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The conference is taking place at a time that the proposals of the European Commission for a new CAP are being widely discussed. The conference aims to contribute to this debate.

The Conference is jointly organised by **Groupe de Bruges and the MSc Programme “Integrated Rural Development & Management of Rural Space” of the Agricultural University of Athens.**

The materials of the Conference (papers, PowerPoint presentations, audio and video recordings) will be distributed via the Internet on the Groupe de Bruges’ website, www.groupedebruges.eu.

The conference will be held in English.

Simultaneous interpretation in English and Greek will be provided.

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Conference

**Dilemmas of the CAP reform.
Between competitiveness and
public goods: can farmers
deliver both?**

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09:30 **Rector`s Welcome**

Welcome address

Arie van den Brand

President of the Groupe de Bruges

09.45 **Introduction to the CAP reform**

"Looking forward 50 years later: an agenda for the upcoming CAP reform"

Franco Sotte

Vice-president of the Groupe de Bruges, professor of Agricultural Economics at the Polytechnic University of Ancona, Italy

"The Greek Experience of CAP reform of 2003: Evidences and Prospects"

Stathis Klonaris

Assistant Professor of Agricultural University of Athens and **Sotiris Koutsomitros** PhD candidate of Agricultural University of Athens

"The next CAP Reform and the role of civil society"

Samuel Ferét

Agricultural and Rural Convention and member of the Groupe de Bruges

"Proposal for a new Common Agricultural Policy"

Jenna Hegarty

Birdlife International

Discussion with speakers and participants

Moderator: Arie van den Brand

11.00 **Coffee break**

11.30 **CAP and Public Goods**

Moderator: **professor Demetrios Damianos**, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Agricultural University of Athens

"Provision of public goods through agriculture: a new rationale for CAP and rural development policy"

Athanassios Kampas, Assistant

Professor

George Vlahos, Agronomist

Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Agricultural University of Athens (AUA)

"Public goods from private land"

Allan Buckwell

Country, Land and Business Association

"Agricultural policy and public goods in Norway" – "A comparison of Greek and Norwegian agricultural and rural policies concerning public goods"

Lampros Lamprinakis

Norwegian Agricultural Economics Research Institute

"Public goods, from theory to practice: examples of Dutch experiments"

Jan Gerrit Deelen

Representative of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Innovation and Agriculture

Discussion with speakers and participants

13.00 **Buffet lunch**

14.00 **Workshops** (by invitation only)

17.30 **Conclusions and closure**