



Opportunities for beef farming in a new EU context

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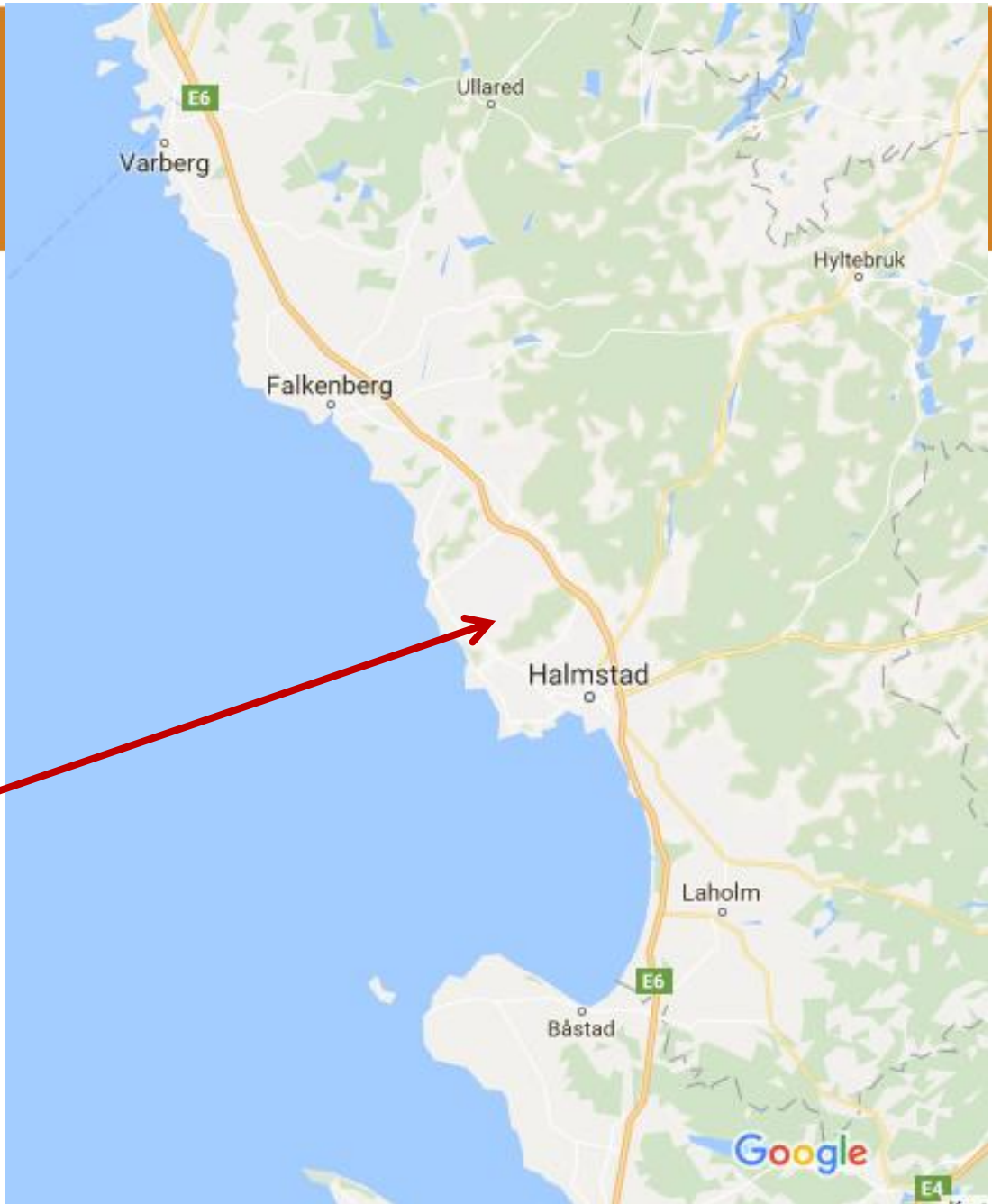
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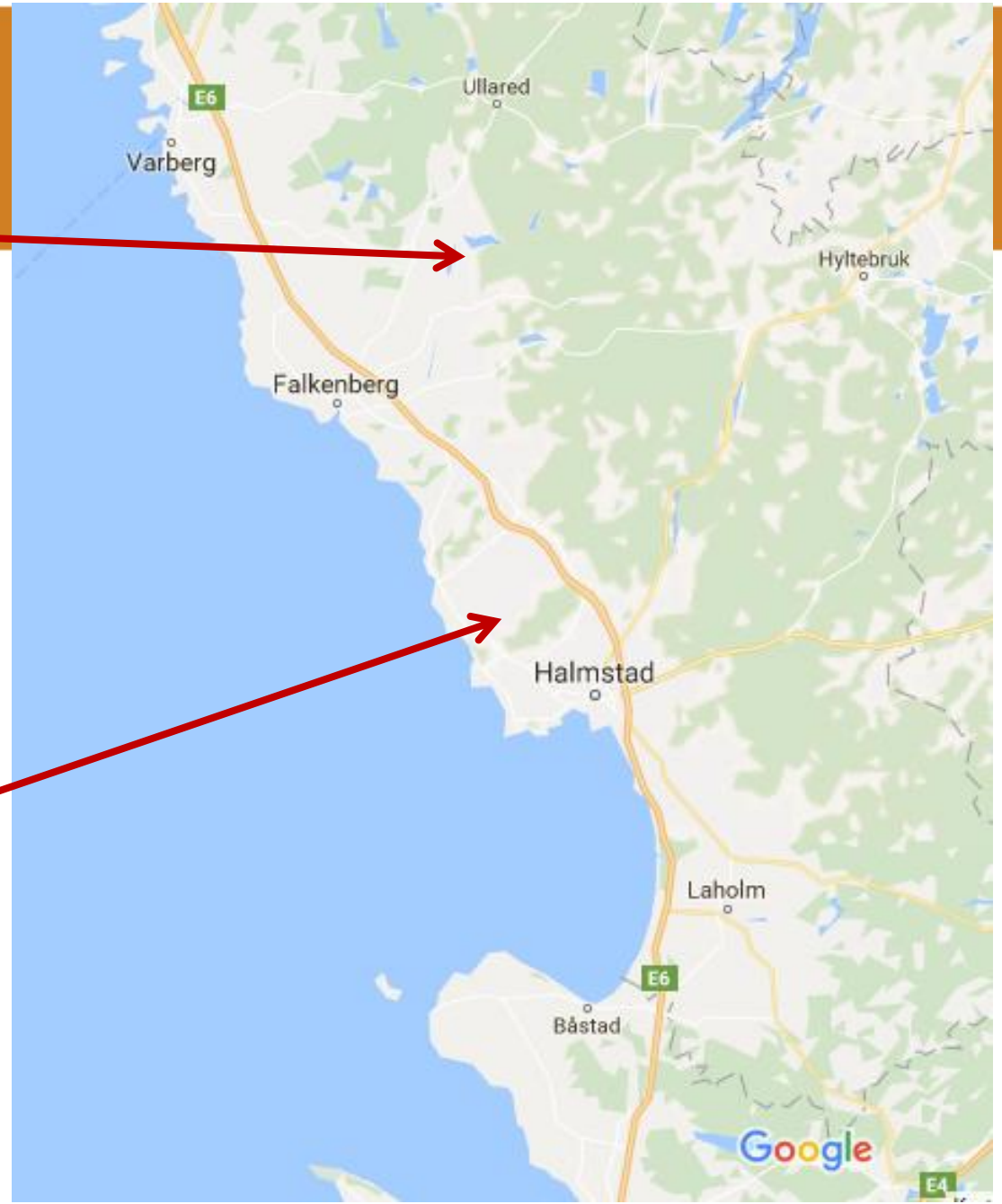
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Road to the new Commission and main Political Guidelines

18 July 2024, President VDL presented to the European Parliament her Political Guidelines for the next European Commission 2024-2029.

