



THE FUTURE OF EU AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD POLICY: THE REGIONS PROPOSE

THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2008 – NANTES (FR)

Pays de la Loire Region
1, rue de la Loire - NANTES - France

AGENDA

9.00-10.30: Opening session

- Welcome address by **Jacques Auxiette**, President of the Pays de la Loire Region (France)
- The future of the CAP after 2013: Regions as a source of proposals by **Claudio Martini**, President of CPMR and President of Tuscany (Italy)
- The role of the Regions in the future Common Agricultural Policy by **Mariann Fischer-Boel**, European Commissioner for Agriculture

Debate led by Xavier Gizard, CPMR Secretary General

10.30-11.15 - Session 1: Supporting food policy through the management of agricultural markets

*Introduced and chaired by **Bruno Parmentier**, Director of the "Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture d'Angers", author of "Nourrir l'humanité/Feeding mankind"*

- **Jean-Yves Le Drian**, President of the Bretagne Region(France)
- The viewpoint of the Catalonia Region by **Antoni Díaz**, Director general for Planning and Agriculture - Catalan Ministry of Agriculture, Food processing and Rural Action (Spain)
- Speech by **Christiane Lambert**, Vice-Chairman of FNSEA, representing COPA (Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations) - COGECA (General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives)

Debate

11.15-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-12.15 - Session 2: Policy to promote quality and diversity in European farming

*Introduced and chaired by **Laurent Gomez**, AREPO Secretary General ("Association des Régions Européennes des Produits d'Origine")*

- Speech by **Carlo Malavolta**, Production Quality Management Department - Emilia-Romagna Region (Italy)
- Speech by **H. Kassekert**, Vice-President of the Purple Network (PeriUrban Regions PLatform Europe), Region Frankfurt Rhein/Main (Germany)
- Traceability in industries on a global scale: the experience of the Network of GMO-free Regions by a representative of the GMO-free network

Debate

12.15-13.15 - Session 3: Sustainable farming, the CAP in the face of environmental challenges

*Introduced and chaired by **Harmut HAMERICH**,
Member of the Parliament of Schleswig Holstein*

- Retarget the CAP to foster sustainable agricultural systems by **Dominique Tremblay**, Councillor responsible for Agriculture, Vice-president of the Economic Action Commission, Pays de la Loire Region
- Speech by **Isobel McCallum**, Councillor, Vice-chairman Planning, Environment and Development Committee, Highland Council (United Kingdom)

Debate

*13.15-13.30: Summing up of the morning's proceedings by **Stéphane Le Foll**,
representative of the European Parliament*

13.30-14.45: Lunch

14.45-15.45 - Session 4: What future for agricultural support in less-favoured areas?

*Introduced and chaired by **Jean-Didier Hache**,
Executive Secretary of the CPMR Islands Commission*

- Targeted support for Island communities by **Stephen Hagan**, Convener, Orkney Islands (United Kingdom)
- For a sustainable agriculture in mountain areas. Strategies and support by **Sylvain Marmier**, member of the Bureau from Euromontana
- Less-favoured area schemes and sparsely populated areas, what possible improvement? by **Henrik Ingo**, Ostrobothnia Region (Finland)
- Speech by **Cosimo R. Sallustio**, Agri-food Resources Sector Puglia Region, Coordinator of the Agriculture and Rural Development Working Group, CPMR Inter-Mediterranean Commission (Italy)

Debate

16.00-16.15: Coffee break

16.15-17.15 Session 5: Consolidating the place of the Regions in the future CAP to ensure territorial balance

- Speech by **Béatrice Gendreau**, Vice-President of the Regional Council of Aquitaine, Portfolio Holder for Agriculture and Food Production and Chair of the CPMR CAP Working Group (France)
- Speech by Dr. **Jürgen Buchwald**, Director - Département politique structurelle agricole, Ministerium der Landwirtschaft und der Umwelt Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Germany)
- Speech by **René Souchon**, President of Auvergne Region, President of the "Agriculture" Commission of the *Association des Régions Françaises* (France)

Debate

17.30-18.15: Concluding session

*Introduced and chaired by **Claudio Martini**,
President of Tuscany and President of the CPMR*

- Summary of the proceedings by **Xavier Gizard**, Secretary General of the CPMR
- Closing speech by **Michel Barnier**, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, President in office of the Agriculture Council

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