

Irish Presidency of the EU 2012 - Presidency Priorities

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Core Presidency Themes

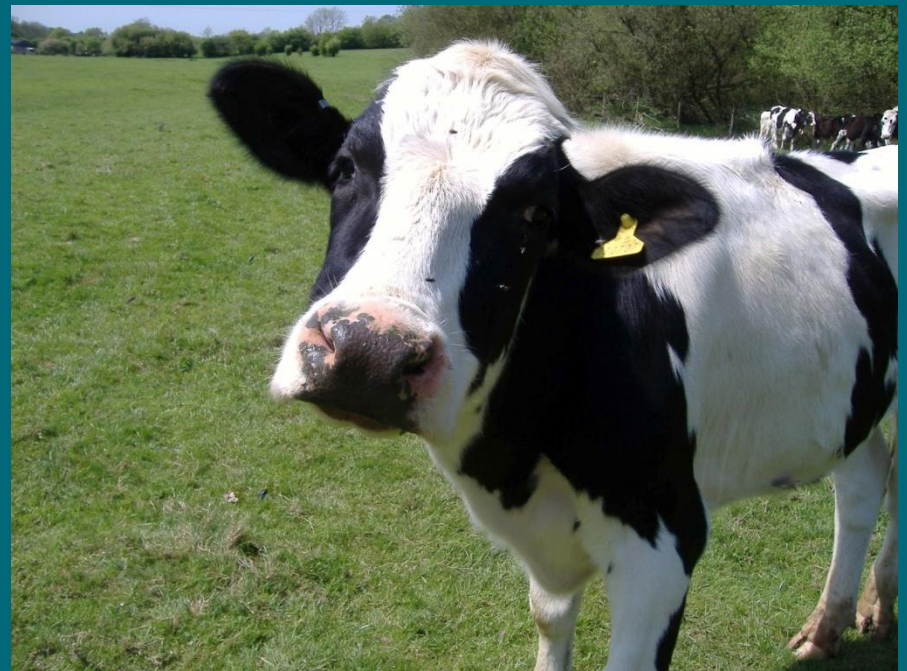
- Promoting Economic Growth
- Creating Jobs
- Improving the EU's competitiveness
- Restoring stability
- Reach an agreement on the MFF
- External Trade Agenda, an important source of growth and jobs

Presidency 2013: Agriculture

- Common Agriculture Policy (CAP)
- Common Fisheries Policy
- Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)
 - Animal Health and Welfare
 - Plant Health
 - Food Safety

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New EU Animal Health Law

- Part of 'Five-Part Package'
- Much-delayed...
- EU Animal Health Strategy – Common EU animal health policy
- **Prevention of introduction and spread of animal diseases**

New EU Animal Health Law

Objectives

- Prevention-driven and incentive-oriented
- Roles and responsibilities
- Disease categorization
- Rapid response, Emergencies
- Simplified procedures
- Flexibility
- Minimise trade disruption

Veterinary Medicines Package

- Much delayed...
- Issues:
 - Availability problems
 - Off-label use
 - Regulatory burden on industry
 - Duplication of efforts in Member States
 - Lack of a real single EU market
- Separate Proposal on Medicated Feed

Non-legislative issues

- Trade
 - USA FTA, Canada
 - Russia / Customs Union
 - South America (Mercosur)
- Schmallenberg Virus
- Mislabelling of Beef Products

Go Raibh Maith Agaibh!

Thank You!



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