

W O R K S H O P

RURAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMMES 2014-2020

Implementation of the measure on areas facing natural or other specific constraints (ANCs)

18th November 2016
9:30 – 17:00

*Copa and Cogeca's premises
61, rue de Trèves
1040 Brussels*

OBJECTIVES

The event organised by Copa and Cogeca with the support of the Directorate - General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) and the Contact Point of the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) has as main objective to inform about the system on the new delimitation of areas facing natural constraints or other specific constraints (ANCs) in detail.

The workshop will cover important aspects related to possibilities and challenges going along with the new approach to ANCs, especially with screening and applying biophysical criteria, fine-tuning, and with establishing payments scheme.

The workshop will give the opportunity to interested stakeholders (farmers and agri-cooperatives, members of the Civil Dialogue Group on Rural Development, Member States' representatives etc.) to better understand the elaboration of ANCs schemes, to compare the approaches followed in various Member States and regions and to discuss different ways and possibilities when implementing ANCs.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9:30 - 10:00

Registration

Session I • Welcome and setting the scene

10:00 - 10:15

Opening words

Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General, Copa and Cogeca

Martin Scheele, Head of Unit, Consistency of Rural Development , DG AGRI

10:15 - 10:45

State of play of preparing and implementing the ANCs under the RD policy 2014-2020

DG AGRI and ENRD CP

Outcome of a workshop on ANCs for Managing Authorities and paying agencies on the 18th of October 2016

Doris Marquardt, Policy analyst, ENRD CP

Presentation of the ANCs measure under the RD policy 2014-2020

Taru Haapaniemi, Policy officer, DG AGRI & **Christian Vincentini**, Policy Officer, DG AGRI

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Session II • Delimitation of areas facing natural and other specific constraints (ANCs):

- *Screening and applying biophysical criteria*

10:45 - 11:15

Biophysical criteria to define natural constraints

Jean-Michel Terres, Team Leader, Joint Research Centre (JRC)

11:15 - 11:45

Experiences from the Member States

Branka Palčić, Head of department, Ministry of Agriculture, Croatia

Alfred Hoffmann, Head of unit, Ministry of Environment and Consumer Protection, Germany (Saarland)

11:45 - 11:55

Delimitation of areas affected by specific constraints

Taru Haapaniemi, Policy Officer, DG AGRI

11:55-12:05

Example of Romania (area affected by specific constraints)

Nicoleta Olaru, Counsellor, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Romania

12:05-12:30

Q & A

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch break

- *Fine-tuning*

14:00 - 14:20

General aspects of fine-tuning

Christian Vincentini, Policy officer, DG AGRI

14:20 – 14:40

Member States' approaches to fine-tuning

Niko Wolf, DG AGRI

14:40 - 15:00

Experiences from a Member State

Alfred Hoffmann, Head of unit, Ministry of Environment and Consumer Protection, Germany (Saarland) – Example from Saxony

15:00 - 15:30

Q&A

15:30 - 15:50

Coffee break

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Session III • Payments schemes for ANCs

15:50 - 16:00

Requirements and possibilities when establishing the payment scheme for ANCs

Taru Haapaniemi, Policy officer, DG AGRI

16:00 - 16:20

Experiences from a Member State

Thord Karlsson, Analyst, Swedish Agricultural Board

16:20 - 16:45

Q&A

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Session IV • Concluding remarks

16:45 - 17:00

Mario Milouchev, Director, DG AGRI

Sofia Björnsson, Chair of Copa and Cogeca Working Party on Rural Development

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