

“THE NEW REGULATION ON PLANT REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL: WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR THE EU’S FARMERS AND COOPERATIVES?”

TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2014

FROM 9:30 A.M.

AT COPA-COGECA

61 RUE DE TRÈVES, BRUSSELS

Programme (draft)

- 9:30-10:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:00-10:10 a.m. Welcome by Mr Pekka Pesonen, Copa-Cogeca Secretary General
- Moderator: Max Schulman, Chairman of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Cereals*
- 10:10-10:30 a.m. Presentation of the European Commission’s proposal for a new plant reproductive material law by Mr Eric Poudelet, European Commission
- 10:30-10:50 a.m. Questions and answers
- 10:50-11:10 a.m. The view of a French cooperative (DUS testing, VAT, registration, certification, official controls, the EU register) by a representative of Limagrain (FR) (tbc)
- 11:10-11:30 a.m. The view of a German farmers’ association (DUS testing, VAT, registration, certification, official controls, the EU register) by a DBV representative (DE) (tbc)
- 11:30-11:50 a.m. EU seed supply and demand (statistics, seed shortage) by Mr James Mills, National Farmers’ Union (UK)
- 11:50-12:00 p.m. Coffee break
- 12:00-12:20 p.m. Heterogeneous material, the view of a Danish cooperative DFL (DK)
- 12:20-12:40 p.m. Niche market material, the view of an Italian cooperative by Mr Edmo Tersi (ACI Agroalimentare)
- 12:40-1:00 p.m. Questions and answers
- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Lunch break

Moderator: Miklos Zsolt Kis, Copa Vice President (tbc)

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| 2:30-2:50 p.m. | The problems, needs and expectations of organic farmers by Mr Ignace Deroo, Vice-Chair of the Copa-Cogeca WP on Organic Farming |
| 2:50-3:10 p.m. | State of play in the EP Committee on Agriculture by Mr Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris (tbc) |
| 3:10-3:30 p.m. | State of play in the EP Committee on Environment (tbc) |
| 3:30-3:50 p.m. | Questions and answers |
| 3:50-4:10 p.m. | State of play in the Council – report on the Lithuanian Presidency by Ms Jovita Kulikauskaite |
| 4:10-4:30 p.m. | The view of the Greek Presidency by Ms Effrosyni Bousio |
| 4:30-4:50 p.m. | The view of the European seed industry by Mr Garlich von Essen, ESA Secretary General |
| 4:50-5:10 p.m. | Questions and answers |
| 5:10-5:30 p.m. | Conclusions |
| 5:30 p.m. | End |