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TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Parties on Quality Assurance in Agriculture and Promotion of Agricultural Products
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FROM:	Cynthia Benites and Javier Valle
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Re: Invitation and draft agendas for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Parties on Quality Assurance in Agriculture and Promotion of Agricultural Products, the joint preparatory meeting and the first meeting of the Civil Dialogue Group on Quality and Promotion on 20th and 21st November 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Civil Dialogue Group on Quality and Promotion** will be held on **21st November 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** [PPA\(14\)7446 \(rev.1\)](#)

On behalf of the Chairman of the Working Party, Mr Olivier De Carné, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the meeting of the **Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture**, which will be held on:

**20th November 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels**

On behalf of the Chairmen of the Working Parties on Quality Assurance in Agriculture and Promotion of Agricultural Products, Mr Olivier De Carné and Mr Jerzy Wierzbicki, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the **joint preparatory meeting** dedicated to the preparation of the Civil Dialogue Group on "Quality and Promotion". This meeting will be held on:

**20th November 2014 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels**

On behalf of the Chairman of the Working Party, Mr Jerzy Wierzbicki, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the meeting of the **Working Party on Promotion of Agricultural Products** which will be held on:

**20th November 2014 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels**

Please **complete and return the enclosed attendance form** to the Secretariat **by 12:00 p.m. on 6th November 2014 at the latest**, so that we can inform the Commission's services in time.

Please note that **those members of the Working Parties who do not return their form in time cannot be taken into account when forming the Copa-Cogeca delegation** that will attend the Civil Dialogue Group meeting.

Copa-Cogeca has **8 reimbursed seats to be allocated in accordance with the draft table on the indicative participation of Copa-Cogeca representatives in DG AGRI's Civil Dialogue Groups in 2014 CAT(14)7050 (rev.1)**.

Note that the Commission will not allocate observer seats under this new system.

You will be informed of the detailed composition of the **Copa-Cogeca delegation by 10th November 2014**.

Please regularly check the Quality and Promotion sections 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.

Yours faithfully,

Cynthia Benites and Javier Valle

Draft agendas

❖ Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture :

1. Adoption of the agenda [AQA\(14\)8063 \(rev.1\)](#)
2. Approval of the minutes of the last Working Party meeting (12/06/2014) and Advisory Group (13/06/2014)
3. Regulation No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs: state of play
4. Update on the discussions and possibilities to review the potential for further simplification in the area of quality policy
5. State of play of the implementation of Regulation No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers:
 - Update and discussion on the implementation of voluntary origin labelling of foods (Art. 26.3)
 - Update on the ongoing study on the mandatory indication of the country of origin or place of provenance of other meats, milk and milk used as an ingredient in dairy products (Art. 26.5)
 - Update on the ongoing study on unprocessed foods, single ingredient products and ingredients that represent more than 50% of a food (Art. 26.5)
6. Geographical indication protection for non-agricultural products at EU level- state of play, preliminary results of the Public Consultation and next steps
7. State of play of the discussions on the European Commission's proposal on official controls (review of regulation (EC) N° 882/2004) and the link to quality certification schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs
8. ICANN: protection of GIs on internet
9. AOB

❖ Joint preparatory meeting for the civil dialogue group on "Quality and Promotion"

1. New framework for civil dialogue groups based on Commission Decision 2013/767/EU:
 - Functioning of the Civil Dialogue Group Quality & Promotion (concept of the CDG's, composition of the CDG "Quality and Promotion", procedural questions)
 - Exchange of views on the preparation of future meetings of the CDG "Quality and Promotion"
2. Strategic Agenda
3. AOB

❖ Working Party on Promotion of agricultural products:

1. Adoption of the agenda [AQA\(14\)8063 \(rev.1\)](#)

2. Approval of the minutes of the last Working Party meeting (30/06/2014) and Advisory Group (30/06/2014)

3. Reform of the EU promotion policy:

- State of play after the EP and Council agreement in April;
- Next steps and exchange of views in particular on:
 - o delegated and implementing acts including discussion on the working document on simplification and better regulation for the promotion policy after 2015 (Regulation following the COM(2013)812) ;
 - o the annual work programme ;
 - o setting up of the executive agency ;
 - o administration in the transitional year 2015 ;
- Exchange of views on the possibility to move the date of entry into force, further to the Russian ban
- Discussion on the preparation of an information seminar in 2015

4. Exchange of views on the programmes sent to the Commission on 30/09/2014 and on the additional budget due to the Russian import ban

5. Information and exchange of views on the implementation of the measures on promotion of agricultural products in rural development programmes - article 16 and article 35 of Regulation 1305/2013

6. Preparation for the Civil Dialogue Group meeting:

6.1 . Information on the high level missions

- Feedback on the EU pavilion Annapoorna fair, Mumbai, 24-26 September 2014
- Information on upcoming Commission activities in particular on the campaign promoting European GIs in China
- Other up-coming missions

6.2 . Overview of information portals managed by the EU providing useful information for exporters

6.3 Information on EXPO Milano

6.4 Information on Enterprise Europe Network (tbc)

7. AOB

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WORKING PARTY ON QUALITY ASSURANCE IN AGRICULTURE

Followed by **JOINT PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON "QUALITY AND PROMOTION"**

20/11/2014 * 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON QUALITY AND PROMOTION

21/11/2014 * 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

NAME:

ORGANISATION

would like to participate as a reimbursed expert

NB: The Copa-Cogeca Secretariat will inform you of the composition of the Copa-Cogeca delegation that will participate in the Civil Dialogue Group **8 working days before the meeting**. Those members of the Working Party who do not complete and return their forms before the deadline will not be taken into account when the Copa-Cogeca delegation is composed.

¹ In accordance with the draft table on the indicative participation of Copa-Cogeca representatives in DG AGRI's Civil Dialogue Groups in 2014 CAT(14)7050 (rev.1)