

SUNDAY, 22 JANUARY 2012



**10h00** Opening of the conference: **The future of the CAP in the context of negotiations on the next Financial Perspective 2014/2020**

*by Miguel Portas*

**10h30** **New CAP and the Portuguese agriculture**

*by Maria João Pereira*

**11h15** Coffee break

**11h30** **Panel I: Greening: Agriculture and environment**

Farmers produce agricultural goods which are traded in markets, but they also produce public goods or of public interest, which are largely beyond the logic of the market. The outcome of their activity can help maintaining cultural landscapes, improving the water management, the soil fertility, enrich and vary biodiversity, reduction GHG emissions and fire prevention. These services benefit the entire society, not just farmers, which is why it is legitimate that society recognizes this benefit.

The aim of this panel is to discuss the new CAP policies towards greening agriculture. Should public authorities and public money pay for these goods of public interest?

Should they encouraging the provision of such goods? What kind of contract should exist between farmers and society? Can these direct payments of the CAP can promote a significant shift to modes of production more environmentally friendly?

**12h00** Joint debate

**13h00** Lunch break

**14h30** **Panel II: Food crisis and prices to producer**

Manly since the housing bubble crash in 2007, many stockholders have shifted their investments from financial markets to more secure and of primary importance to humankind like the food and food future markets. At the same time, the prices paid to producers continue to be low. The tendency is for lower prices paid to the producers that are pressured by the speculation in these markets, the monopolization of big distribution and commercialization chains.

This panel aims to discuss how can CAP reduce or share risks with farmers regarding the production factors, climatic conditions and also the need for finance their investments. How can CAP promote agricultural production towards the internal market defending production from speculation and volatility of prices? Is it legitimate that throughout the market, the non-agriculture investors are taking the most important decisions in food provision and prices?

**15h00** Debate

**16h00** **Panel III: Agriculture and the rural world**

The rural world is lacking jobs and people. This panel will discuss how CAP should promote the integrated development of the rural world. Introducing a logic of production of high added value and encouraging the processing of agricultural products and stimulate the supply of food proximity (short circuits) are keys.

This panel will discuss this problematic. How can we support small farmers, recognizing their role in the establishment of production systems that ensure food security, preserve natural resources, improve their income by multi-activity, and contribute to rural development and fight climate change? How can we promote a small sustainable agriculture, the uses few pesticide users and do not uses GMOs and that protects biodiversity? How can we promote agriculture as a quality food service and promoter of public health?

**16h30** Debate

**17h30** Coffee break

**18h00** **Closing session** by *Marisa Matias*, MEP and vice president of EL, and *Francisco Louçã*, national coordinator of the Left Bloc.