

MEDIA AGENDA

FOR THE INFORMAL MEETING OF AGRICULTURE MINISTERS

8 – 10 SEPTEMBER 2024, IN BUDAPEST

The informal meeting of agriculture ministers in Budapest on 10 September will launch the political debate on the post-2027 Common Agricultural Policy. In line with the priorities of the Hungarian EU Presidency, the theme of the meeting will be "Farm-centred EU agriculture: towards a competitive, crisis-resilient, sustainable, farmer-friendly, and knowledge-based future Common Agricultural Policy."

European farmers have had to cope with a number of challenges in the recent past, such as extreme weather events caused by climate change, high input costs, the negative effects of war, or market disruptions caused by increasing imports from third countries. At the same time, they have to meet increasingly stringent production standards and cope with increased administrative burdens. Farmers need European-level responses to these challenges, and the Hungarian EU Presidency aims to launch a Council debate on the post-2027 Common Agricultural Policy. The goal is to outline the expectations of agriculture ministers in the conclusions and guide the new Commission, set to take office in the autumn, as it prepares legislative proposals for the post-2027 CAP.

The exchange of ministerial views will focus on three key themes. First, we will initiate a debate on simplifying agricultural support payments and reviewing the main types of support. Second, we will examine how to enhance the agricultural sector's contribution to green objectives without jeopardising farmers' competitiveness. Finally, we will review the instruments of the crisis management system to ensure effective support for farmers in increasingly frequent crisis situations.

Accordingly, the Hungarian Presidency will organise the debate around the following 3 questions:

- 1) Which elements of the payment system could be adjusted to increase competitiveness, decrease the administrative burden, and make the CAP more farmer-friendly? What should be the main measures of the two pillars post 2027?

- 2) How can the post-2027 CAP incentivise farmers to further contribute to the green transition, ensuring a sustainable European agriculture sector without jeopardising its competitiveness?

- 3) How can crisis situations be better managed, and what EU-level prevention, risk management, and crisis response measures would be needed to effectively address challenges and build a more crisis-resilient agricultural sector in the EU?

Media representatives are welcome to attend events open to the media.

The Media Centre is set up in the “Déli Palota” building, located 50 metres (direction southwards) from the main entrance gate of the Várkert Bazaar, the venue of the meeting, and will open an hour prior to the official start of the program on each day of the event. **Please arrive latest by 7:15 a.m. on Tuesday 10 September** in order to be able to participate in the doorstep interviews.

Details are as follows:

LOCATION: H-1013 Budapest, Ybl Miklós Square 2-6 (Várkert Bazaar)

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Please note that details of the programme are subject to change.

Tuesday 10 September 2024

7:50 – 8:20

Arrival of delegations at Várkert Bazaar (**Non-media event**)

8:20 – 8:50

Welcome, handshake and doorstep

9:00 – 12:30

Working Sessions (**Non-media event**)

12:35 – 13:05

Press conference

For any media-related questions, please contact us at the following email address:

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