

THE HIDDEN TRUTH

8 February 2016 9:00 - 18:00 (followed by a cocktail)

European Economic and Social Committee, Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels, Belgium

Interpretation: (DE, FR, EN)

Moderator: Ed Bray, Journalist, AGRAFacts

Morning Session

9:00 Coffee and registration

9:30-10:10 PART 1: Taking stock

Welcome and Introductory remarks

Luca Jahier, President of Group III, EESC

Pieter de Pous, EEB policy director

Opening statement: State of the environment and the role of agriculture

Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General for the Environment

Q&A

10:10-11:10 PART 2: Greening and Pillar 2 in motion

Greening as the baseline: does it help or hinder Pillar 2 ambition?

Pierre Bascou, Director, European Commission, DG AGRI

Reactions:

Kaley Hart (IEEP) and Faustine Bas-Defossez, (EEB)

Q&A

Coffee break: 11:10- 11:20

11:20- 12:20 PART 3: How is Rural Development implementation affecting biodiversity?

Facing the truth behind the numbers: official figures versus the reality

Trees Robijns, BirdLife Europe

Panel discussion

Claudia Olazabal, European Commission, DG ENVI, Cécile Fèvre, MEDDE, Marie-Catherine Schultz, FNE and Rudolf Schmidt, Austrian Farmer

Q&A

Lunch 12:20– 13:50

Afternoon Session

13:50-17:40 PART 4: How much will be spent and on what?

Quantity versus quality: A closer look at Pillar 2 spending

13:50-14:50: Water

Claire McCamphill, European Commission, DG ENVI, and Angelo

Innamorati, European Commission, DG AGRI

Reaction from environmental NGO, EUREAU, François Rihouet,

French Young Farmer

Q&A

14:50-15:45: Air quality

Roald Wolters, European Commission, DG ENVI and Angelo

Innamorati, European Commission, DG AGRI

Reaction from Christer Agren, Air & climate Secretariat (NGO)

and Andreas Gattinger, FiBL

Q&A

Coffee break: 15:45-15:55

15:55- 16:55: Renewable energy and climate change

Andreas Gumbert, European Commission DG AGRI

Reaction from Linde Zuidema, FERN, Justine Poncet or Joseph

Wolters, FNE PACA, Michael Tersbøl, Danish Organic Farmer

Q&A

16:55- 17:40: Animal welfare

Pilar Gumma, European Commission, DG AGRI, and Andrea

Gavinelli, European Commission, DG SANTE, (tbc)

Reaction from Olga Kikou, CIWF and Neil Darwent, Free Range

Dairy Farmer

Q&A

17:40: 18:00 PART 5: Concluding remarks and next steps

Mihail Dumitru, European Commission, DG AGRI, Deputy Director on Rural Development

Ariel Brunner, BirdLife Europe

Cocktail 18:00-19:00