17 September 2024, Press statement by President VDL on the next College of Commissioners:

- * **SECURITY** – “in a more dangerous and turbulent world”
- * **PROSPERITY** – “strengthening social market economy, green and digital transitions and our unique quality of life”
- * **DEMOCRACY** – “rally around our values and ensure that we are stronger at home”
- * **A FASTER AND SIMPLER EU** – “in the way we act and interact with people”



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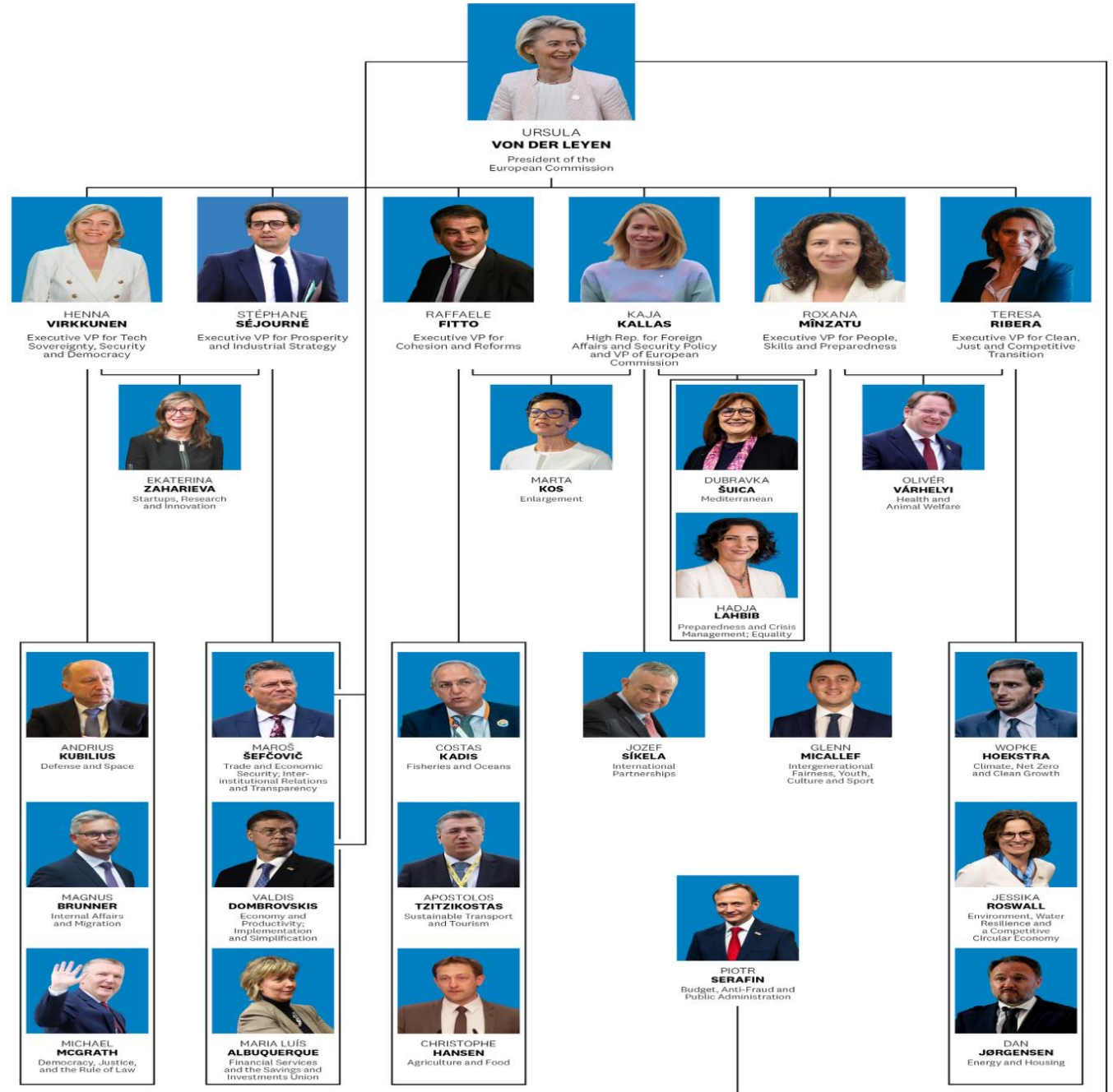


