

## AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT & FOOD SECURITY IN EU EXTERNAL ACTION INSTRUMENTS

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THON Hotel EU – Rue de la Loi, 75 – 1040 Brussels  
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**Moderator: Jan DRÖGE, Schuman Associates (confirmed)**

08.30 – 09.00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09.00 – 09.30	<b>Guidelines on participation in EU External Action Programmes</b> <i>Ms. Melinda WEZENAAR, Branch Director, MDF Training &amp; Consultancy – Brussels Branch MDF (confirmed)</i>
09.30 – 09.50	<b>Opening Key note speech</b> <i>Mr. Roberto RIDOLFI, Director DG DEVCO C, Sustainable Growth and Development (confirmed)</i>
09.50 - 10.10	<b>Agriculture, rural development and food security in EU External Action</b> <i>Mr. Jean Pierre HALKIN, Head of unit, DG DEVCO C1, Rural Development, Food security, Nutrition (confirmed)</i>
10.10 – 10.30	<b>Agriculture, rural development and food security in Latin America and the Caribbean</b> <i>Ms. Galina KARAMALAKOVA, DG DEVCO G1, Geographical Coordination Latin America and the Caribbean (confirmed)</i>
10.30 – 11.15	<b>Agriculture, rural development and food security in Enlargement and Neighbourhood countries</b> <i>Mr. José Román LEÓN LORA, Support Group for Ukraine, DG NEAR (confirmed)</i> <i>Mr. Stéphane HALGAND, Programme Manager, DG NEAR, B2 Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South (confirmed)</i> <i>Ms. Anna NOWAK, Programme Manager, DG Agri, A5 Pre – Accession Assistance for Agriculture (confirmed)</i>
11.15 – 11.30	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee Break
12.00 – 12.20	<b>Changes in the latest version of the Procurement And Grants for European Union external actions Practical Guide PRAG</b> <i>Mr. Laurent SARAZIN, Head of unit, DG DEVCO R3 - Legal Affairs (confirmed)</i>
12.20– 12.40	<b>Blending as an implementing method</b> <i>Ms. Céline MAERTENS, Programme Manager, DG DEVCO C3 – Financial Instruments (confirmed)</i>
12.40 – 13.00	<b>EIB financing for agriculture and rural development in third countries. Specific focus on blending</b> <i>Mr. Mihail JUC, Senior Engineer, Natural Resources and Agro-Industry, EIB (confirmed)</i>
13.00 – 13.15	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
13.15 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 17.30	<b>Bilateral meetings between participating companies</b> <b>Info desks for individual questions:</b> <b>EIB (confirmed)</b> <b>EUROPEAID - Information desk operated by DG DEVCO, for individual questions on procedural issues (confirmed)</b>

### Other member states institutions co-organizing the event:

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