

SUMMARY REPORT
of the 1st meeting of the
Committee for Direct Payments
15 May 2014

All delegations were present, except MT, represented by IT.

a. Revision and adoption of Rules of Procedures – *DSCG/2014/28*:

Following the adoption of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, the Commission presented the new rules of procedures for the Committee for Direct Payments, in line with Article 9 of the Committee Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 182/2011).

The Committee delivered a favourable vote.

b. Continuation of the exchange of views and vote on the Implementing act for Direct Payments - *DSCG/2014/22 – rev.1*:

The Commission presented the revised Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No .../.. laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy.

The Committee delivered a favourable vote.

c. Budgetary ceilings per Member State for 2014 – *DSCG/2014/26*

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No .../.. establishing budgetary ceilings for 2014 applicable to certain direct support schemes provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009.

Member States raised technical questions, which the Commission clarified.

d. Guidance document for on-the-spot checks according to Articles 31 and 33-35 of Regulation (EC) No 1122/2009 – *DSCG/2014/27*

The Commission presented the guidance document.

Member States raised a number of technical questions, which the Commission clarified.

e. Notifications 2014

The Commission presented the ISAMM forms for notifications due by 1st August 2014.

Member States raised technical questions, which the Commission clarified.

f. Any other business

The Commission presented:

- the Guidance document on the implementation of article 9 of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 – *DSCG/2014/29*, addressing the main concerns raised by the Member States, in particular as regards the negative list.
- Information about the level of the maximum **unit rate** of transitional national aid (TNA). The Commission informed delegates that for the purpose of transitional national aid according to Article 133b of Reg. 73/2009 in 2014 and Article 37 of Reg. 1307/2013 from 2015 the **maximum unit rate** of the sectoral payment as established by the Commission Decision authorising CNDPs/TNA in 2013 (according to Article 132 or 133a of Reg. 73/2009 in 2013) is a part of the identical conditions for granting the aid according to Article 133b of Reg. 73/2009 (Art. 37(3) of Reg. 1307/2013 respectively). Therefore for the purpose of TNA in 2014-2020 the maximum level of the sectoral unit rate shall be limited by the amounts as authorised by the Commission in 2013.
- the new approach regarding the publication on CIRCA of the many letters sent by MS and their replies by the Commission (so as to avoid unnecessary repetitive similar questions).

<signed>

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Director

Member state	Ministry or Agency	Number of delegates
BE	Vlaamse Overheid – ALVB	2
	Ministère de l’agriculture - Région Wallonne	1
BG	Ministry of Agriculture and Food	1
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	2
	Permanent Representation	1
DK	NaturErhvervstyrelsen	2
DE	Ministry of Agriculture (BMELV)	2
	Observer for the German Länder	1
	Federal Office for Agriculture and Food	1
EE	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	ARIB	1
IE	Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	3
EL	Paying Agency (OPEKEPE)	2
ES	Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentacion y Medio	1
	Fondo Espanol de Garantia Agraria (FEGA)	1
FR	Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Pêche (MAAPRAT)	1
	Representation Permanent	1
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency	1
IT	Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali (MIPAF)	2
	AGEA (Paying Agency)	1
CY	CAPO (Paying Agency)	1
	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Rural Support Service	2
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency	1
LU	Paying Agency	3
HU	Ministry RD	2
	Permanent Representation	2
MT	- (represented by IT)	-
NL	Min. v. Eco Zaken, Landbouw en Innovatie	1
	Netherlands Enterprise Agency	1
AT	Ministère de l’Agriculture (BMLFUW)	2
PL	Ministry of Agriculture (MARD)	2
PT	Ministério da Agricultura (GPP)	1
	IFAP Paying Agency	1
RO	Ministry of Agriculture (M.A.D.R.)	1
	A.P.I.A (Paying Agency)	1
SI	Ministry of Agriculture (MAE)	1
	Agency for Agricultural Markets and Rural Development	1
SK	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency	1
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)	1
	Paying Agency	1

SE	Swedish Board of Agriculture	1
	Swedish Ministry for Rural Affairs	1
	Board of Agriculture Statens	1
UK	DEFRA	1
	Paying Agency	1
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