

# THE HIDDEN TRUTH

8th February -- 9:00 - 18:00 (followed by a cocktail) -- European Economic & Social Committee  
2 Rue Van Maerlant, Brussels

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, DG AGRI, (tbc)

#### Reactions:

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

Q&A

\*\*\*Coffee break: 11:10- 11:25\*\*\*

### 11:25- 12:45 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, (tbc), Marie-Catherine Schultz, FNE and Austrian farmer

Q&A

\*\*\*Lunch 12:45– 14:15\*\*\*



## Afternoon Session

### 14:00-17:30 PART 4: How much will be spent and on what?

Quantity vs quality: A closer look at Pillar 2 spending

#### 14:00-14:50: Water in the Rural Development programs (RDPs)

##### State of play, planned spending and measures,

Claire Mc Camphill, European Commission, DG ENVI, and Angelo Innamorati, European Commission, DG AGRI

Reaction from environmental NGO and farmer representative

Q&A

#### 14:50-15:40: Air quality in the RDPs (50min)

##### State of play, planned spending and measures,

Roald Wolters, European Commission, DG ENVI and Angelo Innamorati, European Commission, DG AGRI

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

Q&A

\*\*\*Coffee break: 15:40-15:50\*\*\*

#### 15:50- 16:40: Renewable energy and climate change in the RDPs

##### State of play, planned spending and measures,

Andreas Gumbert, European Commission DG AGRI

Reaction from EU NGO, local NGO (FNE PACA, France), farmer

Q&A

#### 16:40- 17:30: Animal welfare in the RDPs

##### State of play, planned spending and measures,

Pilar Gumma, European Commission, DG AGRI, (tbc) and Andrea Gavinelli, European Commission, DG SANTE, (tbc)

Reaction from NGO and farmer

Q&A

### 17:30: 18:00 PART 5: Concluding remarks and next steps

Mihail Dumitru, DG Agriculture Deputy Director on Rural Development

Ariel Brunner, BirdLife Europe

\*\*\*Cocktail 18:00-19:00\*\*\*



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