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Power Structure



Agriculture and Food : Christophe Hansen (LU, EPP)



DG AGRI

- * **Priority** : strengthen the competitiveness, resilience and sustainability of the agricultural sector
- * **Prepare Vision for Agriculture and Food** : first 100 days, building on SD recommendations and in consultation with the EBAF
- * **CAP fit for purpose** : farmers who need it most (small scale), environmental outcomes (incentives for ecosystem services) and social outcomes (enabling conditions for thriving rural areas)
- * Fair and sufficient **income** and **protection against UTPs** (notably below cost selling)
- * **New approach to sustainability** : EU-wide **benchmarking system** and support for the **organic sector**
- * Foster **investment** and **innovation**
- * **Strategy for generational renewal**
- * Instruments for **climate risk preparedness and crisis management** : contribution to Climate Adaptation Plan and the EU Water Resilience Strategy
- * **Strengthen food sovereignty** : work with other College Members to diversify and **reduce imports of critical inputs and commodities**, with the Commissioner for Trade **towards reciprocity** and international level playing field
- * Address targeted **spread of disinformation in rural areas**
- * Contribute to **pre-enlargement** policy reviews

Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms : Raffaele Fitto (IT, ECR)



DG REGIO

- * Support **long-lasting reforms and investments** that directly contribute to strengthening EU growth (NextGenerationEU/RRF)
- * **Ensure people in rural areas have opportunity to drive growth and productivity**

*“You will help guide this work, notably to **strengthen the competitiveness, resilience and sustainability** of the food and farming sector, to ensure that we **support farmers who need it most**, promote **positive environmental and social outcomes** and support the right enabling conditions. As part of this, we need to **understand the concerns of people in rural communities** and come up with solutions that will make a real difference”*

Health and Animal Welfare : Olivér Várhelyi (HU, PoE)



DG SANTE

- * **Modernise rules on animal welfare standards** – addressing sustainability, ethical, scientific and economic considerations, and citizens expectations
- * Prevent and reduce **food waste**
- * Improve **sustainability, safety and affordability of food production and consumption** across the food chain (including **organic** and accelerated use of bio-controls)
- * **Food safety standards** : increase control on imported products and ensure enforcement

But... structure and missions subject to review in line with MFF

*“Given the transformative nature of the next long – term budget – and in order to adapt to our modern approach and new spending priorities – **I will review the structure of the College and the missions of each Member of College**”*



Common Missions and Blueprints for all College Members

* Missions

- Supporting candidate countries in joining the EU
- Achieve climate objectives : 2030 and climate neutrality for 2050
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

* Blueprints

- **Draghi report** on the future of European Competitiveness
- Niinistö Report on how to enhance Europe's civilian and defence preparedness and readiness
- **Report from the Strategic Dialogue** on the future of EU agriculture
- **Letta report** on the future of the Single Market



Next steps : from confirmation hearings of the Commissioners-designate to appointment

When?
14 Oct?
04 Nov?

