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Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

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Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism
Most of Austria (70%), is covered by the Alpine Region, central and west, as the Alps extend on into Austria from Switzerland.
Austria – Facts and Figures

- **Population** (1.1.2018)
  - 8.82 million inhabitants
  - (1.71 % of the EU population)
  - Density: 105.2 per km²

- **Capital**: Vienna → 1.9 million inhabitants

- **Territory**: 83 878 km²

- **Political system**: parliamentary representative democracy
Agriculture in Austria

- Small scaled agriculture: average size of 19.3 ha
- 93 % family farms
- 60 % part-time farmers (farming 24 % of the agricultural area)
- 31 % managed by women
- 10.7 % young farmers under 35 years (6.5 % in EU)
Agriculture in Austria

- Number of agricultural holdings: 132 500
  (162 018 holdings with agriculture and forestry)
- Total agricultural land: 2 671 174 ha
- 50 % of agricultural land in mountain areas
- Organic production: 22 % (leading position in EU)
Austria‘s Presidency Priorities – ‘A Europe that protects’

- Security and Migration
- Securing Prosperity and Competitiveness through Digitalisation
- Stability in the Neighbourhood – Rapprochement of the Western Balkans/Southeastern Europe
Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism

- The ministry consists of seven core areas:
  - Environment and Water Management
  - Agriculture and Rural Development
  - Forestry and Sustainability
  - Climate
  - Waste Management, Chemicals Policy and Environmental Technology
  - Energy and Mining
  - Tourism and Regional Policy
Federal Minister of Sustainability and Tourism

- Ms. Elisabeth Köstinger

„Austria sees its role during the Presidency as a honest broker“
AGRIFISH Council Dates

July 2018

- 16 July
  Informal meeting of Agriculture Ministers
  Schloss Hof / Vienna

- 23 - 25 Sep

- 15 - 16 Oct
  Luxembourg

- 19 - 20 Nov

- 17 - 18 Dec
  December 2018
AGRIFISH Priorities

- Legislative Proposals for the CAP post 2020
- Directive on Unfair Trading Practices
- Spirit Drinks Regulation
- Developments on the Agricultural Markets
The CAP post 2020: Nine clear objectives proposed June 2018

The 9 objectives of the future CAP are:
- to ensure a fair income to farmers
- to increase competitiveness
- to rebalance the power in the food chain
- climate change action
- environmental care
- to preserve landscapes and biodiversity
- to support generational renewal
- vibrant rural areas
- to protect food and health quality
**Strategic plans**

- Member States tailor their CAP Strategic Plan to meet CAP objectives: more subsidiarity
- Actions under both pillars
- Plans set the targets for reaching the objectives; progress will be assessed at Member State level and verified by the European Commission in a new annual monitoring and review exercise
- CAP Strategic Plan will need prior approval from the European Commission to ensure that it remains consistent with the EU-wide objectives
- A common set of result indicators at EU
- Countries submit a performance report to EC to show the progress they have made, based on these specific result indicators
CAP post 2020

- EU Commission Proposals CAP post 2020 published June 2018
- Intensive work on all Council levels – Working Groups, SCA, AGRIFISH Council under Austrian Presidency
- Examination and progress of the proposals within the Council with the aim to make as much progress as possible
- Focus on CAP Strategic Plans proposals to simplify the policy
- Future EU Budget: sufficient money as a condition for successful CAP
Unfair Trading Practices

- Fair treatment for small and medium sized food and farming businesses without market power.
- Examples: late payments for perishable food products, last minute order cancellations, unilateral or retroactive changes to contracts and forcing the supplier to pay for wasted products.
- Austrian Presidency continues the work started by the Bulgarian Presidency
- Focused debates in SCA and all Council levels based on legislative proposal
- Our aim: Reaching a political agreement by the end of our term
Spirit Drinks Regulation


- Integrating protection of geographical indications (GIs) of spirit drinks modelled on updated procedures for quality schemes applied to agricultural products and foodstuffs

- Continue work of the Bulgarian Presidency

- Several technical meetings and a political trilogue

- Our aim: Reach a first-reading agreement
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Une Europe qui protège

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