



The Vital Link in the Food Chain

“For a competitive Primary Food Sector in the European Union”

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BACKGROUND

The importance to support the competitiveness is clearly recognised by the EU through specific recommendations and the development of business-friendly environment for business operators.

In February 2016, the Commission organised the first meeting of the “High Level Forum for a Better Functioning Food Supply Chain” aimed at developing policy in the food & drink sector, while contributing to a better functioning food supply chain. In parallel, DG AGRI set up the Agricultural Markets Task force to define different measures for improving the position of farmers in the food chain.

However, the Primary Food Industries are much less in the focus and their role in the chain as processors of agricultural commodities supplying essentially food, but also other markets of renewable products, tends to be overlooked. Yet, Primary Food Processors have specific requirements as regards maintaining or enhancing competitiveness.

The Roundtable aims to provide insights into the EU primary food sectors, to understand the contribution of this central player in the food chain and discuss more generally how to act on those measures and policies that support competitiveness.

PROGRAMME

Hosted & chaired by **Paolo de Castro, MEP**

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