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(**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES**), held in Brussels, 12 July 2010

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## **"A" ITEM**

### **22. Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the participation of the Union in a joint Baltic Sea Research and Development Programme (BONUS) undertaken by several Member States**

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The Council approved the amendment set out in the European Parliament's opinion and adopted the proposed act amended accordingly, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Articles 185 and 188, second paragraph, of the TFEU).

#### **Statement by the Commission**

"The Commission regrets very much the lack of agreement on a real common pot model as set out in Annex I of the Commission proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and the Council on the BONUS programme.

On this occasion, and to facilitate an inter-institutional compromise, the Commission stands ready to support the Presidency compromise text. In this regard, it states that the implications of the Decision on the BONUS programme for the real common pot will under no circumstances be taken as a precedent for future proposals for such initiatives. However, it emphasises that experience to date shows that the real common pot, while not a goal in itself, guarantees excellence and the financial commitment of Member States for all initiatives related to cross-border funding and collaboration, which remain crucial to advance in the realisation of the European Research Area.

This is all the more pressing in the context of Joint Programming. The success of the Joint Programming process depends fundamentally on the concrete commitment of Member States to strategically align and pool resources in areas of crucial importance that address societal challenges. Accordingly, the Commission stresses that Member States will need to commit on a real common pot for cross-border funding and collaboration or agree on other forms of financial and strategic integration before the launch of any further initiatives based on Article 185 TFEU. It also stresses the importance of the common pot model for the implementation of Joint Programming Initiatives."

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## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **4. Working Programme of the Presidency**

*(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))*

- Presentation by the Presidency  
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The respective Chairs of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council presented the Work Programme of the Belgian Presidency for the agricultural sector and the fisheries sector.

They highlighted the following main areas:

Common Agricultural Policy

- Future of the CAP after 2013
- Dairy sector

The Belgian Presidency will also open a debate on a review of Europe's agricultural product quality policy and will discuss a number of other agricultural items on which Commission initiatives are expected in the second half of 2010:

- distribution of foodstuffs to the most deprived;
- the Commission report on the outermost regions;
- proposals to adapt existing agricultural legislation to the Lisbon Treaty and to simplify agricultural legislation (rural development and direct support);
- the Commission report on the farm advisory system (FAS);
- the roadmap on TSE;
- financing the animal health strategy;
- and the framework for GMOs.

The Presidency will be keeping a close watch on developments in WTO/DDA and bilateral negotiations and their possible impact on agriculture.

## Fisheries

- Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)
- 2011 fishing opportunities
- Technical measures
- Multiannual plans and current dossiers
- External policy

The Belgian Presidency will organise an international symposium on "Improved science and Fisheries Partnership Agreements as policy drivers" on 9-10 November 2010.

Fishery items will figure on the Council's agenda in October, November and December.

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