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ENASP contributes to EC consultations “Green Paper on ageing populations”

On the occasion of a statement's submission by the European network of agricultural social protection systems ENASP regarding the EU Commission's Green Paper on ageing populations, ENASP President Martin Empl says: "Intergenerational solidarity is a fundamental idea, not only in social security. In agriculture, this idea has always played a crucial role. In agricultural social insurance, this principle is complemented by that of support for society as a whole. Due to the structural change that has been going on for many decades, people and farms need the reliable solidarity of society as a whole. The participation of the state in the financing of old-age provision for farmers in all ENASP countries is important and relieves the burden on farms. This enables a timely handover into younger hands and thus sustainable investments. These, in turn, will also benefit to the entire society."

"Solidarity continues on the farm" adds Arnd Spahn, Chairman of the SVLFG and ENASP Vice-President. "This is not only about achieving a good result together, but also about working in a healthy and safe way. In this, workers deserve and receive support from employers and agricultural social insurance."

Both Mr. Empl and Mr. Spahn point to the diverse achievements of the ENASP network in Finland, France, Greece, Poland, Austria and Germany: "Concrete examples of what ENASP organisations are doing for healthy and safe growing up, working and ageing are in our current consultation paper."

The ENASP statement is available at www.enasp.eu.

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