

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE ACCESS AND USE OF FARMLAND

Tuesday, February 7th, 2017
14.30 to 16.30
European Parliament
Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)
Room A3E-2

The **European Landowners' Organization** (ELO), created in 1972, is a unique federation of national associations from the 28 EU Member States and beyond, which represents the interests of landowners, land managers and rural entrepreneurs at the European political level.



Independent and non-profit making, the ELO is the only organisation able to stand for all rural entrepreneurs. The ELO promotes a prosperous countryside through private property dynamism. In order to achieve all of this, it relies on the Organisation's ability to bring together rural actors, NGOs and political decision makers at local, regional, national and European levels. In this way the voices and opinions of a large number of stakeholders from all over the EU can be heard.

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Karl-Heinz FLORENZ, MEP

OPENING AND CHAIR

Annie SCHREIJER-PIERIK, MEP

KEYNOTE

Vladimir URUTCHEV, MEP,

Shadow Rapporteur on Report 'State of play of farmland concentration in the EU: how to facilitate the access to land for farmers'

Translation EN-DE-NL

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction by **MEP, Karl-Heinz FLORENZ**

2. Opening and Chair, **MEP, Annie SCHREIJER-PIERIK**

3. Panel discussion

Keynote: MEP, Vladimir URUTCHEV, Shadow Reporter on Report 'State of play of farmland concentration in the EU: how to facilitate the access to land for farmers'

Panellists:

- **Thomas WIEDMANN**, Legal Officer - Capital movements analysis, DG FISMA, European Commission
- **Prof. Dr. Ir. Liesbet VRANKEN**, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, KU Leuven, Belgium
- **Ing. Jan NOVOPACKÝ**, Secretary General, Czech and Moravian Agricultural Union (ČMSZP)

4. Discussion

5. Conclusion

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Biodiversity, Hunting and Countryside

Intergroup

The Biodiversity, Hunting & Countryside Intergroup was created in 1985 and is one of the oldest and most active parliamentary platforms. It gathers MEPs from different political groups and various stakeholders promoting wildlife conservation, sustainable hunting and fishing, as well as the sustainable management of the countryside and cultural heritage.

The objective of the Intergroup is to promote the role of hunting and other forms of sustainable use of wild species for biodiversity, wildlife management, rural development and forestry issues. Additionally, the Intergroup regularly focuses on cross cutting issues that affect socio-economic activities in rural areas and seek to build bridges between the civil society and decision makers.

Past debates and discussions have, addressed issues such as forestry management, wildlife population, the future of European water courses, the 2020 EU Biodiversity Strategy and other topics related to Natura 2000.

For the term 2014-2019, the Intergroup has been validated by European Parliament Conference of the Presidents and named the "Biodiversity, Hunting and Countryside Intergroup".

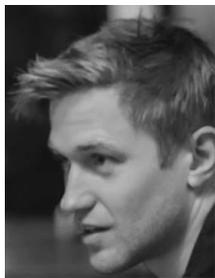
FACE (Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU) provides the Secretariat for the Intergroup since 1985. In 2004, the ELO (European Landowners' Organization) joined the Intergroup as Co-Secretariat, bringing expertise in countryside-related topics.

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Prof. Dr. Ir. Liesbet VRANKEN has a Master in Bioscience Engineering and a Phd in Economics, both from the University of Leuven. She is currently working as an Associate Professor at the Division of Bioeconomics, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the KU Leuven. Ms. Liesbet Vranken is a specialist in studying the behaviour of food consumers,

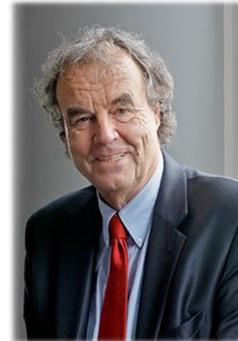
agricultural producers and land users and in analysing potential behavioural adjustments to improve welfare and realise economic growth. She is well trained in quantitative skills and in analysing economic survey data which led to the publication of her work in international journals and dissemination among international organizations (EU Commission, World Bank, FAO). Her specific research themes include sustainable land use: how to maximize the societal (economic and environmental) benefits related to different types of land use?



Ing. Jan NOVOPACKÝ is the secretary General of the Czech and Moravian Agricultural Union. He worked previously for several years for the State Agricultural Intervention Fund (SAIF). He holds a Master's degree in Economics and Management from the Czech University of Life Science and also studied in Germany.



Welcome and Introduction



Karl-Heinz FLORENZ is MEP and the President of the Intergroup Biodiversity, Hunting, and Countryside. He is an economist and agricultural master. He has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1989. He is a Member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and was Chairman of this Committee from 2004 to 2007. He is also a substitute member of the Committee on Civil Liberties,

Justice and Home Affairs and was a rapporteur and a member of the former Temporary Committee on Climate Change.

Chair



Annie SCHREIJER-PIERIK was a farmer and agricultural entrepreneur until she joined the European Parliament in 2014. She is an active member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the Committee on Fisheries and substitute member of the Committees on Agriculture and Rural Development. She was a member of the Dutch Parliament (House of Representatives) for 12 years. In the National

Parliament she spent many years as Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. Her heart lies with agriculture, family farms and the countryside; she was born in a family of dairy farmers and she ran a pig farm with her husband and son in the Dutch village of Hengevelde for many years. Her son and daughter in law took over the family farm in 2014.

Keynote



Vladimir URUTCHEV is a nuclear power engineer with an interest in all forms of clean energy. As part of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) he took part in several peer reviews on the safety of nuclear power plants worldwide. He is a devoted environmentalist, which sparked his interest to support environmentally sensitive agricultural

developments. He is a leading supporter of the Agripreneur initiative in Bulgaria to combine the best of rural heritage with the opportunities of modern agri-environmental practices. Vladimir Urutchev is a Member of both the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) and the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) of the European Parliament and is Vice-President of the European Energy Forum. Mr. Urutchev is the EPP Shadow Rapporteur on the INI Report "State of play of farmland concentration in the EU: how to facilitate the access to land for farmers".

Biography of the Panellists



Thomas WIEDMANN is an official of the European Commission since 2005. He works as a legal officer in the Commission's Directorate General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Market Union.

Since 2011, he is dealing with investment issues in the unit responsible for the free movement of capital. Prior to entering the European Commission, Thomas Wiedmann has held various functions in the German judiciary service, inter alia; he was a judge at the Superior Court of Stuttgart (Landgericht) in civil law matters. He began his career in the ministry administration of the German land of Baden-Württemberg, serving in the state chancellery as well as in the offices of Bonn and Berlin. Mr Wiedmann studied law at the universities of Tübingen and Paris (Paris 2, Pantheon-Assas). He specialised in comparative law (PhD in 1996) and European law. He is the author of numerous publications on European law and public comparative law.

