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<b>TO:</b>	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on <b>Pigmeat</b>
<b>COPY:</b>	National offices
<b>FROM:</b>	<i>Tonći Ukas</i>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>31.05.2017</b>

**Re: Invitation and draft agenda to the meeting of the tail biting and tail docking working group on 2 and 3 July 2018 in Helsinki, Finland**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Working Party Pigmeat Chairman, Mr Antonio Tavares and Finnish Agriculture and Cooperatives (MTK), we have the pleasure of inviting you to the second meeting of the tail biting and tail docking working group, which will be held on:

**2 July 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to  
3 July 2018 5:00 p.m.  
at the MTK office, Simonkatu 6, Helsinki, Finland**

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.**

Please note that due to the organizational constraints for the farm visits on Tuesday 3 July 2018, maximum number of participants will be limited to 20 people.

Please be advised that due to the strict measures put in place by the Finish authorities, the participants if wish to enter the pig farms on Tuesday 3 July 2018 will have to arrive on Sunday 1 July 2018 because of the 48 hours rule.

Please note there will be no translation provided. The language used will be English.

Please pass this message on to any colleagues who may be interested.

For more Information, please contact Jukka Rantala at MTK.

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Best wishes,  
*Tonći Ukas*



**Preliminary programme –Copa & Cogeca Working group on tail biting and tail docking (2 July 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 July 2018 3:00 p.m.)**

**Sunday 1 July 2018**

- Arrival in Helsinki (mandatory for those wishing to visit the farms on Tuesday)
- 20:00 Evening meal in Helsinki in Kappeli restaurant (Eteläesplanadi 1, Helsinki)  
<https://www.raflaamo.fi/fi/helsinki/kappeli>

**Monday 2 July 2018**

Mini seminar about pig production and the pig chain in Finland – MTK Office, (address Simonkatu 6, Helsinki).

[https://www.mtk.fi/MTK\\_english/contact\\_details/en\\_GB/contact\\_details/](https://www.mtk.fi/MTK_english/contact_details/en_GB/contact_details/)

9.30 – 13.00

- MTK presentation. Farmers union role lobbying pig sector.
- Meat industry plays a key role. Representative of meat industry
- ETT, the secret weapon!
- Cooperation with authorities is important.
  - o Ministry of agriculture
  - o Finnish food security office

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.30: Tail biting and tail docking working group meeting

16.30 – 18.30 Transportation to Turku by bus (Costs covered by MTK)

- Accommodation in Turku
- 20.00 Dinner in Turku

**Tuesday 3 July 2018**

Visit to the pig farms close to Turku town

- 8.00 : First pig farm in Rusko municipality
- 11.00: Second pig farm Aura municipality

13.30: Lunch with a discussion and feedback on farm visits

15.00: Trip back to Helsinki airport.

17:00: Arrival to the airport

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