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TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on “Forestry”
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DATE:	17th December 2013

Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on “Forestry” and the Advisory Group on “Forestry and Cork” on 16th and 17th January 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission’s services have confirmed that the **Advisory Group on “Forestry and Cork”** will be held on **17th January from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m (FP(13)9545 (rev.1); FP(13)9648 (rev.1)).**

On behalf of the Chairman of the working party, Mr Enrique Valero Gutierrez, I have the pleasure of inviting you to the meeting of the Working Party on “Forestry” which will be held on:

**16th January from 9:30 a.m. to 13:00 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels**

On behalf of the Chair of the Advisory Group, Mr Juha Hakkarainen, I have the pleasure of inviting you to the joint meeting dedicated to the preparation of the Advisory Group on “Forestry and Cork”. This joint meeting will be conducted with CEPF, ELO and USSE and will be held on:

**16th January from 14:30 a.m. to 18:00 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels**

Please **complete the enclosed attendance forms and return it** to the Secretariat **by 6th January 2014, 5:00 p.m. at the latest** so 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 delegation¹** that will attend the Advisory Group meeting. Furthermore, the experts who do not attend to the joint preparatory meeting cannot be included in the experts list for the advisory group.

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

Please regularly check the “Forestry” section on Agri-Info for the latest available documents and to view the papers you will need for the meeting. Please pass this message on to any colleagues who may be interested.

Best regards,
Oana Neagu

DRAFT AGENDA COPA-COGECA WORKING PARTY ON FORESTRY AND CORK

16 January 2014 – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda [FP\(13\)9631 \(rev.1\)](#)
2. Adoption of the minute of the last meeting – 3rd June 2013 [FP\(13\)6011 \(rev.1\)](#)

Exchange of views on:

3. The new Rural Development measures for 2014-2020 and their inclusion on the National/Regional Rural Development Programmes
4. The new EU Forest strategy
 - a. Conclusions of the workshop on 16 December 2013
 - b. EU SFM criteria
5. EU Action on large carnivores
6. Guidance on Natura 2000 and Forests
7. Presentation of the state of play of the discussions in the European Parliament and in the Council on the new plant health law and official controls



DRAFT AGENDA

JOINT PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE ADVISORY GROUP ON FORESTRY AND CORK (COPA-COGECA, USSE, CEPF and ELO)

16 January 2014 – 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1.** The relevance of the Advisory Group on Forestry and Cork in the context of reviewing the DG Agri advisory groups - Resolution of the AG
- 2.** The implementation of the new EU Forest Strategy - conclusions of the workshop of 16 December 2013
- 3.**
 - a. Implementation of the Forest measures under the new Rural development policy and guidelines on national aid
 - b. Resolution of the AG on the evaluation regarding the low uptake of funds (2007-2013) and the promotion of the measures for the next programming period (2014-2020)

POINTS FOR INFORMATION (SHORT UPDATE)

- 4.**
 - a. Post 2020 climate and energy targets and the implications on forestry
 - b. Warsaw Climate Change Conference (November 2013) and the Global Climate Change Convention guidelines
- 5.** Biodiversity strategy and the implementation of forest related initiatives
- 6.** Guidance on Natura 2000 and forests
- 7.** Opportunities for Forest sector in research and innovation
 - a. Overview of relevant EIPs - Agriculture, Water, Raw Material
 - b. The PPP on the Bio-based Industries
- 8.** Update on Implementation of the EU Timber Regulation
- 9.** Forest related areas under the Commission work plan for 2014