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Directorate D. Direct support  
**Director**

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**Subject: Summary report of the 26<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting for direct payments held on 19/05/2016**

Chair: Marie Bourjou, Owen Jones

All Member States were present except Malta (represented by Italy).

**1. OPTIONAL REVIEW OF THE VOLUNTARY COUPLED SUPPORT MEASURES FOR 2017 ONWARDS:**

The representative of the Commission presented the draft manual aiming at clarifying how the ISAMM form should be filled by Member States and replied the Member States' questions with regard to the upcoming review.

**2. INTEGRATED ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL SYSTEM (IACS):**

- (a) Presentation of the final version of the revised guideline document on Land Parcel Identification System **DSCG-2014-33-FINAL-REV3-rev1**

The Commission representative presented the changes that were introduced compared to the previous version presented in the Committee of April. An exchange of views took place and further clarifications were given to certain issues. As previously mentioned the introduced modifications are of a technical nature and are not considered fundamental. The guidance document will be finalised and published on CircaBC shortly.

- (b) Presentation of the revised version of the guideline document for on-the-spot checks (OTSC) and area measurement **DSCG-2014-32-FINAL-REV2**

The Commission representative presented the revised version of the guidance document for on-the-spot checks (OTSC). The structure of this document differs; it includes now the Questions and answers document on the selection of the control samples of the area-related aid schemes and a new annex on the representativeness of the random on-the-spot checks for area-based aid measures. The more technical part of the guidance document has been removed and will be part of the new technical guidance issued by DG JRC – Common technical specifications for OTSC. The introduced modifications are mainly clarifications of the existing rules and do not represent changes of interpretation of the legal framework.

- (c) Presentation of the primary results of the LPIS QA for 2015

The representative of the Commission presented the preliminary results of the Quality Assessment of the Land Parcel Identification System - LPIS QA for 2015. The aim was to give feedback to Member States on both the process and the outcome of the exercise in order to further improve both the quality assessment itself and the reports sent by MS and, ultimately, the whole system of LPIS which is the cornerstone for the correct implementation of the direct payments schemes.

### **3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Implementing Regulation (EU) No 761/2016 derogating from Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 as regards the final date for submission of aid applications for direct payments and payment claims under rural development for the year 2016 was published in the Official Journal on 14.5.2016. 10 MS/regions informally confirmed that they will use this derogation to postpone the deadline for claim year 2016.
- As regards the calculation of the greening payment, further analysis within the Commission services has led to an adaption of this calculation in cases where entire agricultural parcels have not been declared. The non-declared parcels must be taken into account for assessing whether or not the beneficiary is compliant with the greening obligation and should also be considered in the area determined for the calculation of the reductions to be applied according to Articles 24 and 26 of Regulation (EU) No 640/2014. Adaptation of certain documents is therefore necessary to align them with this revised interpretation. They will be communicated to the Members states via CircaBC soon.
  - The Power-point presentation providing the results of the case studies of the 21st expert group for direct payments held on 15/07/2015;
  - The reply to questions from the Netherlands Ares(2015)202980;
  - An addendum to the minutes of the 21st expert group for direct payments held on 15/07/2015.

The Commission representative read out the following declaration in respect of this matter:

The elaboration of case study 8 which has been discussed during the 21st expert group for direct payments held on 15/07/2015 has been adapted following further analysis within the Commission services. As this interpretation differs from the approach presented during the expert group, which treated non-declaration and under-declaration differently, the Commission services expect this new interpretation to be observed as from claim year 2016 at the latest.

The Commission is aware that non-declared parcels are not always easy to detect, as in contrast to under-declared parcels, they are not part of the aid-applications in IACS. In order not to put an excessive burden on the control bodies of the Member States, it is not required to systematically search for non-declared parcels when controlling the aid applications.

At the request of Swedish delegation, the Commission representative presented the state of play of the greening review after one year. The Commission foresees to release a Staff Working Document (SWD) in the coming month. At the end of June (the last Council of the Dutch presidency) the Commissioner will present the main outcome of SWD reflecting an internal analysis based on statistical data and several inputs from consultation activities. The Commission representative took the opportunity to thank Member States for their cooperation and their contributions as regards indicators notified during the last months.

Based on the SWD, some issues have been identified as regards some obstacles or burdensome related to the greening scheme. These outstanding issues will be addressed under the regulatory provisions of secondary legislation. So a proposal changing the delegated regulation n° 639/2014 will be discussed with MS expert from July 2016;

*"e-signed"*  
Pierre BASCOU  
Director

## COMMITTEE FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS

### List of participants – 19/05/2016

Member States	ORGANISATION	Number of delegates
BE	Vlaamse overheid – department landbouw en visserij	1
	Service public de Wallonie	2
BG	Ministry of Agriculture and Food / State Fund Agriculture	5
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency	1
DK	Naturerhvervstyrelsen	2
DE	Observer for the German Länder	1
	Federal office for Agriculture and Food	1
EE	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	ARIB	1
IE	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	2
EL	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency	1
ES	FEGA	1
	Extramadura	1
FR	Ministry of Agriculture	2
HR	Paying Agency	2
IT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	AGEA	1
	Perm rep	1
CY	Department of Agriculture	1
	CAPO	1
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency	1
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Rural support service	1
LU	Unité de contrôle	1
	Administration des services techniques de l'agriculture	1
HU	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency	1
	Perm rep	1

MT	(MT not present – represented by IT)	-
NL	Ministry of Economic Affairs	1
	Netherlands Enterprise Agency	1
AT	BMLFUW	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
PT	GPP	1
	IFAP	1
RO	A.P.I.A.	1
	M.A.D.R.	2
SI	Ministry of Agriculture and Environment	1
	Paying agency	1
SK	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
	Paying agency	1
FI	Agency for Rural Affaires	1
	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	1
SE	Swedish Board of Agriculture	2
UK	DEFRA	1
	Paying agency	1

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