



Addressing price volatility and financing needs of young farmers and agriculture

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Venue: Brussels Marriott Hotel Grand Place, Rue Auguste Orts 3-7/Grand Place, 1000, Brussels, Belgium

Language: The main language of the event will be English; simultaneous interpretation to and from French, English, German, Italian and Spanish will be provided.

Moderator: Ms Katrina Sichel, *fi-compass* expert

- 9.00 – 9.30 Registration and welcome coffee
- 9.30 – 10.00 **Welcome and introductions**
Opening statements from
Mr Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development
Mr Andrew McDowell, Vice-President, European Investment Bank
- 10.00 – 10.30 **Farm policy statements on the future of EU young farmers and their financing needs**
Mr Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General of COPA – COGECA
Mr Jannes Maes, President, CEJA, Association of young farmers in the EU
- 10.30 – 11.00 **EIB Group support for young farmers**
EIB dedicated financing
Mr Luca Lazzaroli, Director-General, European Investment Bank
EIF managed EAFRD financial instruments
Mr Hubert Cottogni, Director Mandate Management, European Investment Fund
- 11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee and networking*
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Young farmers access to finance and addressing price volatility in the agricultural sector**
Support for young farmers in the EU
Mr Michael Pielke, Head of Unit, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
Results of recent DG AGRI – *fi-compass* studies
Mr Simon Barnes, Head of Advisory Services, European Investment Bank
Mr Frank Lee, Head of Financial Instruments Advisory Division, European Investment Bank
Followed by Q&A
- 12.30 – 13.45 *Lunch and networking*
- 13.45 – 14.30 **Practical examples of EAFRD financial instruments with specific focus on young farmers**
EAFRD Loan Fund for Agriculture in Estonia
Mr Madis Reinup, Member of the Management Board, Rural Development Foundation
EAFRD financial instrument in Portugal
Managing Authority representative (*tbc*)
Followed by Q&A
- 14.30 – 15.00 *Coffee and networking*
- 15.00 – 16.30 **Loans with flexible conditions as a tool to address price volatility in agriculture**
Presentations of examples of flexible products offered to agricultural sector by four EU banks
Followed by Q&A
- 16.30 – 17.00 **Closing remarks**
Mr Michael Pielke, Head of Unit, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission



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