



Agricultural Markets Task Force

**Expert Group on Agricultural Commodity
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Some basics

- *Announcement by Commissioner Hogan in September last year*
- *Operational since January this year*
- *Chaired by former Dutch Agriculture Minister Cees Veerman*
- *12 senior experts*
- *Final report to be adopted in autumn*



Mandate

- *Look into the functioning of the food supply chain*
- *Provide advice on how to improve the position of farmers in the supply chain*
- *Make recommendations and proposing policy initiatives*
- *Including possible legislation under the CAP competence*

Areas of interests

- *Market transparency*
- *Access to financing and futures markets*
- *Contractualisation and contractual relations*
- *Collective self-help tools (including collective bargaining and competition issues)*

Working method

- *Hearing of external experts*
- *Discussions among members on basis of issue papers*
- *Outreach and input from representatives from the EP and Council*
- *Meeting between Chairman of TF and CDG (23/5)*
- *Contributions from stakeholders:*

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First subject – Market Transparency

- *Observatory of prices*
- *Cost effectiveness*
- *Analysis of margins at different stages of food supply chain*
- *Access to information*
- *Short term/long term data*
- *Importance of analysis of data*
- *Confidentiality issue*