



Addressing price volatility and financing needs of young farmers and agriculture

Monday, 29 April 2019, Brussels

Programme



Agenda

Date: Monday, 29 April 2019

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, European Council of Young Farmers
Followed by Q&A
- 10.30 – 11.00 **EIB Group support for young farmers**
EIF managed EAFRD financial instruments
Mr Marco Marrone, Deputy Director Mandate Management, European Investment Fund
EIB dedicated financing
Mr Ferran Minguela, Head of Unit, Adriatic Sea Department, Lending Operations, European Investment Bank
Followed by Q&A
- 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, Estonia
EAFRD financial instrument in Portugal
Ms Gabriela Freitas, Managing Authority PDR2020, Portugal
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 EU banks
Financing in volatile markets
Mr Bart Verstrynghe, Agricultural Economist, KBC Bank, Belgium
Agri-Agro and young farmers
Mr Emanuele Fontana, Crédit Agricole Cariparma, Italy
Addressing price volatility and financing needs of young farmers
Mr Tadhg Buckley, Head of Agriculture, Sector Strategy & Specialists, Allied Irish Bank, Ireland
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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