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Press invitation: Milk producers demonstrate with hundreds of tractors in front of the EU Parliament in Strasbourg



Demonstration of milk producers in Quimper. Picture from Le Telegramme by Christian Rose

On October 20th, 2010 more than one thousand European milk producers will demonstrate with their tractors in front of the EU parliament. Romuald Schaber, president of the European Milk Board (EMB) says: "On behalf of the citizens and farmers in Europe we call on the parliament to support an intelligent regulation of the dairy market."

Prior to the demonstration the EMB will organise in cooperation with Martin Häusling, MEP and member of the Green Party, a press conference entitled: "The market needs rules". A study of the dairy market "The future of the dairy market: less is more" and the demands for a sustainable dairy policy will be presented on this press conference.

We would like to invite you most warmly to both events on October 20th, 2010.

Press conference:

Time: 10:00

Place: LOW N-1/201, EU-Parliament Strasbourg

Demonstration:

Time: 12:00

Place: Place du Wacken, 67070 Strasbourg (near EU-Parliament)

Background

The current discussions all over Europe about the Common Agricultural Policy that were initiated by Dacian Cioloş, European Commissioner for Agriculture, have shown that agriculture, rural areas and security of supply are deemed important by the European citizens. They demand fair conditions of competition for producers. The agricultural policy should create appropriate conditions. The European citizens thus support the demands of milk producers in Europe for a fair dairy policy. The European milk producers will express the opinion of the civil society on October 20th, 2010 and will demonstrate with hundreds of tractors in front of the European Parliament.

The study "The future of the dairy market: less is more" that will be presented on October 20th, 2010 as well shall contribute to the political discussion on the future of the dairy market: It provides answers to questions such as:

- *Are the market concepts successful?*
- *Who benefits from these systems?*

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