



The International Food and Agriculture Trade Policy Council (IPC) and the German Marshall Fund (GMF) are pleased to invite you to a breakfast discussion

on:

***The Future of the European Common
Agricultural Policy***

With:

Speaker:

Tassos Haniotis, Head of Unit, Agricultural Policy Analysis and Perspectives,
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Commentator:

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Moderated by:

Charlotte Hebebrand, Chief Executive, IPC

The “health check” of the Common Agricultural Policy – an effort to streamline and modernize the CAP – will be concluded by the end of 2008. Please join us for a discussion on the main policy questions being addressed in the health check on direct farm support, market measures and rural development and the outlook for a final deal between the European Commission and the EU member states. What role has the recent food price crisis played in the policy debate, and in which ways does the health check debate provide a preview of the larger debate on the Common Agricultural Policy after 2013? In which ways does the debate over agricultural reform in Europe resemble and differ from this year's debate on the farm bill?

When: Friday, December 5th 8:30am-10:00am

Where: The German Marshall Fund, 1700 18th St. NW Washington, DC

Space is limited, so please RSVP to stpierre@agritrade.org

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development is based in Brussels under the authority of Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel. With a staff of about 1000 and led by Director-General Jean-Luc Demarty, it is responsible for the implementation of agriculture and rural development policy, the latter being managed in conjunction with the other DGs which deal with structural policies. It is made up of twelve Directorates dealing with all aspects of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) including market measures, rural development policy, financial matters as well as international relations relating to agriculture.

BirdLife International global Partnership of conservation organisations that strives to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity, working with people towards sustainability in the use of natural resources. BirdLife International has 42 Partners in Europe, is active in all the EU Member States and has a Secretariat office in Brussels.