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THE CAP

A. REMINDER OF THE CONTEXT SINCE NOVEMBER 2013

A political agreement on the reform of the CAP was validated on 1 December 2013 by the European Parliament and on 16 December 2013 by the Council of EU Agriculture Ministers.

On 26 June 2013, the three great institutions of the EU (the Parliament, the Council and the Commission) had reached an agreement on the CAP reform for the period 2014-2020.

The 4 basic Regulations CAP were published in the Official Journal of 20 December 2013.

- Rural Development (Regulation 1305/2013)
- "Horizontal" issues such as funding and controls (Regulation 1306/2013)
- Direct payments for farmers (Regulation 1307/2013)
- Market measures (Regulation 1308/2013)

To ensure a smooth transition, Regulation 1310/2013 lays down certain transitional provisions as regards the application of the four basic regulations in the year 2014.

On 11 March 2014 the European Commission adopted the first package of delegated acts, one of which covers:

support for rural development [C(2014)1460]

The texts are available in 24 EU languages in the Register of Commission Documents.

B. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE SECRETARIAT

1. Information to the members

The secretariat informed its members in several ways.

- From June to December 2013, different emails were sent.
- During the meeting of the Management Committee of November 2013, a presentation and a discussion on the approaches by the member organisations were held
- On 20 December, the secretariat informed the member organisations by email of the adoption of the different regulations
- On 23 December, the secretariat communicated the access to the definitive text of the regulations

- In the January and February issue of the Bulletin, the secretariat informed the members of the evolution in the implementation of the reform
- On 3 February 2014, the secretariat notified all the member organisations about the guidance document of the Commission concerning the interpretation of article 19 of Regulation 1305/2013
- Eventually, CEETAR published an article on the reform in the BLU and Landbouw-service/agro-service magazines
- The Italian organisation UNIMA invited CEETAR to present the consequences of the CAP reform for the Italian contractors during the conference she organised in the scope of "FIERAGRICOLA" in Verona

2. Actions in the benefit of certain countries

- For France, following a demand of FNEDT, the secretariat contacted the unit responsible for Rural Development in France of DG AGRI. It warned the unit for the difficulties experienced by the Bretagne region.
- For Ireland, the secretariat started up contacts with the unit responsible for Rural Development in Ireland of the DG AGRI and with Irish European MPs. A meeting with the Commission and the MPs was held on 11 February with the representatives of AFCl, who came specially from Ireland for this occasion. Moreover, the secretariat drew up a draft reply on behalf of AFEI concerning the consultation on the operational programme 2014-2020 launched by the Irish government.
- For Spain, the secretariat submitted a support document for a meeting between AMACO and the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture.

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