



Stock-taking of 2014-2020 and looking forward

7th annual EU conference on EAFRD financial instruments

Online conference

Programme
Thursday, 18 November 2021



The 7th annual EU conference on EAFRD financial instruments ‘Stock-taking of 2014-2020 and looking forward’, organised by the European Commission – Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) in partnership with the European Investment Bank (EIB), will focus on the results, challenges and achievements reached in the outgoing programming period 2014-2020, and will take place online on Thursday, 18 November 2021.



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Location: Online

Language: The main language of the event will be English. Simultaneous interpretation will be ensured from and to French, German, Greek, Italian and Spanish.

Moderator: Dave Keating

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- 9.10 – 9.20 **Welcome and introduction**
- 9.20 – 10.20 **Official high-level opening statements**
Janusz Wojciechowski, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development
Spilios Livanos, Minister of Rural Development and Food, Greece
Christian Kettel Thomsen, Vice-President, European Investment Bank
Norbert Lins, Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, European Parliament (*video message*)
Jože Podgoršek, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Slovenia (*video message*)
- 10.20 – 10.35 **The view of the European Farmers and agri-cooperatives on the access to finance and its importance for EU agriculture**
Leonardo Pofferi, Vice-President, COPA-COGECA

Session 1 – The case of the Greek EAFRD Guarantee Fund 2014-2020

- 10.35 – 10.40 **Video on the Greek EAFRD Guarantee Fund**
- 10.40 – 10.55 **Financial needs in Greek agriculture and the role of financial instruments**
Costas Apostolopoulos, Head of Evaluation and Institutional Support Unit, Greek Managing Authority
Anthi Katsirma, Evaluation Manager of Evaluation and Institutional Support Unit, Greek Managing Authority (*panel discussion*)
- 10.55 – 11.25 **The implementation of the Greek EAFRD Guarantee Fund**
Ioannis Chaniotakis, Senior Director, Agricultural Retail Banking, Piraeus Bank
Panagiotis Tournavitis, Chief Executive Officer, Cooperative Bank of Karditsa
- 11.25 – 11.45 **Panel discussion and Q&A with the audience**
- 11.45 – 12.00 **Break**



Session 2 – The future of the EAFRD financial instruments

- 12.00 – 12.15 **EAFRD financial instruments in 2014-2020 and their importance for the future CAP Strategic Plans**
Silvia Michelini, Director, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
- 12.15 – 12.40 **EAFRD managing authorities sharing their future with financial instruments**
Carolina Gutierrez Ansotegui, Deputy Director of Rural Development, DGDRIFA, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Spain
Izabella Stańczak, Chief specialist the Technical Assistance and Promotion Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Poland
Adela Stefan, Director of the Directorate – Methodology, Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation within the Managing Authority of the Rural Development Programme, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Romania
- 12.40 – 12.55 **EIF managed EAFRD financial instruments and the options for the future**
Liliana Rodean, Mandate Manager, Northern and CEE, European Investment Fund
- 12.55 – 13.15 **Technical support for developing CAP financial instruments**
Bruno Robino, Head of fi-compass, European Investment Bank
- 13.15 – 13.35 **Panel discussion and Q&A with the audience**
- 13.35 – 13.40 **Closing remarks**
Michael Pielke, Head of Unit F3, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission