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**The Members of the Copa-
Cogeca Working Party on
Rural Development**

The National Offices

**The Coordinators of the New
Copa-Cogeca Member
Organisations**

**Invitation to the meeting of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Rural Development
on 23 April 2012**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Chairman of the Working Party Mr. Bertilsson, I have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the meeting of the Working Party on Rural Development which will be held on:

**23 April 2012 from 9.30 to 13.00
at European Economic and Social Committee, VMA 3, 1040 BRUSSELS.**

Please regularly check the Rural Development section on AGRI INFO for the latest available documents and to view the papers that you will need for the meeting.

Feel free to pass this message on to any colleagues who may be interested.

Please equally note that for security purposes, each participant is required to present a PHOTO ID at the reception before being granted entry to the EESC building.

Kind regards,

Nella Mikkola

Final agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting of 14th December 2011.

In preparation for the Advisory Group Rural Development meeting on 24th of April 2012:

3. Exchange of views on the future Rural Development Policy measures and coordination with other structural funds
 - a. State of play of the Copa-Cogeca proposal for the future of the CAP after 2013, by Ms. Nella Mikkola
 - b. Exchange of views on the future priorities and instruments for the Rural Development Policy after 2013 with the aim of adopting a Working Party Rural Development contribution on the future of the CAP post 2013 by Mr Thomas Bertilsson
4. Working Groups under the Commission Advisory Group Rural Development
 - a. State of play with the Commission working groups by Ms Nella Mikkola
 - b. Discussion on the key messages to be put forward by the spokespersons from the working groups in the next meeting on 23 April 2012 afternoon
5. Exchange of views on innovation in the farming sector:
 - a. Farmers and cooperatives involvement in the EIP for agricultural productivity and sustainability by Ms Tania Runge
 - b. Debate on innovation at farm level fueled by initial contributions from WP members Mr Frank van Oorschot, LTO and Mr Gerfried Gruber, LKÖ.
6. Exchange of views on lobbying actions on LFA delimitation
7. Information on:
 - a. Rural Coalition of Europe and its activities by Ms Mikkola
 - b. European Network for Rural Development. Progress report by the Copa-Cogeca representatives in the respective groups
 - c. Outcomes of the ENRD Focus Group on Environmental Services by Mr Thomas Bertilsson
8. Any other business