



European Economic and Social Committee

**Public Hearing**  
on the  
**role of women**  
as drivers of a development and innovation model  
**in agriculture and rural areas**

**JDE62, 6th floor**  
**99 rue Belliard**

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**FINAL PROGRAMME**

- 10.15 a.m.**      *Introduction* by **Mario Campli**, President of the Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment
- 10.20 a.m.**      *Panel* with introductory interventions from invited speakers, followed by a discussion
- **Elisabeth Jeggle**, Member of the European Parliament, rapporteur on the role of women in agriculture and rural areas
  - **Agata Zdanowicz**, Head of Unit AGRI F1 - Rural development programmes in Italy, Hungary and Malta, European Commission
  - **Maurizio Forchini**, Vice-President of the Confcooperative Bergamo
  - **Arnd Spahn**, Agriculture Secretary, European Federation of food, agriculture, tourism trade unions (EFFAT)
  - **Federica Zolla**, Policy Advisor responsible for the Women's Committee, COPA-Cogeca
  - **Geneviève Dupont**, farmer, Member of the Board of the Women Farmers Union of Wallonia (UAW)
- Discussion*
- 11.40 a.m.**      *Conclusions*
- **Daniela Rondinelli**, EESC rapporteur
- 12.00**            *End of the hearing*
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