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SUMMARY RECORD

*Joint Meeting of the Committee for Direct Payments
and the Rural Development Committee*

Tuesday 20 March 2018

Chair: Richard Etievant – Head of Unit AGRI-D-2 (for points 1-2-3)
Owen Jones – Head of Unit AGRI-D-3 (for points 4-5)
Pierre Bascou – Director D (for the 2 votes)

Delegations present: All Member States were present.

(1) **Budgetary ceilings for 2018:**

Presentation of a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) .../... establishing budgetary ceilings for 2018 applicable to certain direct support schemes provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council - **DS/CDP/2018/04 & DS/CDP/2018/05**.

The Commission representative presented the draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) .../... establishing budgetary ceilings for 2018 applicable to certain direct support schemes provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013.

It was explained that the regulation is a recurrent exercise done every year.

A number of MS asked whether it would still be possible to review the financial allocation for the young farmers scheme given that the "omnibus regulation" had changed the rules for allocation of support under the young farmers scheme making it possible to increase the support. This change could not be taken into account by the deadline for notifying financial allocations by 1 August 2017.

The Commission representative replied that in principle the deadline for notification of ceilings was 1 August last year and there are legal options providing for financing of expenditure for the young farmers scheme beyond the ceiling, as long as the expenditure stays within the maximum 2% of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013. However, the Commission representative informed the Committee that the reply should be confirmed by the lawyers and a confirmation of the reply would be addressed to the concerned MS/committee.

(2) **POSEI and smaller Aegean islands (SAI):**

Presentation and exchange of views on two draft Commission Implementing Regulations amending Regulations (EU) No 180/2014 and No 181/2014 as regards communications, annual reporting, amendments to the POSEI and smaller Aegean islands (SAI) programmes and updating some general rules - **DS/CDP/2018/06 & DS/CDP/2018/07**

The Greek and Spanish delegations reacted with some comments mainly concerning checks in SSA and programme modification.

(3) **Greening payment for claim year 2018:**

Presentation and **vote** on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising derogations from Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the implementation of certain conditions relating to the greening payment for claim year 2018 in Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland and Poland (consequences of flooding) - **DS/CDP/2018/02-Rev 1**

The Committee considered a revised version of the draft derogation decision. The Commission presented changes made to the draft version presented in the committee meeting of 23 January. The committee proceeded to voting delivering a positive opinion on the measure (all delegations supported the measure, no delegation voted against nor abstained).

(4) **Single Area payment scheme:**

Presentation and **vote** on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 641/2014 on the rules of notification for the Single Area payment Scheme – **DS/CDP/2018-08**

The Commission's representative provided a short presentation about the content of draft Commission Implementing Regulation. One MS, who has not increased the ceiling for year 2018, asked whether they may potentially notify the Commission the ceiling increase next year for calendar years 2019 and 2020. The Commission's representative replied positively to the question.

The Committee voted unanimously in favour of the Commission draft Implementing regulation. All delegations were present.

(5) **New Technologies and the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS)**

Presentation on progress of **The Sentinels for Common Agricultural Policy - Sen4CAP** project <http://esa-sen4cap.org/> which aims at providing to Member States Paying Agencies validated algorithms, products, workflows and best practices for agriculture monitoring relevant for the management of the CAP.

The Sen4CAP project was presented including its concept and goals, the first evidences of its benefits, its integration in Paying Agencies operation as well as some cloud computing recommendations. Paying agencies involved in the project (CZ, IT, LT, NL, RO, ES) also provided feedback on their assessment of IACS use cases.

(6) **AOB**

The draft legal act introducing monitoring in IACS as well as the one on the implementation of the Geo-Spatial Aid Application are intended to be presented for voting at the next joint meeting to be held on the 26/04/2018.

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Pierre BASCOU
Director

List of participants– Summary Record
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MEMBER STATE	Ministry Or Organization	NUMBER OF PERSONS
BE	SPW	2
	Departement Landbouw Vlaanderen	1
BG	State fund Agriculture	1
	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry	2
CZ	State agricultural intervention fund	1
	Ministry of Agriculture	2
DK	Landbrugsstyrelsen	1
	Danish Agricultural Agency	1
DE	Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung	2
EE	ARIB	1
	Ministry of Rural Affairs	2
IE	Department of Agriculture	2
EL	OPEKEPE	3
ES	Spanish Agricultural Guarantee Fund	2
	Permanent Representation	1
	CA Canarias	1
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	1
	Agence de Services et de Paiements	1
HR	Paying Agency	1
	Ministry of Agriculture	1
IT	Ministero Politiche Agricole	3
	Agea Bruxelles	1
	Ministero dell'Economia	1
CY	Permanent Representation	1
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency	1
LT	Paying Agency	1
	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Agriculture Information and Rural Business Centre	1
LU	Adm. Services techniques de l'agriculture	1
HU	Ministry of Agriculture	2
	Paying Agency	1
MT	Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency	1

NL	Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Rural Development	1
	Paying Agency (RVO)	1
AT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture	2
	ARMA	1
PT	IFAP	2
	GPP	1
RO	Paying Agency	1
	Ministry of Agriculture	1
SI	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food	1
	Paying Agency	2
SK	Ministry of Agriculture	1
FI	Agency for rural affairs	1
	Ministry of Agriculture	1
SE	Swedish Board of Agriculture	1
UK	Rural Payments Agency	1
	DEFRA	1
<i>TOTAL</i>		66