

Chairpersons of the Committees on the
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Agriculture
from the national parliaments
of the European Union
and the European Parliament

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Invitation

Dear Chairpersons,
Dear Colleagues,

The Covid-19 pandemic has far-reaching impacts on social and economic development in our member states and across the world. It presents the European Union with one of the greatest challenges since its foundation. Yet this crisis may also present an opportunity, to move forward on transforming the economy and the agricultural sector in a sustainable fashion. In this context, the European Green Deal, as one of the European Commission's key projects, is aimed at decisively boosting economic recovery, whilst also putting Europe on track to becoming the first climate-neutral continent.

Against this background, we would like to invite you, as chairpersons of committees on the environment, energy, transport and agriculture from the national parliaments of the EU member states and the European Parliament, to take part in the Conference

**The European Green Deal and CAP:
for a sustainable and climate-neutral Europe
on 4/5 October 2020.**

In line with the work programme of the German Bundestag and Bundesrat for the Parliamentary Dimension of the German Presidency of the Council of the EU, we intend to discuss current issues and tasks of relevance for a sustainable and climate-neutral EU. During the first two sessions, we plan to examine



how the goal of a climate-neutral European Union can be achieved and which industrial technologies and forms of sustainable mobility can lead us out of the crisis. Finally, we will explore the challenges posed for the Common Agricultural Policy by the European Commission's "Farm to Fork" Strategy.

We are currently planning to hold the Conference as a physical meeting at the German Bundestag in Berlin. Should the Covid-19 pandemic preclude a meeting of this kind, the Conference will take place as a video conference on 5 October. We ask for your understanding on this.

Up to four chairpersons or their deputies can be nominated from each parliament to take part in the Conference.

I attach the **draft programme** (enclosure 1), along with an **information sheet** (enclosure 2) **containing technical information**, on accreditation etc.

We look forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,

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