



European Conference:

What kind of political project for European agriculture and rurality after 2013?

4th December 2008

12 to 2pm



Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union

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Programme

12pm Welcoming:

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Panel Discussion:

Moderation:

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Panelists:

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Gerd SONNLEITNER

Vice-President COPA (European Farmer Association)

2pm Lunch

-End of the conference-

Background

After the adoption of the "Health Check" by the European Council of the Ministers of Agriculture, on 20th November 2008, the Common Agricultural Policy will keep on drawing the attention of the Union in 2009. Indeed the coming Czech Presidency of the EU promises to go on with the discussions on the CAP mid-term objectives, launched under the French Presidency. These discussions are necessary for the EU. Indeed, despite successive reforms, the objectives of the CAP remained unchanged since its foundation in 1957 whereas the framework of agriculture after 2013 will be very far from that one.

Prior to the 2009 discussions on EU budget review and the adoption of new financial perspectives (post-2013) it is time for Europeans to grasp the opportunity to agree on a new political project for agriculture and rurality.

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German and English

Information

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