Environmental Sustainability of Livestock Production

Debate hosted by MEP Franc Bogovic (EPP), MEP Michela Giuffrida (S&D), MEP Daniel Dalton (ECR) and MEP Jasenko Selimovic (ALDE)

27th of April 2016, 12:00-14:00h
Room PHS 5B 001, European Parliament, Brussels

Description

In the light of an estimated 60% increase in global demand for high quality animal protein such as milk, meat and eggs by 2050, Europe has a major role to realize food and nutritional security in a sustainable way. Crucial elements to address this challenge are promoting healthy diets and lifestyles, and sustainable consumption patterns (i.e. addressing malnutrition and overconsumption), as well as tackling waste.

However, it is essential to look into additional solutions to make livestock production more efficient and sustainable. Sustainable livestock farming refers to a system based on three pillars. It is:

- Environmentally sound
- Economically viable
- Socially responsible

This debate focuses on the environmental pillar. It aims at presenting innovative ideas and fostering a discussion on policies on how to:

1. Improve the impact of livestock on the environment and climate
2. Foster innovation in R&D, policy, and at the farm, as well as a knowledge-based livestock sector

The livestock sector presents challenges, but it also offers multiple opportunities for contributing to a climate smart, sustainable, and competitive EU. Given the trans-boundary character of the challenges, EU wide action is the most promising way forward.

This is the first debate of the series:

Sustainable EU Livestock:
Actions Towards an Innovative, Climate-Smart and Competitive Future

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Agenda

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Sandwich lunch will be provided

Keynote speech

Mr. **Aldo Longo**, Director for General Aspects of Rural Development and Research, DG AGRI, European Commission

Introductory notes

MEP Michela Giuffrida (S&D)

MEP Jasenko Selimovic (ALDE)

MEP Franc Bogovic (EPP)

Speakers

Jean-Louis Peyraud, President Animal Task Force (ATF)
Animal Production, the Key in a European Sustainable Circular Bioeconomy

Nick Major, FEFAC Chairman of the PEF Pilot Project on Feed
A responsible and resource-efficient feed industry

Andrea Rosati, Secretary General of the European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP)
Closing gap between research and practice

First Q&A session

Hanna Hamina, Poultry farmer and Executive Director of the Finnish Poultry Association
"Sustainable solutions in the Finnish poultry production"

SAI Platform (Sustainable Agriculture Initiative):

Mr Jim O'Toole, Director, Meat and Livestock Division, Board Bia, Ireland and Chairman of the SAI Platform Beef Working Group

Mr Jaap Petraeus, Manager Corporate Environmental affairs & Sustainability at Royal FrieslandCampina, Netherlands, and member of the SAI Platform Dairy Working Group

Joint presentation: Sustainable livestock production – from talk to reality

Second Q&A session

Policy response

MEPs, European Commission

Closing remarks

MEP Daniel Dalton (ECR)

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