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**G.1. Consistency of rural development**

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**Subject: Draft agenda of the meeting of the expert group for rural development**

*Date and time: 11 March 2013, 14h30 till 18h*

*Venue : DG Agri, rue de la loi 130, 11<sup>th</sup> floor, room A*

1. Presentation and discussion related to the substance of the empowerments given by the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) - **Article 95**
2. Presentation and discussion related to the substance of the empowerments given by the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) – **only those Articles where changes have been introduced.**
3. Answers to comments of experts sent to DG AGRI
4. Discussion related to the substance of the empowerments given by the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) **in Article 36** – experts are invited to share views on the following questions:
  - a. **36 (2) (b) – development of new products, practices, processes and technologies in the agriculture, food and forestry sectors**

The Commission may well place in a delegated act at least some of the text of article 20 of the current Commission Regulation 1974/2006 – which relates

to the current measure 124 (*Co-operation for the development of new products, processes and technologies in the agricultural and food sector*).

How useful / easy to apply have MS found these provisions in the current period?

**b. 36 (2) (d) and (e) – short supply chains, local markets, promotion activities in a local context**

The terms "short supply chains", "local markets" and "local context" will have to be translated into usable eligibility conditions – either at the level of individual RDPs, or at a different level.

In view of this fact, what ideas do MS have (if any, at this stage) regarding the types of eligibility conditions which could be useful for them?

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