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TO:	Members of the Working Party on “Direct Payments and Greening”
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FROM:	Paulo Gouveia
DATE:	12th February 2018

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 8th and 9th March 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission services have provisionally indicated that the **Civil Dialogue Group on “Direct Payments and Greening”** will be held on **9th March 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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:

8th March 2018 from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat

61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **no later than 28th February 2018** 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 1st March 2018.**

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

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\(18\)873 \(rev.1\)](#)
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting [DP\(17\)7655 \(rev.1\)](#)
3. Elections for the Chairmanship of the Working Party
4. Exchange of views on the Commission's Communication on the future of Food and Farming
5. Use of ICT and its potential for simplification on IACS and direct payments aid application:
 - a. Presentation of DBV's initiative 'Digital Aid Application 4.0'
 - b. Exchange of views
6. Preparation of the Civil Dialogue Group meeting on Direct payments and greening, with a particular focus on:
 - a. Omnibus regulation
 - b. Communication on the Future of Food and Farming
 - c. ECA report on Greening
7. Any other business

Draft agenda of the Civil Dialogue Group meeting

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
3. Elections for the Chairmanship of the CDG Direct Payments & Greening
4. Unit I4 presentation on the new application AGM – "Advanced Gateway to EU Meetings" to deal with meetings invitations, accreditations and reimbursements of travel expenses for Commission Committees and Expert Groups (Information from the Commission)
5. Omnibus Regulation and other CAP simplification initiatives impacting on direct payments and greening obligations
 - a. Presentation by the Commission services
 - b. Exchange of views with members
6. Using ICT, satellite technology and remote sensing for a simpler and smarter regulation and controls
 - a. Presentation by the Commission services
 - b. Exchange of views with members
7. Communication on the Future of Food and Farming
 - a. Presentation by the Commission services
 - b. Exchange of views with members

Lunch break

8. European Court of Auditors special report “Greening a more complex income support scheme, not yet environmentally effective”
 - a. Presentation by ECA
 - b. Reply by the Commission services
 - c. Exchange of views with members
9. Greening in the future CAP – delivering objectives and making it simple for users
 - a. Presentation 1: CEJA
 - b. Presentation 2: ECVC
 - c. Presentation 3: WWF tbc, who would address the report from the Agrifood *Economics Centre (a Swedish research institute) on the Impacts of direct payments in Europe*, and also of other more targeted tools that would help implement the "provider (of public goods) gets" and the "polluter pays" principles. This report was part-funded by WWF and it was performed using CAPRI modelling tools.
 - d. Presentation by German Farmers
 - e. Exchange of views with members
10. A.O.B.