PRIOR TO HEARINGS

- * EP Committee on Legal Affairs scrutinizes **declarations of interests** of Commissioners-designate
- * **5 written policy specific questions** by EP Committees (+ 2 common questions by Conference of Committee Chairs (CCC) **published on EP website prior to confirmation hearings**

HEARINGS

- * EP Conference of Presidents (CoP) organizes **3 hour confirmation hearings** based on recommendation of Conference of Committee Chairs (CCC)
- * Evaluation based on **general competence EU commitment, personal independence, knowledge of portfolio, communication skills**
- * Coordinators **representing a majority of at least 2/3 of committee membership** approve Commissioners-designate (*if majority not reached, more information by additional written questions and, if deemed necessary, resumed confirmation hearing (1,5 hours)*)
- * Committee Coordinators prepare **evaluation letters** that are conveyed to CoP and **published**

PLENARY

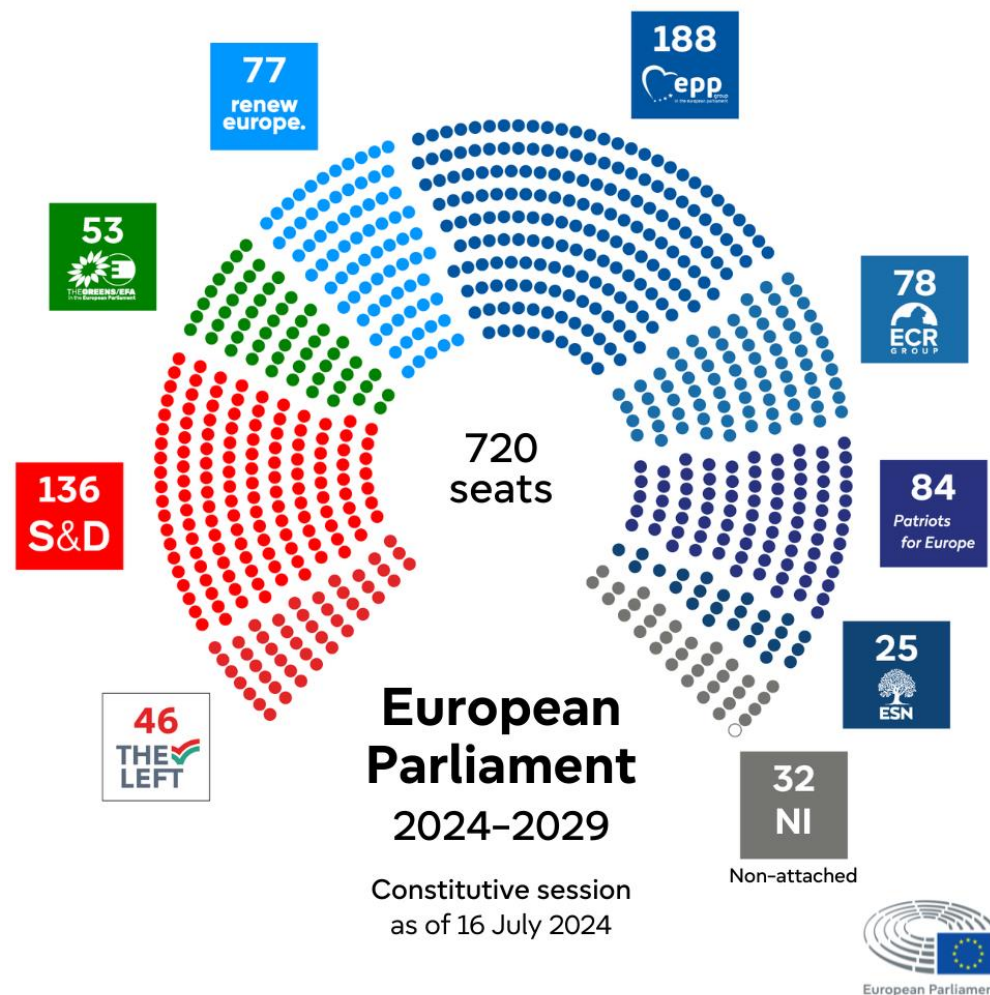
- * **President-elect presents College and their programme at EP plenary**, followed by a debate, and a vote (RCV) to elect or reject the Commission as a whole (majority of the votes cast)

APPOINTMENT

- * New Commission **formally appointed by Council** (qualified majority)



European Parliament 2024-2029



188 - Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

136 - Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

84 - Patriots for Europe Group

78 - European Conservatives and Reformists Group

77 - Renew Europe Group

53 - Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

46 - The Left group in the European Parliament - GUE/NGL

25 - Europe of Sovereign Nations Group



STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

WHY?

