

COPA AND COGECA WORKSHOP ON “RISK MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND THE FUTURE CAP”

16th November 2016, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Copa-Cogeca Secretariat, 61, rue de Trèves, BE-1040 Brussels

BACKGROUND

In recent years, European farmers and agri-cooperatives have seen a significant increase in risks, mainly due to greater market volatility; more exposure to new animal and plant diseases; and the increased frequency of extreme weather events due to climate change.

The presence and incidence of such risks has a different effect on regions, Member States and sectors as this depends on numerous factors, such as international markets, market management, or natural and climate conditions.

All of these risk factors are interconnected. For instance, climate change may lead to variations in weather conditions and therefore changes to ecosystems, thus leading to new opportunities for pests and diseases to develop. These risks increase uncertainty for production and may have an effect on farm income.

Traditionally, farmers' organisations, interbranch organisations and agri-cooperatives have always played an important role in managing production risks. At the same time, they also help their members to manage market-related risks.

The meeting, organised by Copa and Cogeca will be dedicated to better understand the current level of implementation of risk management measures under the CAP and how to improve the uptake of such measures.

Following an overview of the EU legal framework and the opportunities to improve the current situation, a panel discussion will reflect on the possible tools to move forward and what role could risk management tools play in the context of the future CAP.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us (cesar.gonzalez@copa-cogeca.eu).

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 9:00 a.m. Registration and coffee
- 9:30 a.m. Opening words by Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General of Copa and Cogeca
- 9:35 a.m. Keynote speech by Tassos Haniotis, Director, Directorate E, DG Agri
“Risk management in the future CAP”
- 10:15 a.m. Speech by Jean Cordier (UMR SMART-LERECO, Agrocampus Ouest INRA)
“What needs to be improved in the current risk management tools”
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:20 a.m. Panel debate “Possible tools to move forward and what role could risk management play in the future CAP”
- Moderator:
Panellists:
- Tassos Haniotis (DG Agri)
 - Jean Cordier (UMR SMART-LERECO, Agrocampus Ouest INRA)
 - Paolo de Castro, MEP, *tbc*
 - Paola Grossi (Coldiretti)
 - Sylvain Lhermite (FNSEA) *tbc*
- 12:50 p.m. Concluding remarks by Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General of Copa and Cogeca
- 1:00 p.m. End of the workshop