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TO:	Members of the Working Party on “direct payments and greening”
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FROM :	Francesca Bignami
DATE:	25.03.2015

Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party and the Civil Dialogue Group on “Direct Payments and greening” on 6 and 7 May 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission services have confirmed that the **Civil Dialogue Group on “Direct Payments and greening”** will be held **on 7 May 2015 from 9:30 to 18:00**.

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:

6 May 2015 from 11:00 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 14 April 2015, noon at the latest** 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-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 16 April 2015**.

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,

Francesca Bignami

¹ COPA and COGECA have 28 seats in the Civil Dialogue Group on “Direct Payments and greening”.

Draft Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
3. Presentation of the study: [“Assessing farmers' costs of compliance with EU legislation in the fields of environment, animal welfare and food safety”](#)
4. Implementation of the new rules on direct payments and greening:
 - a. Overview of the implementation by Member States related to direct payments – focus on “active farmer”
 - b. Presentation of greening equivalent measures in the Netherlands and in France
 - c. Information on GAEC, incl. the elements on landscape maintenance and soil cover (GAEC 7 and 4)
5. Report on the workshop ‘LPIS management and challenges’ organized by the JRC on 23-25 March 2015 in Baveno, Italy (tbc)
6. Simplification process – state of play and priorities in the area of direct payments and greening
7. Preparatory work on the upcoming evaluation of EFA
8. AOB

ATTENDANCE FORM

PLEASE RETURN TO JOSEFINA GONZALO

BY 14 APRIL 2015 NOON at the latest

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**WORKING PARTY ON DIRECT PAYMENTS AND
GREENING**

06/05/2015 * 11:00 – 18:00

NAME:

ORGANISATION/COUNTRY:

E-MAIL:

☐ am able to attend ☐ am unable to attend

WORKING LANGUAGE:

☐ French ☐ English ☐ German ☐ Italian ☐ Spanish ☐ Polish

**CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON DIRECT PAYMENTS AND
GREENING**

07/05/2015 * 9:30 – 18:00

NAME:

ORGANISATION:

☐ would like to participate as a reimbursed expert