The launch of the idea of a strategic dialogue on the future of agriculture was designed and presented by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in September 2023, mainly to reflect a needed change of method on agricultural issues in the face of the blockages caused by the top-down and problematic approach proposed in the context of the Farm to Fork strategy in particular.

The strategic dialogue on the future of agriculture was above all a change of approach. The Commission, under the leadership of Prof. Stroschneider, has conducted a series of consultations between the key partners in the agricultural debate in Brussels in an attempt to produce a series of clear technical recommendations on the EU's future agricultural policy guidelines. In terms of content, this led to the production of a report of more than a hundred pages taking into account all complexities of agricultural and food production. The report's recommendations should now serve Ursula von der Leyen as her plan for the sector, announced for the first 100 days of her mandate.

As such, this report is not a **legislative proposal**. The European Parliament, Council, and many stakeholders that have not participated to this process will **have to be heard and their comments taken into account**.

WHAT?

WHO?

The President of the European Commission has selected 29 representatives from the world of agriculture, academia and NGOs to directly participate in this dialogue and has opened an online contribution space for stakeholders wishing to propose additional contributions. Presidents of COPA, COGECA and GEOPA have been involved on a personal basis in this strategic dialogue.

WHEN?

The strategic dialogue followed a working process summarised in the following timeline.

* TIMELINE OF THE STRATEGIC DIALOGUE *

Announcement of the launch of the strategic dialogue on the future of agriculture by Ursula von der Leyen at her State of the Union 2023 address

8 SEPTEMBER
2023

Kick-off meeting with President Ursula von der Leyen

24 JANUARY
2024

7 plenary meetings attended by the 29 representatives selected by the European Commission

11 MARCH -
29 AUGUST 2024

Exchanges with the academic community

22 APRIL &
9 JULY 2024

Presentation of the conclusions of the strategic dialogue by Chair prof. Strohschneider to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen

5 SEPTEMBER
2024

As announced in her candidate speech to the European Parliament in July 2024, Ursula von der Leyen will present a “new European strategy for our agriculture and the food sector” based on the recommendations of the strategic dialogue

EARLY 2025

Attractive rural areas are of crucial importance for food security, the future viability of society, and liberal democracy



Cooperation and dialogue across the food value chain are critical

The shift towards balanced diets that are healthier and more sustainable is essential for a successful transition



Policy measures must be coherent and create powerful enabling environments based on fruitful synergies



The opportunities of technology and innovation should be leveraged to support the transition towards more sustainable agri-food systems



Food and agricultural production play a strategic role in the new geopolitical context, as an essential part of European security



THE 10 GUIDING POLITICAL PRINCIPLES AGREED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS

Markets should drive sustainability and value creation across the chain and better internalize externalities



The role of young people in agriculture and rural areas and the diversity of European food and farming systems are an important asset



Economic, environmental and social sustainability can reinforce each other

Key messages

- * **Report consensual basis and beginning of a processes to leave « top down approach »** Not legislative proposal but will feed Vision for EU Future of Agriculture to be presented by President von der Leyen.
- * All the recommendations made in this report are valid only if they properly funded following the architecture (CAP/outside CAP) featured in this report.
- * **Copa and Cogeca recognize the change in method** and have been participating all along the process.
- * To **support our farmers and agri-cooperatives on the ground we call for further urgent, concrete, coherent actions on:**
 - trade,
 - fair food chain,
 - Strong Budget for CAP but also for “*temporary Just Transition Fund*” and “*a well-resourced nature restoration fund*” both outside the CAP
- * There **are important elements in the report and various point to be further vigilant.** The point to be vigilant remain:
 1. CAP
 2. Role of livestock and diets

We will continue to work with the European Commission, Council and European Parliament to have a vision for EU Agriculture that respect the realities of farmers and agri-cooperatives on the ground.

