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TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on “Forestry”
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DATE:	2nd April 2014

Re: Invitation and draft agendas for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on “Forestry” and the Advisory Group on “Forestry and Cork” on 26th and 27th May 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission’s services have confirmed that the **Advisory Group on “Forestry and Cork”** will be held on **27th May from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m** [FP\(14\)2961 \(rev.1\)](#)

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:

**26th May 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:

**26th May 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 30th April 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

26th May 2014 – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda [FP\(14\)2378 \(rev.2\)](#)
2. Adoption of the minute of the last meeting – 16th January 2014
3. New civil dialogue on Forestry and cork

Points for discussion:

4. The new EU Forest strategy
 - a. Implementation of the strategy – state of play of the main strategic orientations
 - b. Draft Council and ECOSOC conclusions on the new EU Forest Strategy
 - c. SFM criteria
5. Investment measures in forestry sector under the new Rural Development Regulation – (detailed discussion with the Commission representatives) (tbc)

Points for information:

6. Information on the EC proposal for a directive on medium sized combustion plants
7. Information on opportunities for the forest sector on research and innovation: Horizon 2020, EIP on agriculture, EIP on raw materials
8. State of play on Guidance on Natura 2000 and Forests
9. State of play of the EU Action on large carnivores



DRAFT AGENDA

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

26th May 2014 – 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1.** The implementation of the new EU Forest Strategy
 - Development of SFM criteria – political framework and expected outcome
- 2.** Biodiversity strategy and the implementation of forest related initiative
 - Forest management plans in the perspective of the Biodiversity strategy (political background, outcome of the recent questionnaire addressed to the MSs on the FMPs)
 - Target 2 – by 2020, ecosystems and their services are maintained and enhanced by establishing green infrastructure and restoring at least 15% of degraded ecosystems

POINTS FOR INFORMATION

- 3.** Implementation of the Forest measures under the new Rural development policy - delegated and implementing act for rural development
- 4.** The new EU guidelines for state aid in the agriculture and forestry sector and in rural areas for 2014-2020 – state of play
- 5.** Presentation of the new Communication on the Energy and Climate Framework 2030
- 6.** DG Clima study on 'Climate benefits of material substitution by forest biomass and harvested wood products: perspective 2030'- state of play
- 7.** Next steps of the EC with regard to impact of EU consumption and deforestation
- 8.** Plant reproductive material Regulation – state of play