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Re: Invitation to the Workshop on “Lesson learnt from the current Rural Development Programme” on 19th June 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the Chair of the Working Party on Rural Development, Ms Sofia Björnsson, we would like to invite you to the **Workshop on “Lesson learnt from the current Rural Development Programme”**, which will be held on:

Wednesday, 19th June 2019 9:00 – 15:00
 at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
 61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

This workshop aims to exchange experiences stemming from the current Rural Development Programme and look at best practices in different Member States. The focus is on the current priorities of the RDP, what measures deliver best on them and what on the other hand should be avoided. You are welcome to contribute to each session with examples from your Member State on how you implemented different practices. This exercise will contribute to compile the lessons learnt from the current programming period and to feed into the next one. It will also contribute to develop our thinking fitting into the on-going Secretariat work on the CAP Strategic Plans guidelines.

Please note that in the sessions we will follow the selected priorities of the current RDP, with best practice examples related to each of these priorities, followed by an exchange of views with the group.

Please **register [here](#) no later than 7th June 2019 by 5:00 p.m.**

Please check regularly the Rural Development section on Agri Info for the latest available documents. Please pass this message on to any colleagues who may be interested.

Yours faithfully,

Katerina Vrublova

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1. Introduction to the workshop by Ms Sofia Björnsson

2. Session 1 on “Fostering knowledge transfer and innovation”

a. Presentation of best practice examples

Ms Veronika Korčeková (ENRD) - *The power of rural networks*

Mr Andreas Thurner (LKÖ) - *Farminar - Online seminar from the farm, for farmers*

b. Exchange of views with the members

3. Session 2 on “Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness and supporting farm risk management”

a. Presentation of best practice examples

Ms Alessia Musumarra (CEJA) - *Supporting young farmers in their business development*

Mr Stefano Francia (AGIA CIA) - *Risk management: ensuring farmers’ income, best practices from Italy*

b. Exchange of views with the members

4. Session 3 on “Promoting resource efficiency”

a. Presentation of best practice examples

Mr Marko Mäki-Hakola (MTK) - *Market place for agricultural side streams in Finland*

Mr François Huyghe (Boerenbond) - *Reducing ammonia emissions in Flanders: how agricultural investment fund contributes to the solution*

b. Exchange of views with the members

5. Session 4 on “Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems”

a. Presentation of best practice examples

Ms Adrienn Gyenes (NAK) - *The eco-system added value of proper farming – presenting the Hungarian agri-environment-climate measure*

Mr Christos Karatzas (GAIA EPICHEIREIN) - *Experiences from the implementation of AEEM in Greece. The good, the bad and the ugly measure in the national Rural Development Program*

b. Exchange of views with the members

6. Conclusions and next steps