Policy challenges for Beef farmers

* The debate about the need for dietary changes

* Health

* Climate and environmental impact

➤ Impacting:

➤ CAP ?

➤ Promotion policy ?

➤ Climate policies ?



Meeting challenges

- * Meat and animal products have a legitimate and central place in human diets
- * The efforts to find practical solutions to environmental sustainability, animal health and welfare, that have been developed for years must be acknowledged
 - * But more research, innovations and knowledge is necessary
- * Animal and plant production complete each others
- * Cattle production plays a social and territorial role – many regions depend on livestock production
- * Truly sustainable livestock farming, economic, social and environmental sustainable, must be supported



Market

- * Increasing prices
- * Increasing production
- * Decreasing imports and exports



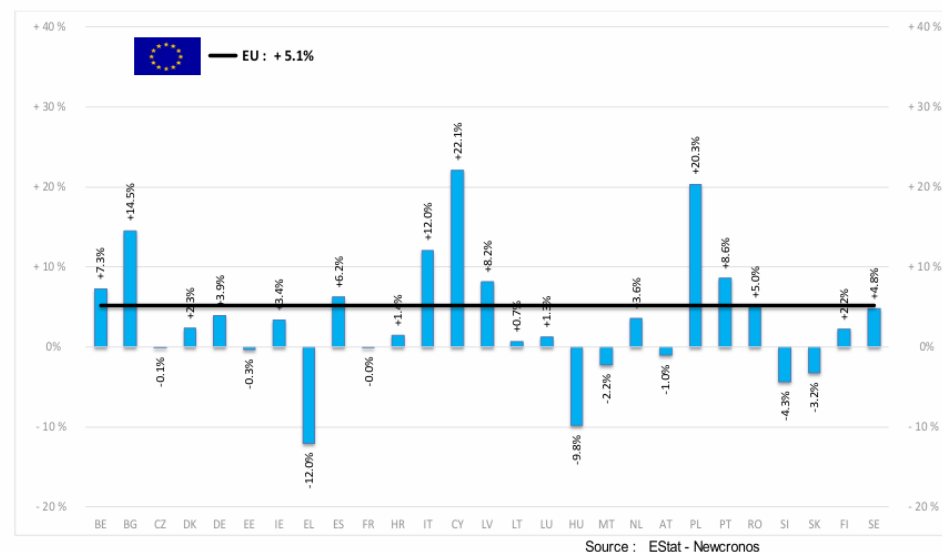
Market

PRODUCTION

% EVOLUTION TONNES

TONNES	Jan-May 24/23
EU	+5.1%
Bull	+6.0%
Bullock	+3.5%
Cow	+4.8%
Heifer	+8.3%
Calve	+3.3%
Young cattle	-4.4%
Meat of bovine animals	+5.1%

Estimates for last month of period : BG



Market

PRICES CARCASSES

Dashboard

EU Prices week		33	Evolution since last week	Evolution since last month	Evolution since last year
Carcasse	Average A/C/Z -R3	505.6	+ 0.8%	+ 0.8%	+ 5.7%
	Young Bovines (Z)	506.9	+ 0.5%	- 0.5%	+ 2.0%
	Young Bulls (A)	503.3	+ 1.0%	+ 1.4%	+ 6.4%
	Steers (C)	516.3	+ 0.3%	- 0.4%	+ 7.3%
	Cows (D)	434.3	+ 0.3%	+ 0.7%	+ 5.9%
	Heifers (E)	517.5	+ 0.3%	- 0.6%	+ 3.7%
	Calves slaughtered <8M	617.7	+ 0.7%	+ 1.8%	+ 3.5%
Live Animals	Male Calves Dairy Type	145.7	- 3.6%	- 7.4%	+ 14.6%
	Male Calves Beef Type	283.8	- 1.2%	- 1.7%	+ 12.1%
	Young Store Cattle	3.53	+ 0.1%	+ 2.2%	+ 9.8%
	Yearling Male Store Cattle	4.18	+ 0.1%	- 0.2%	+ 14.5%
	Yearling Female Store Cattle	3.25	+ 0.3%	+ 1.6%	+ 13.4%

