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Subject: Summary report of the 31st Committee meeting for direct payments held on 22/11/2016

Chair: Pierre Bascou / Owen Jones

All Member States were present except Slovakia represented by the Czech Republic.

1. POSEI/SMALL AEGEAN ISLANDS SCHEME:

Presentation and **vote** on a draft Commission Implementing Decision approving modification to the POSEI programme presented by the Spanish authorities, in conformity with Article 40(2) of Regulation (EU) No 180/2014 - **DS/CDP/2016/08**.

The Commission presented the decision approving a modification to the POSEI programme for the Canary Islands, which consisted in an introduction into the programme of a new aid for goat and sheep meat. The proposed amendment has no financial impact on the Union budget given that the global allocation for the programme has not been modified.

Vote: unanimity in favour

2. LAND PARCEL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, QUALITY ASSESSMENT (LPIS QA)

Presentation by the Commission on the relevance of the LPIS QA, its current state of play and information about on-going support missions to Member States.

The LPIS is a key element of the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) through which a significant amount of EU money is channelled to the farmers.

To assure his proper functioning, the Land Parcel Identification System Quality Assessment (LPIS QA) was introduced; its importance was also stressed by the European Court of Auditors.

The Commission has presented the past activities and the future ones to come to intensify the Commission's implementation support to MS in the correct application of the QA methodology, including support missions.

MS were also reminded to proceed with the quality assessment exercise of the LPIS for the claim year 2016 as required in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 640/2014, as it needs to be concluded by the 31 January 2017. MS are invited to request any support either from DG AGRI or DG JRC.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- As regards the state of play of the draft delegated regulations modifying the Commission Delegated Regulations (EU) No 639/2014 related to the greening review and 640/2014 concerning the reductions of the greening payment, the Commission representative informed the delegates that the adoption of both acts is foreseen for the end of January / beginning of February 2017 and will be followed by the 2 month scrutiny period in the European Parliament and Council before entry into force. The greening related changes contained in the regulation modifying Regulation (EU) No 639/2014 should be applicable as from claim year 2018 including an option for Member States to decide on implementation already from 2017 while the changes to Regulation (EU) No 640/2014 on greening reductions should be applicable as from 16 October 2017.
- Following a question from a stakeholder, a letter of clarification as regards eligibility issues related to the practice of agroforestry has been made available on CircaBC.

"e-signed"
Pierre BASCOU
Director

COMMITTEE FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS

List of participants – 22/11/2016

BE	Vlaamse overheid – department landbouw en visserij	1
	Service public de Wallonie	2
BG	Ministry of Agriculture and food	2
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	2
DK	Naturerhvervstyrelsen	2
DE	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	1
	Observer for the German Länder	1
	Federal office for Agriculture and Food	1
EE	ARIB	1
IE	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	2
EL	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency	2
ES	FEGA	2
	Extramadura	1
FR	Ministry of Agriculture	1
HR	Paying Agency	2
IT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	AGEA	1
CY	CAPO	1
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LV	Rural support service	2
LU	ASTA	1
HU	Paying agency	2
MT	Paying agency	2
NL	Ministry of Economic Affairs	1
	Netherlands Enterprise Agency	1
AT	BMLFUW	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
	Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture	3
PT	GPP	1
	IFAP	1

RO	A.P.I.A.	2
	M.A.D.R.	2
SI	Ministry of Agriculture and Environment	1
	Paying agency	1
SK	Absent – represented by CZ	-
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	1
SE	Swedish Board of Agriculture	2
UK	DEFRA	1
	Rural Payments Agency	1

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