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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COPA-COGECA WORKING PARTY ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT ON 22 NOVEMBER 2012**

Present: BERTILSSON (Chairman), AALTONEN, ALARCÃO, BICKNALL, CARO CALVO, DEL CASTILLO, DAVIES, DZELZKALEJA, FANKHAUSER, FERNANDEZ, FERNANDEZ, GUNNING, HAUKA, JAUMOTTE, KARIOS, LACZKÓ, LEPORATI, LHERMITTE, LOPEZ HERNÁNDEZ, MATOUŠEK, MC CARTHY, MIGUEL DE DIEGO, MONTANARI, MULVIHILL, NOWICKA, O'BRIEN, PASCHER, QUADRO, SAVY, SMYRIS, ULRICH, VINOHRADNÍK

**SECRETARIAT:** MIKKOLA, RUNGE

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### **SUMMARY AND conclusions:**

The Working Party (WP) met under the chairmanship of Mr. Bertilsson and adopted the agenda [DR(12)7524:3] as well as the minutes of the previous meeting [DR(12)8228:2]. Due to extraordinary Praesidium of Copa and Cogeca on the same day the WP meeting was shortened to take place between 9.30-11.00.

#### **Item 1: Exchange of views on the Public Private Partnership on biobased industries initiative**

Ms Mikkola gave a debriefing on the outcomes of the Copa-Cogeca workshop on “Improving the competitiveness of the bio-based industry value chains” on 1 October 2012 in Budapest as well as on the public consultation on the PPP bio-based industries launched on 21 September 2012. Ms Mikkola presented the Copa-Cogeca reaction to the public consultation that is expected to be approved by the Praesidium by end of November 2012 and to be submitted then to the Commission. WP was encouraged to send their own contributions to the public consultations. WP discussed the future involvement of Copa-Cogeca in this initiative and were encouraged to send their views on the bioeconomy to the Secretariat that is preparing a position paper on the matter.

#### **Item 2: Working groups under the AG RD**

Mr Pascher informed the members of the work done in the WGs and the future steps. Representatives of each of the WGs (Mr Bertilsson, Mr Caro and Mrs Dzelzkaleja) presented the draft report of each of the groups. The WP discussed the reports and the possibility to continue these WGs under the AG on implementation of the RDP post 2013 and possibility to join the WGs with ENRD focus groups. WP were supporting joint actions however raised the concern on the financing of travelling costs to enable participation. WG were seen good discussion arena however coming to conclusions and recommendations was found difficult. The final meeting of the current WGs takes place 22 November 2012 afternoon.

### **Item 3: Information of the Secretariat activities and the upcoming elections of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen of the WP**

Ms Runge gave a presentation on the work done in the Copa-Cogeca WP on Research and Innovation and on the outcomes of the ENRD Focus Group on “Innovation and knowledge transfer”. Chairman presented the outcomes of the ENRD focus group on “Environmental Services”. Ms Mikkola informed members of the activities in the Rural Coalition of Europe and informed the members of the published Rural Coalition’s position paper on the future of the Rural Development Policy post 2013. The Chairman informed the members of the upcoming elections of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the WP in the next WP meeting and informed of his decision not to run for the Chairmanship in the next period.

### **Item 4: Any other business**

Due to the extraordinary situation that the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the WP would not be present in the afternoon internal workshop on future Rural Development Policy the WP elected Ms Ingrid Rydberg (LRF) to chair the meeting (15.00-18.00). Ms Mikkola informed the WP that this is her last WP meeting. The Chairman thanked Ms Mikkola for her excellent work and wished her best for her future life.