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Re: Invitation and agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on the Environment and the Advisory Group on Agriculture and Environment on 22nd and 23rd May 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Advisory Group on Agriculture and Environment** will be held on **23rd May from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m** ([EN\(14\)2796 \(rev.1\)](#)).

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr Luís Bulhão Martins, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the preparatory meeting of the **Working Party on the Environment** which will be held on:

22nd May from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **by 7th May 2014, 5:00 p.m. at the latest** so we can inform the Commission's services in time. Please note that **those members of the Working Party who do not return their form in time cannot be taken into account when forming the Copa-Cogeca delegation¹** that will attend the Advisory Group meeting. You will be informed of who has been included in the **Copa-Cogeca delegation by 9th May 2014.**

Please regularly check the "Environment" section on Agri-Info for the latest available documents and to view the papers you will need for the meeting. Please pass this message on to any colleagues who may be interested.

Yours faithfully,

Antonia Andúgar and Tania Runge

¹Copa-Cogeca has 18 seats in the Advisory Group, which will be allocated in accordance with document [PR(04)72F1]/[P(04)166F1], which was approved by the Copa and Cogeca Praesidia on 6 and 14 May 2004.

Agenda for the Working Party – based on the “Strategic agenda” for the Advisory Group Agriculture and Environment EN(13)2484 (rev.2)

1. Adoption of the agenda [EN\(14\)2242 \(rev.2\)](#)
2. Adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting [EN\(13\)9166 \(rev.1\)](#)
3. Elections of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Party on Environment [EN\(14\)2546 \(rev.1\)](#)
4. Preparation of the Advisory Group ([EN\(14\)3085 \(rev.1\)](#)):
 - 4.1 **State of play of the CAP post 2013 (including delegated acts and guidelines)** – the future agri-environment-climate measures and the baseline set by cross compliance and mandatory greening
 - 4.2 **Semi-natural pastures / high nature value farmland:**
 - a. Discussion about inventories of where they are and what is their environmental value in terms of biodiversity, carbon storage, water
 - b. Ways forward for effective protection of semi-natural pastures in relations to CAP implementation and other policy tools
 - 4.3 **The 2030 framework for climate and energy policies – implications for agriculture and land use emissions and removals (LULUCF sector)**
 - a. Presentation and discussion on the 2030 framework by the Secretariat
 - b. INTERNAL: Facing increasing extreme weather events in agriculture (article 18 RD, risk management in RD, state aid)
 - 4.4 **Update on the proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (former EIA)**
 - 4.5 **Resource-efficiency:**
 - a. Information about the Communication on sustainable food (food consumption/waste & wastage) and ways forward – IF PUBLISHED.
 - b. Outcomes of the consultative Communication on the sustainable use of phosphorus
 - 4.6 **Pesticides:**
 - a. Update on the state of implementation of the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive – by the Secretariat
 - b. Specific discussion on integrated pest management (only at the AG)
 - 4.7 **Revision of the Fertilisers Regulation**
 - a. Debriefing of the Copa-Cogeca workshop on “Making best use of nutrients” (26th March)
 - 4.8 **Water:**
 - a. Discussion on the national action plans with relation to the nitrates directive
 - b. Information on the new mandate for the WFD CIS (Water Framework Directive’s Common Implementation Strategy) and outcomes of the working groups
 - 4.9 **Information on the EEA Multiannual Work Programme 2014 – 2018 (tbc)**

- 5. Biodiversity:**
 - 5.1** Update on the EC's activities in the framework of the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy
 - 5.2** Information about the Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme on nature legislation (REFIT process)

- 6. Soil and land use:**
 - 6.1** Update on REFIT process and Council discussions
 - 6.2** Exchange of views on land use ahead of the 19th June Commission's Conference "Land as a resource"

- 7. Air policy : "Clean Air Programme for Europe":**
 - 7.1** Debriefing of the 19th March meeting with the Commission
 - 7.2** Discussion on a draft Copa-Cogeca position paper

- 8. Information about the new Civil Dialogue Groups framework and announcement of elections**

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