and with a demand for competitiveness from economic actors. From an external viewpoint, agricultural and rural Europe will also have to meet several challenges - such as the increasing demand for food and non-food products.

A budgetary and political trade-off will be necessary between these sometimes contradictory demands. But before such an exercise it will be necessary to clarify our positions on our model of agriculture and food, on the importance of territorial cohesion and on the role agriculture will play in it.

9.30am – Welcome speeches

- **CHARLES FRIES**, French Ambassador to the Czech Republic
- **IRENA MOOZOVÁ**, Head of the European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic
- **PETR GANDALOVIČ**, Minister of Agriculture of the Czech Republic

A simultaneous translation in French/Czech/English will be provided.

10.00-11.30am – Round table one

What are the Europeans' ambitions for their agriculture?

Moderator: Bertrand de LARGENTAYE (Counsellor at the European Commission's delegation to the OECD and UNESCO)

10.00-10.15am – The challenges of European Agriculture post 2013
Hervé GUYOMARD (INRA, France)

10.15-10.30am – One or Several European Agricultural Model(s)?

Tomáš DOUCHA (ÚZEI, Czech Republic)

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10.30-10.45am – Which European Collective Preferences?

Dariusz GOSZCZYŃSKI (Ministry of Agriculture, Poland)

10.45-11.30am – Floor discussion

11.30AM-1.00pm – Round table two

What will be the future role of rural areas in Europe?

Moderator: Marie-Claude MAUREL, CEFRES

11.30-11.45am – Some Challenges for European Rural Areas

Jaroslav PRAŽAN (ÚZEI, Czech Republic)

11.45-12.00am – Diversity of Rural Areas, Diversity of Paths for Rural Development, Philippe PERRIER-CORNET (INRA, France)

12.00-12.15am – What Governance for Rural Areas?

Elena SARACENO (BEPA, European Commission)

12.15am-1.00pm – Floor discussion

1.00-2.30pm – Lunch

2.30-3.00pm Speech by Mariann FISCHER BOEL, European Commissioner for agriculture and rural development

3.00-4.30pm – Round table three

What political project for Agricultural and Rural Europe?

Moderator: Marjorie JOUEN, Notre Europe

3.00-4.00pm – Round table

Speakers: Peter BACO (MEP, European Parliament)

Hervé GAYMARD (MP, French Parliament)

Jerzy PLEWA (Deputy Director General DG AGRI, European Commission)

Jiří URBAN (Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Czech Republic)

4.00-4.30pm – Floor discussion

4.30pm – Concluding remarks

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