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Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

A Europe that protects

Ein Europa, das schützt

Une Europe qui protège

Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism

Austria – Facts and Figures



- 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

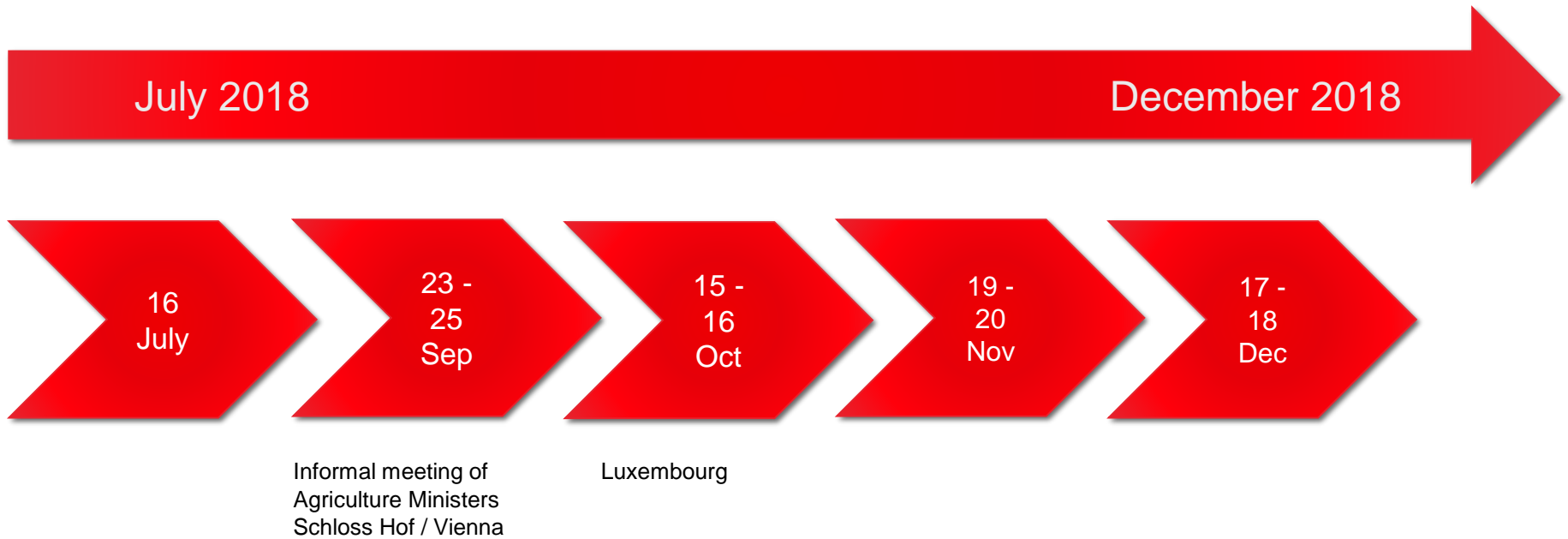


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„Austria sees its role during the Presidency as a honest broker“

AGRIFISH Council Dates



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

- December 2016, EC proposal for replacement of the Spirit Drinks Regulation (aligned with Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU- Lisbon).
- 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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