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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Date: Thursday, 18 November 2021
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

Programme

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