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***Update on :  
waste, air, soil, biodiversity***

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# I. Waste

## **Definition of manure as classified in the waste framework directive (Directive 2008/98/EC)**

- **Copa-Cogeca's letter CC(11)7456**

**Key message:**

*“Our understanding is that clarification of the definition of manure and specifically whether it should be considered waste when entering an agricultural biogas plant, as well as classification of the output from an agricultural biogas plant are two of the main challenges of the transposition exercise.”*

- **“End of Waste” criteria for Biodegradable waste subject to biological treatment– ongoing work**  
2nd Workshop Seville 24/25 October 2011

- **EU Classification of biomass ashes as hazardous waste – ongoing work to be assessed**

## II. Air quality policy

### **Preparation for the EU Air Quality Policy and the Thematic Strategy on Air Pollution review 2012/2013**

- **First Stakeholder Expert Group 6-7<sup>th</sup> June 2011**
  - > Copa-Cogeca's participation EN(11)4937
  - > Copa-Cogeca's contribution CC(11)7240
- **Key messages:**

*“The Review needs to take into account and integrate different economic, but also environmental priorities, in order to identify better ways of achieving environmental outcomes. However, any integration should be for the benefit of both land managers and the environment – any further integration of policies must have win-wins, where viability of farming is a crucial aspect.”*
- **Second Stakeholder Expert Group meeting (tbc): January 2012**
- [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/review\\_air\\_policy.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/review_air_policy.htm)  
<http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/>

# III. Soil

- **Technical Document on Soil sealing** (foreseen in Soil Thematic Strategy in support of the relevant provisions in the proposed Soil Framework Directive)
  - > Expert Group meeting, 3 October 2011 (FNSEA and DBV)
  - > Submission of comments by the TF “Soil”
- **EP S&D party: Conference “Soil as natural capital”, 23rd November**
- **CAP reform and Soil directive** – the EC considers that the soil directive will perfectly complement the CAP to enhance soil protection – pressure remains
- **SmartSOIL project (7FP)** – Copa-Cogeca member of the Advisory Board

# IV. Biodiversity (1)

## EU 2020 biodiversity strategy

Adoption of the 2nd Council conclusions on this with focus on actions on 19 December 2011

No call for specific agricultural goals to be integrated in the future CAP, but the need to integrate biodiversity concerns in all sectoral policies by most member states supported.

DG Environment stated that they will continue to work on biodiversity objectives to be made part of the CAP

## Invasive Alien Species

Reports from the WGs on prevention (WG1), early warning and rapid response (WG2), control, management and restoration (WG3)

[http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/ias/library?l=/general\\_information/working\\_prevention&vm=detailed&sb=Title](http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/ias/library?l=/general_information/working_prevention&vm=detailed&sb=Title)

DG ENV is now preparing a proposal for a dedicated legislative instrument on Invasive Alien Species. It is foreseen to publish the proposal beginning of 2012 and to have an online public consultation.

## IV. Biodiversity (2)

### **Natura 2000 management**

#### ongoing Work on

- Guidance document on the management of wilderness in Natura 2000
  - Guidelines on dealing with climate change in Natura 2000
  - Guidance on management of farmland in Natura 2000
- Technical workshop 24 January 2012 (tbc)

[http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/natura\\_2000/library?l=/2000\\_management&vm=detailed&sb=Title](http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/natura_2000/library?l=/2000_management&vm=detailed&sb=Title)

### **Proposal of the European Commission for the future EU financial instrument for the environment and climate protection (continuation of LIFE+).**

\_an increase of 50% of the LIFE+ funds is foreseen

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/about/beyond2013.htm>



**Thank you for your attention!**  
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