

ABI(12)8136:1

TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca <i>ad hoc</i> Working Party on Organic Farming National offices
FROM:	Cynthia Benites
DATE:	15/11/2012

**Re: Agenda for the meeting of the *ad hoc* Working Party on Organic Farming
on 7th December 2012**

On behalf of the Chairman of the Copa-Cogeca *ad hoc* Working Party on Organic Farming, Mr Nebel, I am pleased to invite you to the next meeting of the Working Party, which will take place on:

**7th December 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat,
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels**

With reference to the consultation ABI(12)7327, I would also like to remind you that **this meeting will not be directly followed by a meeting of the Advisory Group**, because the Commission has confirmed that the next meeting of the Advisory Group will be held on:

**Monday 10th December from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
at the Albert Borschette Centre,
36 rue Froissart, 1040 Brussels**

Please **fill in and return the attached participation form** to myriam.boulogne@copa-cogeca.eu by **26th November 2012** at the latest so that 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 delegation that will attend the Advisory Group meeting.**¹

You will be informed of the composition of the **Copa-Cogeca delegation** by **27th November 2012**.

Please regularly consult the organic farming section on Agri Info for the latest available documents. Please pass this message on to any colleagues who may be interested.

Kind regards, Cynthia Benites

Draft agenda

¹ Copa-Cogeca has 7 seats in the Advisory Group, which will be allocated in accordance with the rules laid down in document [PR(04)72F1]/[P(04)166F1], which was approved by the Copa and Cogeca Praesidia on 6th and 14th May 2004.

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting
2. **Impact assessment procedure in preparation for a possible legislative proposal amending Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 by the 4th quarter of 2013:**
 - 2.1 Update on the reform process and follow-up on impact assessment hearings
 - 2.2 Preparation for the meeting of the Advisory Group on Monday 10th December from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.:
 - a) **EU organic produce market – Internal market and standards** – for details of all topics discussed by the Commission see document **ABI(12)6010**
 - Facts and figures on the EU internal market, organic farming and production (EU production and market, employment, prices, imports/exports, impact on the environment, animal welfare, etc.)
 - Experiences in applying European organic farming legislation (production rules, GMO, consumer expectations, etc.)
 - Looking towards the future (targets, suggestions for improvements and changes, trends and characteristics, innovation)
 - b) **Controls and applying them (within the EU and in third countries)** – for details of all topics discussed by the Commission see document **ABI(12)6011**
 - Facts and figures (number of controls and audits, countries/zones/volumes covered, percentages, number of people involved in these activities, costs, etc.)
 - Experiences in applying European organic farming legislation (controls, accreditation and certification, consumer confidence, positive/negative points, the question of GMOs, etc.)
 - Looking towards the future (targets, suggestions for improvements and changes, weaknesses and solutions, trends and characteristics, innovation)
 - c) **EU external trade in organic produce and global challenges** – for details of all topics discussed by the Commission see document **ABI(12)6012**
 - Facts and figures on external trade in organic products (imports and exports: volumes and value, countries of origin and destination, price considerations, product types, etc.)
 - Experiences in applying European organic farming legislation (equivalence, authorisations, respect, reciprocity; controls, certification, accreditation; customs; codex, etc.)
 - Global and general questions (climate change, food security, etc.)
 - Looking towards the future (targets, suggestions for improvements and changes, trends and characteristics, innovation)
 - d) **Discussion on revising the European Action Plan for Organic Food and Farming**
3. **Discussion on poultrymeat production:**
 - 3.1 Conclusions of the Expert Group for Technical Advice on Organic Production (EGTOP)
 - 3.2 Consultation on EGTOP conclusions on broilers
4. **Results of the new consultation on organic glasshouse production**
5. **Results of the consultation on authorising the use of 6 processing aids in animal feed**

6. State of play on the revision of Annexes 1 and 2 (including the definition of "factory farms")

ATTENDANCE FORM

PLEASE RETURN TO MYRIAM BOULOGNE BY 26TH NOVEMBER 2012
AT THE LATEST

BY E-MAIL: **MYRIAM.BOULOGNE@COPA-COGECA.EU**

AND/OR BY FAX: **00. 32. 22. 87. 27. 00**

AD HOC WORKING PARTY ON ORGANIC FARMING
07/12/2012 * 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

NAME:

ORGANISATION/COUNTRY:

E-MAIL:

am able to attend am unable to attend the meeting

WORKING LANGUAGE: French English German Italian Spanish Polish

ADVISORY GROUP ON ORGANIC FARMING
10/12/2012 * 9:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

NAME:

ORGANISATION:

would like to participate as a reimbursed expert ²

would like to participate as a non-reimbursed expert₁

² According to the standards and criteria laid down by Copa-Cogeca in document [PR(04)72F1]/P (04)166F1].