

Brussels,

Final Minutes
Meeting of the Civil Dialogue Group CAP
13 October 2020

Chair: Jan PLAGGE (IFOAM Organics Europe)

Organisations present: All Organisations were present, except CONCORD Europe and SACAR.

↘ Due to several connection problems occurred during the meeting, the minutes might be incomplete.

1. Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved.

2. Farmers of the Future

Introduction by Jan Plagge. The preliminary outcomes were presented to this CDG one year ago – now this is an opportunity to exchange on the main results and give feedback to the Commission.

a. Opening address by Commissioner Wojciechowski

Farmers deliver public goods, shape our landscapes and are key actors in rural areas. This study helps identifying the manifold challenges faced by farmers, such as increased competition and climate change. It can help to anticipate policy needs to support the transformative resilience of farmers.

Invitation to participate in the consultation on the future of rural areas:
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12525-Long-term-vision-for-rural-areas/public-consultation>

b. Presentation of the foresight project by the Commission

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) and DG AGRI presented this participative foresight project, and the main results. The panellists described the Megatrends, the 2040 narrative and the implications for farmers.

12 future farmer profiles were identified, characterized by a set of issues that can coexist, divided in 4 main categories

1. Traditional profile

- Adaptive farming focused on themes and networks
- Corporate explores the future of food corporations including vertical integration, relying on agriculture but focusing on the processed product.
- Intensive farming explores precision farming and innovation
- Patrimonial farming preserving a heritage, traditions.

2. Disruptive agriculture (significantly different of today)

- Controlled environment: vertical farming, less dependent on weather and climate and closer to the market but facing the challenges of sustainability and operating in a circular manner
- Cell based agriculture: alternative foods like synthetic food - artificial meat being a good example.

3. Emerging social trends

- Social core profile explores the future of health of people, animals and the planet
- Regenerative farmer profile: post organic future of the environmental farming
- Urban farming - bringing agriculture to cities creating business models based on city people providing not only food but also understanding of several services around agriculture.

4. Emerging cultural and individual trends

- Lifestyle profile: deals with migration to rural areas of city people, what sort of agriculture jobs will be available and acceptable to them.
- Serious hobby profile: the future of leisure and wellbeing of people involved in other professional activities but solidly relating to real farming work.
- Community provisioning: subsistence and self-provisioning farming in the context of the increasing do-it-yourself movement trend.

c. Questions and answers

Several organisations emphasised opportunity to increase the coherence between agriculture and environmental policies. The issue of economic profitability and sustainability raised by different actors. CEJA asked whether there would be a follow-up on the elements and the different profiles. ECVC reminded the importance of peasant agriculture that should be better reflected in the study. IFOAM OE recalled that the organic model is not static but in constant evolution.

The Commission indicated that small-scale farming was also included in the research. In 2040, new models are perceived that go beyond organic and agroecology, such as the regenerative farmer profile. The scenarios take into account disruptive options, and different possible farming models. Meat production needs to be more sustainable than it is today. Resilience, in all dimensions, will be key. Mrs Buchholzer thanked participants for their active involvement in the CDGs and different workshops.

3. Ongoing legislation, legislative acts

a. CAP reform: Chair invites a few member organisations to present -5 min- the involvement of civil society in the preparatory work ongoing in the Member States for the CAP Strategic Plans

- Presentation by COPA-COGECA (Udo HEMMERLING) on the situation in Germany

- IFOAM (Aina CALAFAT) Spain
- BIRDLIFE (Tatiana NEMCOVÁ)
- WWF (Tiago LUIS) Portugal
- CEJA (Sean FINAN, vice-president CEJA) Ireland

Reaction by Commission: they noticed differences in the consultation process between the Member States. The common aspect must remain, especially in the SWOT analysis. The public consultation requirement is enshrined in the legislative proposal and the Commission will make sure that it is respected. They will try to harmonise as much as possible the information about the Strategic Plans. The cross-cutting objective of digitalization and the implementation of the Green Deal Targets are going to be priorities in the months to come.

- b. Multiannual Financial Framework (information from the Commission)

See presentation

4. AOB

A last meeting of the CAP CDG will be held in December 2020, with elections of the new Chair and Vice-Chairs

List of participants– Minutes
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MEMBER ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF PERSONS
Bee Life-European Beekeeping Coordination (Bee Life)	1
CONCORD Europe	-----
Confédération Européenne de la Production de Maïs (C.E.P.M)	1
Confédération Européenne des Entrepreneurs de Travaux Techniques Agricoles, Ruraux et Forestiers (CEETTAR)	1
CEMA - European Agricultural Machinery Industry Association (CEMA)	1
EuroCommerce	1
Eurogroup for Animals	1
Euromontana	2
European agri-cooperatives (COGECA)	6
European Agroforestry Federation (EURAF)	2
European Coordination Via Campesina (ECVC)	2
European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA)	4
European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)	1
European Environmental Bureau (EEB)	2
European farmers (COPA)	6
European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions (EFFAT)	1
European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism (EFNCP)	1
European Landowners' Organization asbl (ELO asbl)	4
European Liaison Committee for Agriculture and agri-food trade (CELCAA)	6
European Milk Board (EMB)	1
European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)	1
FoodDrinkEurope (FoodDrinkEurope)	6
Greenpeace European Unit	1
International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements EU Regional Group (IFOAM EU Group)	4
Pesticide Action Network Europe (PAN Europe)	1

SACAR - Secrétariat des Associations du Commerce Agricole Réunies / Joint Secretariat of Agricultural Trade Associations (SACAR)	----
SMEUnited	1
Stichting BirdLife Europe (BirdLife Europe)	2
WWF European Policy Programme (WWF EPO)	2
Total: 62	