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G.4. Arable crops and olive oil

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For the attention of the Secretary General of:

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ELO, EURAF, EuropaBio, Fertilizers Europe, FoodDrinkEurope, IFOAM, Pan Europe,
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DRAFT AGENDA

«CDG ARABLE CROPS – RICE SECTOR »

**in Brussels, rue de la Loi 130
11th floor**

Meeting room A

on Friday, 28 June 2019, from 09:30 to 13:00

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes
2. Market situation:
 - a. Exchange of views on the situation of the rice market and in particular on imports
 - b. State of play of the safeguard clause and on Cambodia's legal challenge (tbc)
 - c. Exports to the Middle East: GCC proposal for limits on arsenic (tbc)
3. Uptake of organic production methods in EU rice production
4. State of play on the CAP post 2020, with a particular focus on COMAGRI vote and on the possibility for sectoral programmes for rice
5. Market data:
 - a. Information on the legislative proposal on market transparency
 - b. Rice statistics: potential improvements on publicly available information
6. Trade related issues:
 - a. Brexit preparedness and the establishment of post-Brexit TRQs (discussions at WTO)
 - b. Removing barriers to rice exports: licences/certificates
 - c. Trade negotiations: update on discussions with Mercosur (tbc)
7. A.O.B.

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Head of Unit

Please send us your AOB questions in due time before the meeting (e-mail: AGRI-MARKET-CDG@ec.europa.eu)

Interpretation foreseen from **FR - DE - EN - IT – ES –PL**
to **FR - DE - EN - IT – ES – PL**

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NEW- Registration:

the correspondents of each organisation are kindly asked to designate and register the experts via the **AGM registration system** (3 working days before the meeting at the latest).

The deadline for the registration: 24 June 2019 (23h00)



Experts may be private-sector experts (representing the civil society) or government experts (representing a public authority of a Member State).



Private-sector experts will be entitled to a daily allowance for each day of the meeting and an accommodation allowance unless a contrary mention is stated in the letter of invitation or the request to organise the meeting. Reimbursements will be paid on a bank account in euros.

Government experts will receive allowances provided that provision for this is made in the rules of procedure of the committee or expert group. Reimbursements will be paid on a bank account in the name of the Member State, one of its ministries or a public body.



In order to receive benefits, you cannot receive a similar allowance from your own administration for the same visit.



You must provide supporting documents no later than 30 calendar days after the final day of the meeting.

Accommodation allowance



If you have to spend one or more nights at the place where the meeting is held because the times of meetings are incompatible with the times of flights or trains, you will also be entitled to an accommodation allowance. This allowance shall be 100 € per night. The number of nights may not exceed the number of meeting days + 1.

Daily allowance

The daily allowance is a flat rate. It covers all meals and local transport (bus, tram, metro, taxi, parking, motorway tolls, etc.), as well as travel and accident insurance. It amounts to 92 € per day of meeting.

If the distance between the place of departure mentioned in the invitation (it could be your private or professional address) is 100 km or less, the daily allowance will be reduced by 50%. You will then only receive 46 € per day of meeting.



Travel expenses



You will be entitled to the reimbursement of your travel expenses from the place specified in your invitation to the place of your meeting on presentation of supporting documents. Your travel must be organised on the basis of the most appropriate means of transport and economical rates. The services in charge of reimbursements will have the right to carry out checks. They will also have the right to restrict reimbursement to the rates normally applied to the usual journey from the expert place of work or residence to the meeting place.

As a general rule, means of transport are:

- first-class rail travel for journeys less than 400 km (one way);
- economy class air travel for distances of more than 400 km. If the journey by air involves a flight of 4 hours or more without stopovers, the cost of a business class ticket will be reimbursed.
- private car: The travel will be reimbursed at the same rate as the first-class rail ticket, or by default at the rate of 0.22 € per km. You are responsible for any accident you could cause.

Taxi fares will not be reimbursed.

