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Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party and the Civil Dialogue Group on “Direct Payments and Greening” on 9th and 10th November 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission services have confirmed that the **Civil Dialogue Group on “Direct Payments and Greening”** will be held **on 10th November 2015 from 9:30 to 18:00 (DP(15)7525 (rev.1))**.

On behalf of the Chairman Mr Hemmerling, I have the pleasure of inviting you to the **Copa-Cogeca Working Party on “Direct Payments and Greening”** which will be held on:

9th November 2015 from 9:30 to 1:00
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **by 26th October 2015** so we can inform the Commission services in time.

Please note that **those members who do not return their form in time cannot be taken into account when forming the Copa-Cogeca delegation¹** that will attend the Civil Dialogue Group meeting.

You will be informed of who has been included in the **Copa-Cogeca delegation by 27th October 2015**.

Please regularly check the “Direct payments and greening” 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.

Yours faithfully,

Paulo Gouveia and Katerina Tomkova

¹ Copa and Cogeca have 28 seats in the Civil Dialogue Group on “Direct Payments and Greening”.

Draft agenda of the Working Party meeting

1. Approval of the agenda [DP\(15\)7750 \(rev.1\)](#)
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting [DP\(15\)5040 \(rev.2\)](#)
3. State of play of the CAP implementation:
 - a. Outcomes of the 1st year of implementation of greening
 - b. Commission guidelines for 2016
 - c. Commission activities related to the revision of greening
4. Information on CAP simplification
5. Exchange of views on the uptake of the Commission's aid package: use of advance of direct payments and area based payments in rural development
6. Preparation of the meeting of the CDG
7. Information on:
 - a. Report on the workshop 'GAECs/greening' organized by the JRC on 21-23 October 2015 in Prague, Czech Republic
 - b. Report from the European Commission to the European Parliament and the Council – The Mid-Term Review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020
8. A.O.B.

Agenda of the Civil Dialogue Group meeting

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
3. Elections
4. Calendar of meetings 2016
5. Information on CAP simplification initiatives:
 - a. Presentation by the Commission services
 - b. Feedback from members
 - c. Exchange of views on delegated and implementing acts
6. Assessment of greening:
 - a. Presentation of the study on greening by IFAB (Institut für Agrarökologie und Biodiversität)
 - b. Presentation of initiatives in some Member States:
 - i. United Kingdom by NFU
 - ii. Germany by DBV
 - c. Information on the process and timeline for the Commission's work

7. Assessment of EFA:
 - a. Introduction by the Commission services
 - b. Feedback from members focusing on: administrative procedures; biodiversity; economic and social aspects (e.g. farming practices, production impact); comparison of adopted measures between Member States
8. A.O.B.