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(UPDATED)AGENDA

TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABILITY JOINT MEETING WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL DIALOG GROUP ON CAP STRATEGIC PLANS AND HORIZONTAL MATTERS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAP STRATEGIC PLANS REGULATION

**Taking place from 14:00 on Thursday, 15 February
to 13:00 on Friday, 16 February 2024**

**in Brussels, Centre de Conférences Albert Borschette CCAB (Room 2.D)
Rue Froissart 36, 1040 – Etterbeek
and online, via the Interactio platform (connection limited)**

Participation in person is encouraged to ensure active discussion. Active participation online during breakout sessions will not be ensured. Active exchange of views is solicited based on a discussion paper and specific questions provided as background to the meeting.

With a view to future policy developments, the workshop aims to collect evidence and views on the conditions, constraints, barriers, opportunities and needs of environmentally and climate sustainable farming that is compatible with productivity and economic viability/livelihoods of farmers.

To this end, stakeholders are invited also to examine and exchange on the use of the CAP support and its complementarities with market-driven initiatives for achieving farm level sustainability outcomes (economic, environmental, social). During this workshop, we aim to exchange on key drivers and some possible market driven tools to support sustainable farming on day 1, while examining elements of support through CAP (from different perspectives) on day 2.

You are invited to reflect on key strategic questions in relation to sustainability of agriculture:

- **Key challenges** interlinking economic, environmental, and social sustainability of farming, considering expectations of both society and farmers.
- What are the **farm systems and practices** that help address environmental and climate challenges and at the same do not jeopardize productivity and competitiveness.
- What are key possible **pathways and time horizons** for transition towards more sustainable practices where change is needed?
- What are **the key determinants and driving forces** behind farmers' decisions?

- What is the added value, associated risks, and role of **market- based initiatives** on one hand and of **public policies** and of the CAP, on the other, in supporting the transition to sustainability of various sectors and farming systems?
- How can the **design and scope of CAP** best ensure these challenges are addressed?

Indicative timing

Thursday, 15 February	
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14:00 – 14:30	Registration and welcome coffee
14:30 - 14:50	Opening remarks and introduction - <i>Gijs Schilthuis, DG AGRI</i>
14:50 - 16:30	<p>Farm sustainability in a synergetic perspective</p> <p>(1) Aspects of productivity and sustainability - <i>Francesco Vanni, OECD</i></p> <p>(2) Consumers’ expectations and behaviour - <i>Camille Perin, BEUC</i></p> <p>(3) Lessons from research - <i>Dr. Gerald Schwarz, Thünen-Institute of Farm Economics, Gaele Leduc, Bordeaux School of Economics, Maria – Louisa Paracchini, JRC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic and environmental sustainability. The socio-economic questions in the sustainability transition at farm level and at territorial level. • Values, motivation, perceptions <p>Questions for reflection and exchange of views with participants (<i>see scope of questions in the discussion paper</i>)</p>
16:30 – 16:45	Break
16:45 – 18:30	<p>Role of certification in support of transition to sustainable food systems</p> <p>(1) Certification as a tool to reduce administrative burdens and foster sustainability -<i>Krijn Poppe, economist.</i></p> <p>(2) Certification as a tool to reward farmers for their sustainability performance by the food chain - <i>Simona Caselli, Granlatte coop</i></p> <p>(3) Lessons from the organic sector - <i>Laura Sauques, IFOAM Organics Europe</i></p> <p>Questions for reflection and exchange of views with participants (<i>see scope of questions in the discussion paper</i>)</p>
18:30 – 20:00	Networking event

Friday, 16 February	
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9:00 - 9:10	Introduction
9:10 - 10:00	<p>Focused discussions – <i>input for breakout sessions</i></p> <p>(1) The scope and design of CAP in support of environment/climate actions: Insights from OECD work– <i>Francesco Vanni, OECD</i></p>

- (2) How to reconcile agricultural and livestock practices with greater sustainability demands for the environment and for society – *Pierre - Marie Aubert, IDDRI*
- (3) Sustainable soil management –opportunities for transition - *Simon Kraemer, European Alliance for Regenerative Agriculture (EARA)*

10:00 - 11:30

Breakout sessions (*physical participation for discussion with a link for online observation*)

Group 1 (Room 2D): The scope and design of CAP in support of environment/climate actions

Group 2 (Room 2B): Sustainability transition of livestock and the role of the CAP.

Group 3 (Room 2C): Sustainable soil management - understanding what is behind regenerative ways of farming as an opportunity for transition. The role of the farmer. The role of the CAP. (*Input will be provided by Geraud Dumont de Chassart, farmer from EARA and Dave Buchan, farmer from Bioforum*)

11:30 - 11:45

Break

11:45 - 12:45

Reporting from the breakout sessions and discussion

Overall reflections regarding key challenges and gaps in view of needed transition, the role of the CAP

12:45 - 13:00

Summary and closing remarks.