



**CROATIAN PARLIAMENT
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
Chairman**

Dear Chair,

dear colleague,

I have a pleasure of informing you that the Agriculture Committee of the Croatian Parliament, supported by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia, will organize an interparliamentary conference with the aim of fostering interparliamentary cooperation between the competent working bodies of national parliaments, exchanging views and discussing the proposal for the legislative framework of the Common Agricultural Policy for the forthcoming programming period, presented by the European Commission at the beginning of June 2018.

Along with representatives of the committees responsible for agriculture and rural development of EU member states' national parliaments, the conference will also bring together representatives of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia and major sectoral associations.

In my capacity as the Chairman of the Croatian Parliament Agriculture Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you and the members of your Committee to the **Interparliamentary Conference "The Role of Parliaments in Shaping the Future of Food and Farming"**, to be held on 22 and 23 November 2018 in the Croatian Parliament.

The legislative framework proposal will be presented by the Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development Phil Hogan, followed by a discussion on: the process of adopting national strategic plans, generational renewal of rural areas, research in agriculture, food safety and quality and local community and rural development. The second day of the Conference will be reserved for the presentation of the outcomes of the discussions and exchange of views between parliamentarians and representatives of sectoral associations and proposing the topics for further discussions between national parliaments on the future of the Common Agricultural Policy beyond 2020.

With a view to ensuring a constructive discussion, we would appreciate if you provided the views and opinions of your Committee on the proposal for a legislative framework of the Common Agricultural Policy and the related proposal for the Multiannual Financial Framework for the next programming period by 15 October 2018.

Please note that a national parliamentary delegation can be represented by up to four members (in the case of bicameral parliaments each chamber with up to two members each). The registration form is to be submitted by 15 October 2018 at the latest.

The costs of the Conference, follow-up activities and accommodation of the participants will be co-financed from the technical assistance funds of the Rural Development Programme of the Republic of Croatia 2014-2020. The participants shall cover the costs of arrival to and departure from Croatia.

The agenda of the Conference, any relevant information on the Conference, the form for the submission of the views and opinions of the competent committees of national parliaments and professional associations, request-for-the-floor cards as well as the online registration form are available on the Conference website <https://cro-cap.com/en/home/> .

I look forward to your participation in the Interparliamentary Conference "The Role of Parliaments in Shaping the Future of Food and Farming" and to welcoming you in Zagreb on 22 November 2018

Sincerely,


Tomislav Panenić