

MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEES ON RURAL AFFAIRS

Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy

21–22 July 2013, Vilnius

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 21 July 2013

- Arrival of the delegations
- 14.00–17.00 Registration at the hotels
Kempinski Cathedral Square, 14 Universiteto St, Vilnius
Radisson Blu Astorija, 35/2 Didžioji St, Vilnius
Amberton, 1 L. Stuokos-Gucevičiaus St, Vilnius
Novotel Vilnius Centre, 16 Gedimino Ave, Vilnius
- 17.00 Departure by bus from the hotels for Trakai
- 18.00 Guided tour of Trakai Castle in English and French
- 20.00 Dinner hosted by Mr Saulius BUCEVIČIUS, Chair of the Committee on Rural Affairs of the Seimas
Venue: Užutrakis Manor Estate, 17 Užtrakio St, Trakai
- 23.00 Return to the hotels by bus

Monday, 22 July 2013

- 08.15 Departure by bus from the hotels for the Seimas
Registration in the Seimas (for those not registered yet)
Venue: Plenary Hall, Building II of the Seimas, 53 Gedimino Ave, Vilnius
- 9.00 Introductory remarks by Mr Saulius BUCEVIČIUS, Chair of the Committee on Rural Affairs of the Seimas
Welcome address by Dr Vydas GEDVILAS, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Adoption of the agenda

SESSION I. COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY AFTER 2013

- 09.10 **Common Agricultural Policy after 2013**
Prof. Vigilijus JUKNA, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania
- 09.25 **Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy: input of the European Parliament**
Dr Czesław Adam SIEKIERSKI, Vice-Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, European Parliament
- 09.40 Debate
- 11.00–11.30 Family photo
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas
- Coffee break
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- 11.30 **Challenges to implementation of the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy**
Dr Tassos HANIOTIS, Director, Economic Analysis, Perspectives and Evaluations Directorate, DG for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
- 11.45 Debate
- 13.30–15.00 Lunch
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas

SESSION II. SMALL FARMING: CURRENT SITUATION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

- 15.00 **Contribution of small farmers to sustainable rural development in the EU**
Dr Rasa MELNIKIENĖ, Director, Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics
- 15.15 **What could small farmers expect from the reformed Common Agricultural Policy?**
Ms Hanny VAN GEEL, Member of the Coordination Committee, European Coordination Via Campesina
- 15.30 **Development challenges for small farms from a farmer's point of view**
Mr Valdas KAVALIAUSKAS, farmer, Chairman of the Board, Association *VivaSol*
- 15.45 Debate
- 17.00 **Concluding remarks**
Mr Saulius BUCEVIČIUS, Chair of the Committee on Rural Affairs of the Seimas
- 17.10 Guided tour of the Seimas (in English and French) *optional*
Return to the hotels or departure for the airport by bus
- 18.00 Return to the hotels by bus