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**DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE COPA-COGECA  
WORKING PARTY ON ENVIRONMENT  
ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012**

**Present:** BULHAO MARTINS, NORRING, DECKER, PIETOLA, KRUKLITE, PANTANO, GODINHO, BASTO, BOMBAGLI, HEIJMANS, KINGSTON, MATOUSEK, MONTAIGU, MITCHELL, LÄNGAUER, LE CORRE-GABENS, TOBIAS, MARTIN, KULVIK, MACIJASKAS, STEFANI, DZELZKALEJA, MESA

**Secretariat:** ANDÚGAR, MATTHEWS, RUNGE, DERRIEN, KALAITZIS

1. The **minutes** from the previous meeting (EN(12)4996 (rev.2)) were adopted.
2. The **agenda** (EN(12)7724 (rev.2)) was adopted with no additional points under AOB.
3. As **preparation of the Advisory Group** (AG) a number of different topics have been addressed (EN(12)8502 (rev.1)).

**3.1 Elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Advisory Group on Agriculture and Environment ([EN\(12\)7722 \(rev.1\)](#)).**

→ **Martin Laengauer from Austrian Chambers presented his CV and suggestions for the two-year mandate. The Chairman thanked his availability for the position and the WP supported his candidacy.**

The Chairman thanked for the work done by Ms Eugenia Pommaret, Chair of the Advisory Group Agriculture and Environment 2010-2012.

**3.2 The future Common Agricultural Policy**

- 3.2.1** “Monitoring environmental aspects in the future CAP” (EN(12)9046) – presentation by Christiane Canenbley (DG AGRI Unit L.1). In future there will be a common monitoring and evaluation framework for the CAP.
- 3.2.2** State of play by the secretariat by Shelby Matthews on MFF discussions, EP preparation of compromise amendments, and transitional period 2014.
- 3.2.3** Presentation of the Commission’s position on greening and EP amendments - Brief discussion of potential answers to the 3 questions put forward for the AG (EN(12)8627 (rev.1))
- 3.2.4** Presentation of the IEEP study “Addressing the EU’s biodiversity goals through the CAP” ([COM\(12\)3461 \(rev.1\)](#)). The Secretariat encouraged members to react on the basis of our position on biodiversity and the CAP related aspects at AG.
- 3.2.5** The Secretariat urged the members to be vigilant as regards new cross compliance requirements.

**3.3 Waste : update on the Commission’s work on the definition of “end of waste” criteria for biodegradable waste.** The Secretariat explained the JRC and the Commission’s work on this issue as well as the content of a draft letter sent out to the members in advance (CC(12)7194). NFU, DBV and FNSEA are against EU legislation but Cooperativas Agroalimentarias is in favor (no delegate from Cooperativas Agroalimentarias was present).

→ **The Secretariat will modify the draft aiming at conciliate positions and will send it to the members for a second consultation. There will be an update provided by the Commission at the AG.**

- 3.4 Update on the review of the EU air policy.** The Secretariat informed the members about the Commission's work. DBV and NFU debriefed the group about previous meetings of the Stakeholder Expert Group.

→ **The Secretariat insisted in the importance of the involvement of the members in this topic and asked again their contributions to the questions put forward in the document EN(12)8144 (rev.1). There will be an update provided by the Commission at the AG.**

- 3.5 Presentation of the EC Communication “Blueprint to safeguard Europe’s waters” – discussion**

A debriefing of the Blueprint Conference in Cyprus was given by Mr Noerring.

→ **In view of the Council conclusions a letter to address our concerns will be send to the Permanent Representations (EN(12)9317 (rev.1)).**

- 3.6 Update on the application of the Strategic Environmental and Environmental Impact Assessment Directives to agricultural activities**

The revision of the EIA could lead to additional area for compensation measures, but could also give more attention to productive agricultural land and reducing soil sealing; some agricultural activities fall under the scope of the EIA (new holdings).

- 3.7 Sustainable Consumption and Production – debriefing of the Hearing on sustainable Food (19-20<sup>th</sup> November 2012)**

Christophe Derrien informed about the undergoing work within the task force on food wastage under the WP DA and the upcoming Communication on sustainable food.

→ **Members were asked to contribute in the preparation of a contribution paper (DA(12)9255 (rev.1)).**

#### **4. Climate policy (EN(12)9078 (rev.1))**

- 4.1 Update on the negotiations on the proposal for a decision on LULUCF.** The Secretariat informed about the state of play in the decision process for the LULUCF proposal and strongly encouraged members to be active with their respective governments and MEPs.

- 4.2 Update in view of the UNFCCC COP 18 in Doha.** The Secretariat as well as N. P. Noerring gave some insights about the outcomes of the Conference, mainly the failure of the SBSTA to go forward on an international work program for agriculture.

- 5. Update by the Secretariat – questions, clarifications and steps forward: soil, follow-up to Rio+20, resource efficiency indicators, biodiversity.** The Secretariat updated the members on soil, Rio+20, waste, ETS (EN(12)9241) as well as on ongoing activities in the area of resource efficiency (upcoming green paper on phosphorus), biodiversity (no net loss, large carnivores).

#### **6. AOB**

- Coop de France asked for the inclusion of a point in the agenda for next meeting: the presentation of “Grignon: énergie positive” - <http://www.agroparistech.fr/energiepositive/>

The Chairman thanked the members for the lively discussions and closed the meeting at 6 pm.