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MINUTES

*Meeting of the «Working Group on Pig Meat»
of the Civil Dialogue Group on "Animal Products»
28 March 2022*

Chair: AGRI.E3 Animal Products

All experts were present

1. Approval of the agenda and of the minutes of previous meeting

2. Nature of the meeting

The meeting was non-public and held electronically.

3. List of points discussed

(1) EU pigmeat market situation

The Commission provided a presentation on the evolution of production, market prices, and trade in the Union and third countries and on the general state of play of the pigmeat market situation in the Union.

(2) GIRA presentation on the global pigmeat market

A guest speaker from GIRA presented the organisation's outlook for the global pigmeat market situation with a particular emphasis on the impact of ASF, rising costs, Brexit, social pressure, China's declining imports and the war in Ukraine.

(3) 2022 pigmeat production forecast (on the basis of information received from the Working Group's experts)

The Working Group's experts provided information on the market situation and forecasts for 2022 for their respective Member States.

4. Conclusions/recommendations/opinions

Experts expect a decreasing pig production in 2022 in the EU in the range of 1-2% (in heads). They highlighted a difficult situation due to high feed prices, worsened by the war in Ukraine. The evolution of feed and other input costs will have an important impact on farmers' profitability and on production. Recent pigmeat price increases do not yet compensate for increased costs. African Swine Fever in certain Member States will also continue to influence the market situation in 2022.

5. Next steps

The conclusions of the Working Group are reported to the Civil Dialog Group on pigmeat of 5 April 2022.

6. Next meeting

To be determined.

7. List of participants

Annexed to these minutes.

(e-signed)

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List of participants¹ – Minutes
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	MEMBER ORGANISATION	
1	COPA/COGECA	16
2	CELCAA	1
3	Observer	1
4	Expert	1

¹ Missing expert from the following MS: BE-BG-GR-LV-LT-LU-MT-NL-SE-SK