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TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Milk and Dairy Products
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Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Milk and Dairy Products and the Civil Dialogue Group on Milk on 7 and 8 March 2017

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Civil Dialogue Group on Milk** will be held on 8 March 2017 from 9.30 – 18.00 hours

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr Thierry Roquefeuil, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the preparatory meeting of the Working Party on **Milk and Dairy Products** which will be held on:

7 March 2017 from 2:30 hours to 6:00 hours
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **by 15 February 2017 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 Civil Dialogue Group meeting.

You will be informed of who has been included in the **Copa-Cogeca delegation by 20 February 2017.**

Please regularly check the "Milk and Dairy Products" 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,
Camelia Györfly

¹ COPA-COGECA has 20 seats in the **Civil Dialogue Group "Milk"**.

Draft Agenda Working Party on Milk and Dairy Products 7th March 2017 (2.30 p.m-6.00 p.m.)

1. Milk market situation
 - a. Roundtable discussion (with a focus on expected trends for the seasonal milk production peak)
2. Roundtable discussion on the initial uptake of the EU aid for milk production reduction scheme
3. “Milk package” report:
 - a. Presentation by the EC of their objectives and recommendations (tbc)
 - b. Exchange of views on:
 - collective negotiations – strengths and weaknesses
 - producer organisations (associations of producer organisations) - strengths and weaknesses and analysis of the recommendations of the “milk package” report
 - supply management for PDO, PGI cheeses - strengths and weaknesses
 - contracts – strengths and weaknesses
4. Future of the CAP:
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Timetable

Note: as we would like to dedicate more time to the milk package and to the discussion on the future of the CAP, the timetable will not allow us to address all the points on the agenda of the CDG on Milk.

For your information, please find below the draft agenda of the CDG on Milk:

1. Milk market situation
 - a. Presentation by the European Commission and roundtable discussion
 - b. Medium-term prospects for the dairy sector
 - c. Information on the tenders regarding the release of SMP back on the EU market
2. Implementation of the July 2016 support package, in particular
 - a. initial take-up of the EU aid for milk production reduction and roundtable discussion
 - b. implementation at MS level of the exceptional adjustment aid
3. Findings of the Agricultural Market Task Force on the dairy sector and exchange of views
4. Implementation and evaluation of the milk package: presentation of the report
5. European Commission plans for a study on the feasibility of increasing the reference thresholds – information from the EC
6. Cumulative economic impact of future trade agreements on EU agriculture – presentation by the EC on the impact on the dairy sector
7. Future CAP – information by the EC on the timeline for these discussion
8. School Schemes – information on the main provisions in the delegated and implementing acts (with relevance to the dairy sector)
9. Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) Dairy – EDA presentation and exchange of views, incl. effects and upcoming legislative reflection phase
10. Mandatory origin labelling in certain EU Member States - first experiences
11. TRQ management review - overview of changes for dairy quotas
12. AOB