

A FUTURE FOR A STRONG COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

Aims for the future European Union agricultural policy

➔ Wednesday March 24, 1pm

The discussion about a renewed Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for the European Union after 2013 starts in the coming months. A broad societal discussion is crucial to determine the aims of the CAP.

Two different consultation rounds happened between the different stakeholders in Flanders and in Wallonia (farmers organisations, environmental organisations, North-South organisations, consumer organisations).

We would like to continue this multi-actor dialogue starting from the positions determined on both sides of the country, by Boerenbond and the members of the VODO working group on one hand and by the Plateforme Souveraineté Alimentaire on the other hand.

INFORMATION and REGISTRATION

➔ **Address**

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➔ **Registration**

Participation is free. Please, send your name and the name of your organisation to Sarah@vodo.be (phone: 02 536 19 42) before March 16th.

➔ **Simultaneous Translation**

English, Dutch, French



March 24, 2010 Program

- 1 pm** Reception and explanation of the different processes
Thierry Kesteloot (Oxfam Solidarité)
- 1.35 pm** Presentation of the common viewpoints in Flanders and Wallonia.
Gert Vandermosten (VODO)
Stéphane Desgain (PFSA)
- 2 pm** Aims of a strong CAP answering different social expectations.
Jan Douwe van der Ploeg (Wageningen UR)
Jo Swinnen (KU Leuven)
- 2.30 pm** Questions and answers
- 2.40 pm** Reactions from the government to the consensus formed by civil society
François Desquesnes Chief Cab of **Benoit Lutgen** (Walloon minister in charge of Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Environment)
Joris Relaes Chief Cab of **Kris Peeters** (Flanders Minister-President and in charge of Economy, External affairs, Agriculture and Rural Affairs)
- 3.10 pm** Coffee break
- 3.30 pm** Viewpoints from other actors
Tamsin Cooper (Institute for European Environmental Policy)
Marc Vandercammen (CRIOC General Director, research and information center of consumer organisations)
Luc Rogge (Colruyt General Director)
- 4.15 pm** Questions and answers
- 4.30 pm** Panel discussion: A Future for a strong Common Agricultural Policy
Piet Vanthemsche (Boerenbond)
Olivier Plunus (Fédération Wallonne de l'Agriculture)
Stéphane Parmentier (FUGEA)
Alex Danau (Collectif Stratégies Alimentaires)
Gert Engelen (Vredeseilanden)
Jan Turf (Bond Beter Leefmilieu)
Lionel Delvaux (Inter Environnement Wallonie)
- 6 pm** Stand-up reception