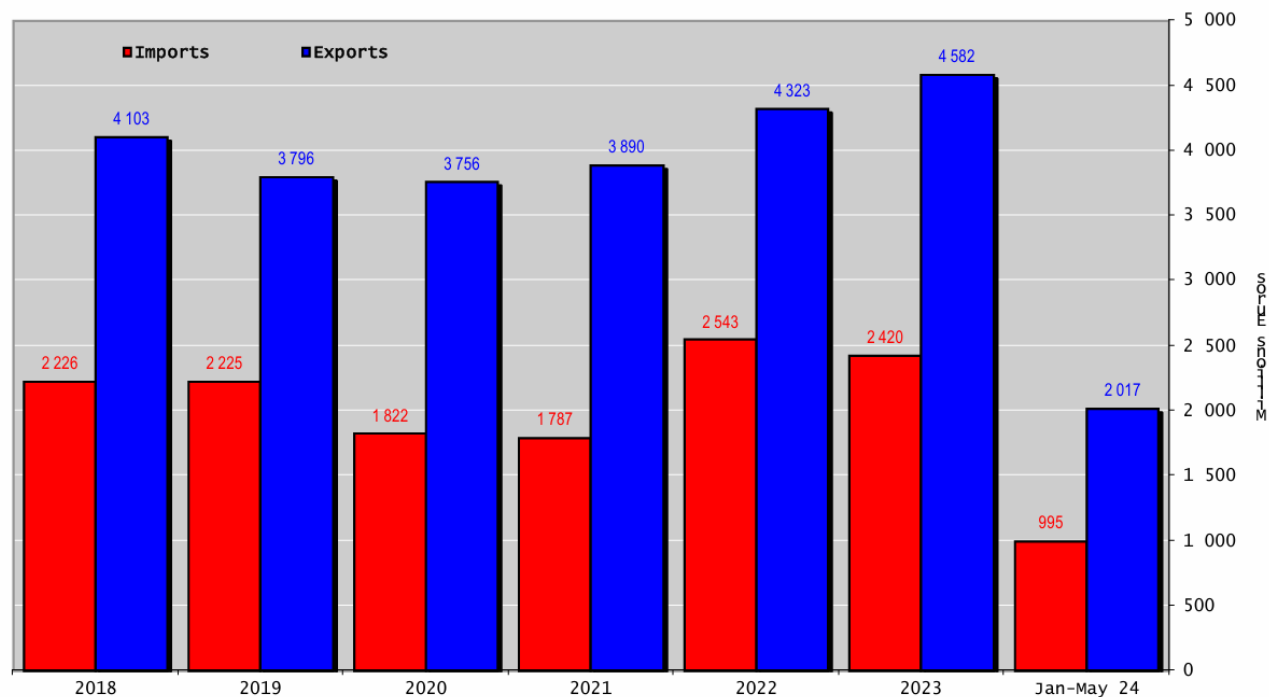
Sources : MSs notifications (Regulation (EU) 1182/2017 and 1184/2017)

Market

TRADE

EU TRADE BALANCE Beef & Live Animals

Trade Balance of Beef Products and Live Animals



2024

Production challenges for Beef farmers

- * Sanitary issues

- * Bluetongue

- * BE, NL, FR, DE, LU, DK, SE, AT, PT, CZ

- * Serotype 3

- * Production costs

- * New legislative proposals

- * IED

- * Transports



SUMMARY

- * Recognition of farming and food production as strategic important for EU
- * Positive new including approach for legislative process from Commission
- * Role of livestock challenged in dietary and climate debate
- * Livestock positive contributions to society
- * Stable and strong market
- * Sanitary challenges





Thank you for your attention!

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