

Draft program

Conference on

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

19 April 2024

CARLOW, Ireland

Location : Woodford Dolmen Hotel Carlow

09:30 Registration of participants

10:00-10:10 Welcome by:
Seán KELLY MEP, Head of the Irish Delegation in the EPP Group

10:10-10:20 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

10:20-11:30 **Panel I:** EPP Vision on Farmer-led productive, sustainable agriculture and farm diversification

Moderated by:
Colm MARKEY MEP, Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)

Intervention by:
Martin HEYDON, Minister of State for Agriculture, Irish Government

Speakers:
Alice DOYLE, Deputy President, Deputy President of the Irish Farmers Association (IFA)
Padraig HENNESSY, Chairman of AgTech Ireland
Denis DRENNAN, President of the Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association (ICMSA)
Andy DOYLE, Former Journalist with the Farmers Journal and Chair of Tillage Industry Ireland

Open debate

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-12:20 Keynote speech by:
Simon HARRIS, Taoiseach, Leader of Fine Gael

12:20-13:30 **Panel II: EPP Vision on Profitability and Social Sustainability in Agriculture**

Moderated by:
Stella MEEHAN, Editor for Agriland Media

Opening by:
Maria WALSH, Member of the European Parliament for Midlands North West

Speakers:
Elaine HOULIHAN, President of Macra - Rural Youth Association
Dale CRAMMOND, Director of Meat Industry Ireland
Dr. Helen SHERIDAN, Associate Professor, UCD's School of Agriculture and Food Science, Board Member of the Teagasc/The Agriculture and Food Development Authority
Pat CLEARY, Committee member of the Irish Grain Growers' Group

Open debate

13:30 Concluding remarks by:
Siegfried MUREŞAN MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group, Chairman of the Working Group for Budget and Structural Policies

Lunch for all participants
Venue: *Woodford Dolmen Hotel Carlow*