



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Directorate H. Sustainability and Quality of Agriculture and Rural Development
H.3. Organic farming

Brussels, 25 and 26 October 2012
AGRI. H3/LM

AGENDA OF OCTOBER 2012 HEARING ON EU ORGANIC PRODUCTION

THEME: ORGANIC PRODUCTION - CONTROLS AND ENFORCEMENT (IN THE EU AND IN THIRD COUNTRIES)
25TH AND 26TH OCTOBER 2012

AGENDA FOR BOTH DAYS

I. Facts and figures

Number of controls and audits
Countries/areas/volumes covered
Percentages
Number of people involved in these activities
Costs

II. Experience with the application of EU organic farming legislation

- Controls, accreditation and certification
- Results/impacts for operators, stakeholders, consumers, Member States' administrations, Commission
- Consumer trust
- Positive/negative points of current framework
- The GMO issue

III. A look to the future

Objectives
Suggestions for the future: improvements, changes (policy and regulatory)
Weaknesses to be addressed and solutions proposed
Trends and patterns
Innovation

PROGRAMME OF THE TWO DAYS - SPEAKERS

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER

I. Morning session 9h00 – 13h00

9h00 Introduction DG AGRI-H3

9h05 Presentation DG AGRI – C3

9h20 Presentation DG AGRI-H3

A. Producers

9h30 COPA - COGECA

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10h30 IFOAM

11h00 IFOAM

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12h00 European Coordination of Via Campesina

B. Coordination of application of EU legislation in a Member State

12h30 Ufficio Agricoltura Biologica, Ministero Politiche Agricole, Alimentari e Forestali

II. Lunch break 13h00 – 14h00

III. Afternoon Session 14h00 – 18h00

C1. Certification

14h00 ECOCERT

D1. The GMO issue

14h30 DG SANCO – E1

C2. Certification

15h00 FiBL Research Institute of Organic Agriculture

E. Competent authorities and controls

15h30 Expert on market controls from German Land Baden Württemberg

16h00 Senior Officer of the Finnish Food Safety Authority

F. Control bodies

16h30 European Organic Certifiers' Council (EOCC)

G. Border controls

17h00 Dutch customs representatives

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

I. Morning session 9h30 – 13h30

9h30 Introduction DG AGRI – H3

D2. The GMO issue

9h30 European Joint Research Centre

H. Retailers

10h00 Carrefour

I. Accreditation and CB surveillance/national supervisors

11h00 Witness Auditor from GfRS resource Protection limited in Goettingen

11h30 Akkreditierungsstelle Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft, Familie und Jugend, Austria

J. Court of Auditors

12h00 European Court of Auditors - Mrs Els BREMS

C3. Certification

12h30 CERTISYS