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| TO: | Members of the Working Party on “Direct Payments and Greening” |
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| FROM: | Paulo Gouveia and Katerina Tomkova |
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Re: Invitation and updated draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party and the Civil Dialogue Group on “Direct Payments and Greening” on 11th and 12th April 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission services have confirmed that the **Civil Dialogue Group on “Direct Payments and Greening”** will be held **on 12th April 2016 from 9:30 to 18:00** ([DP\(16\)1579 \(rev.1\)](#)).

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:

11th April 2016 from 9:30 to 18:00
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **by 29th March 2016** 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 and Cogeca delegation¹** that will attend the Civil Dialogue Group meeting.

You will be informed of who has been included in the **Copa and Cogeca delegation by 30th March 2016**.

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\(16\)1582 \(rev.2\)](#)
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting [DP\(16\)1687 \(rev.1\)](#)
3. Public consultation on greening
 - a. Presentation of Copa and Cogeca responses
 - b. Expected next steps
4. State of play of the CAP
 - a. Implementation
 - b. Simplification
5. Experiences with the first year of implementation of greening obligations in the CAP
 - a. Presentations by:
 - i. Denmark
 - ii. Italy
 - iii. Portugal
 - b. Exchange of views with members
6. Presentation by Mr Owen Jones, DG Agri, unit D3, on the proposed Yellow card system
7. Preparation of the CDG meeting
8. Contribution from the WP Direct Payments & Greening to the discussions in the Workshop on Challenges for a future CAP on 13th May
9. Report on the event “Expert conference: Greening in the context of legal obligations and agri-environmental measures – 6.-8. 4. 2016 in Locom, Germany”
10. Any Other Business

Agenda of the Civil Dialogue Group meeting

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
3. Assessment of the implementation of greening and direct payments: situation in the EU Member States
4. State of play of CAP simplification
5. Greening review: work progress
6. Presentation and debate on greening implementation: exchange of experiences
 - a. *“A greening equivalency: maize and winter soil crop” by CEPM*
 - b. *Nitrogen fixing crops (protein crops) development and challenges in the Baltic States by Mr Leho Verk*

7. Exchange of views on Ecological Focus Areas: “How to make them work”

Discussion in 3 break-out groups based on 3 questions:

- a. Biodiversity*
- b. Production potential*
- c. Administrative implications for farmers*

Reporting of the break-out groups and joint debate

8. AOB

ATTENDANCE FORM

PLEASE RETURN TO SABRINA DEJEAN

BY 29TH MARCH 2016 at the latest

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AND/OR BY FAX: 00. 32. 22. 87. 27. 00

WORKING PARTY ON DIRECT PAYMENTS AND GREENING

11/04/2016 * 9:30 – 18:00

NAME:

ORGANISATION/COUNTRY:

E-MAIL:

am able to attend am unable to attend

WORKING LANGUAGE:

English French German Spanish Italian Polish

CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON DIRECT PAYMENTS AND GREENING

12/04/2016 * 9:30 – 18:00

NAME:

ORGANISATION:

would like to participate as a reimbursed expert