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DRAFT PROGRAMME

CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN FARMERS 2010

“The Common Agricultural Policy post-2013: a fair and stable income for farmers”

Scope:

To launch a debate on the future of the CAP post-2013 and to discuss the EU Commissions’ forthcoming Communication on this, in order to ensure a fair and stable income for farmers in the future

MONDAY 4 OCTOBER

In preparation for the main plenary session of the Congress on October 5/6, Copa-Cogeca is holding a workshop and a series of working parties at Copa-Cogeca Secretariat and at the Economic and Social Committee, as outlined below:

a) Place: Copa-Cogeca Secretariat

08.00 hours	Coffee and Registration
09.00 – 13.00 hours	Joint meeting of the working parties on forestry, rural development and the environment: Workshop on “Risk of land abandonment in rural areas – impacts on agriculture, forestry and biodiversity”
13.00 - 14.00 hours	Lunch
14.00-17.30 hours	Working Party on the Role of Women in Agriculture

b) Place: Economic and Social Committee (ESC)

09.30-13.30	Working Party on the Role of Agriculture Insurance and Social Questions in Agriculture. Welcoming words from Mr Nilsson.
13.30-14.00 hours	Lunch break
14.00 – 18.00 hours	Working Party on the Role and Future of Young Farmers in Agriculture. Welcoming words from Mr Nilsson.
18.30 - 21.00 hours	Reception at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Europa

TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER

Place	Autoworld Museum
08.00 hours	Coffee and Registration
09.00 hours	Main Plenary Meeting
09.00 - 09.20 hours	Opening speeches by Copa President Padraig Walshe and Cogeca President Paolo Bruni
09.20 - 09.40 hours	Mr Ken Ash, Director of Trade and Agriculture, OECD “World Agriculture Markets and Future Perspectives”
09.40 - 10.00 hours	Ambassador Islam Siddiqui, US Chief Agricultural Negotiator The Doha Round and the U.S. Farm Bill and on what they mean for farmers
10.00 -10.30 hours	Discussion
10.30 - 10.50 hours	European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development Dacian Cioloş “EU Commission Communication on the CAP post-2013”
10.50 - 11.10 hours	Chairman of European Parliament Agriculture and Rural Development Committee Paolo de Castro “European Parliament views on CAP post-2013”
11.10 - 11.30 hours	Discussion
11.30 - 11.50 hours	Coffee break Press Conference
11.50 - 12.10 hours	Belgian Presidency “EU Council Preparatory Work on CAP post-2013”
12.10 - 12.30 hours	Hungarian Agriculture Minister Mr Fazekas “New challenges under the CAP from a new Member States’ perspective”
12.30 – 12.45	Discussion
12.45 - 14.00 hours	Lunch
14.00 - 14.20 hours	Hans Van Es (DPA) “How agri-cooperatives help promote farmers in the marketplace”
14.20 - 14.40 hours	Chairman of European Parliament Budget Committee Mr Lamassoure “The Financial Perspectives”

14.40-15.00 hours	Copa-Cogeca Secretary-General Pekka Pesonen “Copa-Cogeca views on the CAP post-2013
15.00-15.20. hours	Discussion
15.20 - 15.40 hours	Coffee Break
15.40 -17.00 hours	Panel Session: “The Food Chain: How can it deliver a better income to EU farmers?”
17.00 - 17.20 hours	Discussion
17.20 - 17.40 hours	Conclusions
17.40 - 18.00 hours	Copa President Padraig Walshe and Cogeca President Paolo Bruni “Closing Speech”
18.30 hours	Welcoming drinks at Royal Museum of History and Art
19.30 hours	Gala Dinner at Royal Museum of History and Art

WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER

Place	Autoworld Museum
08.30 hours	Coffee and Registration
09.00 - 09.20 hours	European Parliament President Jerzy Buzek (tbc) “The Role of Agriculture in the EU”
09.20 – 09.40 hours	FAO representative (tbc) “New challenges: How to secure a fair and stable income for farmers in developing countries”
09.40 – 10.00 hours	Director-General Danny Foster Risk Management Tools towards a More Stable Income for Farmers: Experiences from Canada
10.00 – 10.30 hours	Discussion
10.30 - 11.00 hours	Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.30 hours	Panel Session: New challenges under the CAP post-2013: How can farmers respond?
12.30 - 13.00 hours	Copa-Cogeca Secretary-General Pekka Pesonen “Conclusions”
13.00 - 14.30 hours	Lunch

14.30 hours

End of Congress

14.30 - 18.00 hours

Excursion

Tour of farms and biorenewable plants in Belgium, with French and English translation.

Method of Work for the Panel

Three-four experts will be present on the Panel and two of the experts will each speak on the markets and the food chain, as well as the CAP post-2013 and climate change for 10 minutes, giving an overview of the situation and the main challenges. This will be followed by a plenary debate and question and answer session with the panel experts.

Interpretation will be available throughout the Congress in French, German, English, Spanish, Italian, Polish and Romanian.