

PROGRAMME

Reform of Common Agricultural Policy 2014-2020

19th February 2014, from 14:00 to 16:00
European House, Jungmannova 24, Prague 1

New rules of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), which will enter into force from 1st January 2015, put greater emphasis on greener agriculture, fairer allocation of EU funding and more effective support for farmers to cope with market challenges. New CAP will also bring lower grants for big farms and put an end to sugar, milk and wine quotas. Czech agricultures will undoubtedly need to cope with changes in direct payments. Member States will have the possibility to redistribute direct income support by using up to 30% of their national direct payments envelopes for granting small farmers an extra payment for the first hectares on which they activate payment entitlements. On the contrary, the amount of income support of large firms will be reduced by 5% (for amounts above 150 000 EUR). This can be perceived as a problem for Czech farmers who are larger than average EU farms. New rules will also support active and young farmers. Activities beneficial to the environment will be also supported, 30% of direct payments will be dedicated to the greening of agriculture particularly to crop diversification and maintenance of permanent grassland.

Main goal of this debate is to discuss the changes brought by the CAP Reform 2014-2020 and its impact on Czech agricultures.

What impact on Czech agriculture will the CAP reform have? What effect on large farms in the Czech Republic could have the reduction of direct payments? How do we perceive increased requirements on environment protection in the context of Czech farming?

The debate will be opened by **Jiří Kubíček**, Head of the Information office of the European parliament to the Czech Republic, followed by:

- **Tassos Haniotis**, Director, Directorate for Economic analysis, perspectives and evaluation; and also acting Director of Directorate for Direct Support, DG AGRI, European Commission
- **Jaroslava Beneš Špalková**, Deputy Minister for EU Common Agricultural and Fishing Policies, Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic

The discussion will be moderated by **Šárka Kučerová**, advisor for the Common Agricultural Policy, European Parliament

Partners: University of Economics in Prague, the University of Finance and Administration.

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