

Draft program

Conference on

“European Farmers’ Deal: EPP Vision for Agriculture in Europe”

22 February 2024

IZEGEM, Belgium

Location: Kasteel Brouwerij Vanhonsebroeck

Interpretation: EN NL

- 09:30 Registration of participants
- 10:30-10:40 Welcome by
Tom VANDENKENDELAERE MEP, Member of the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)
- 10:40-10:50 Introductory remarks by
Siegfried MUREȘAN MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the EP,
Chairman of the Working Group for Budget and Structural Policies
- 10:50-11:10 Keynote by
Mairead McGUINNESS, European Commissioner for Financial services, financial stability and Capital Markets Union
- 11:10-12:10 **Panel I:** Lack of certainty and predictable policies in agriculture: how to sow certainty in an uncertain sector
- IMPULSE STATEMENT: Els VERTÉ**, Managing Director of Boeren op een Kruispunt
- Moderated by
Griet LEMAIRE, Director of the Flemish info centre for agriculture and horticulture (VILT)
- Speakers:
Lode CEYSSENS, President of Boerenbond
Norbert LINS, Chair of the AGRI Committee in the European Parliament
Joris RELAES, Administrator-General, Institute for Agricultural Fisheries and Food Research (INAGRO)
- Open debate

12:10-12:40 Coffee Break

12:40-13:40 **Panel II:** Technology and innovation as the answer to sustainability challenges in agriculture: the Belgian example

IMPULSE STATEMENT: Tessa AVERMAETE, Project manager at KU Leuven

Moderated by

Griet LEMAIRE, Director of the Flemish info centre for agriculture and horticulture (VILT)

Speakers:

Patricia DE CLERCQ, Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Flemish Government

Benjamin LAGA, CEO & Founder of Protealis

Stefan TOP, Member of the Board of the European Agricultural Machinery Association (CEMA), Managing Director at AVR

Herbert DORFMANN MEP, EPP Coordinator for Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)

Open debate

13:40-13:45 Closing remarks by

Siegfried MUREŞAN MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group, Chairman of the Working Group for Budget and Structural Policies

13:45-14:00 Special intervention

Jo BROUNS, Flemish Minister of Agriculture

Lunch