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Meeting of the Civil Dialogue Group on Organic Farming

24 October 2023

Chair: AGRI B.4

The following organisations were represented: AREFLH, AREPO, AVEC, BeeLife, CEFIC, CEJA, CELCAA, CEPM, COGECA, COPA, ELO, EOCC, ERPA, EURAF, ECVC, EEB, EMB, F.E.E.D.M., FEFAC, FEFANA, Freshfel, IFOAM, IPIFF, OPTA Europe, PFP, SACAR, SAFE and UNISTOCK.

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

The agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting, which took place on 12 May 2023, were approved without any comments.

2. Nature of the meeting

The meeting was non-public.

3. List of points discussed

1. Market situation highlighting the updated market trends around Europe

The representatives of COPA-COGECA and IFOAM provided overviews of the most recent market trends in the EU market. The presentation is available on Circabc.

2. EGTOP activities

The representative of the Commission provided an overview of past and future meetings and published reports of EGTOP. The presentation is available on Circabc.

3. Update on the Action Plan for the Development of Organic Production

The representative of the Commission provided, action by action in the Action Plan for the Development of Organic Production, an overview of the state of play of implementation. Stakeholders raised issues in relation to the rules governing

applications for funding from the agricultural promotion budget. The representative of the Commission said it would look into those issues.

4. State of play on organic broiler production in the different MSs and the import-export situation within the EU. Overview of requirements for slow-growing chickens.

The Commission representative presented the statistics available in Eurostat on organic live poultry heads, organic live broilers heads and organic poultry meat. The data extracted showed gaps in the data available that need to be addressed.

The Commission representative explained that the data collection for Annual Organic Statistics was based on Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 under the previous legislation. Currently, they are collected under the [ESS agreement](#). From 2025, they will be collected in accordance with the [statistics on agricultural input and output \(SAIO\) Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2379](#) and its implementing acts.

The Commission representative also presented a summary of the notifications received from Member States in OFIS on slow growing strains and availability of organic pullets.

The presentation of the Commission was made available on Circabc.

5. Update on international trade issues.

The representative of the Commission gave an overview of the latest international trade issues.

6. Update on the ongoing research projects relevant for organic production.

Four researchers presented their past and future works related to the development of suitable plant reproductive material for organic production financed under either the Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe research programmes; four presentations were made available after the meeting on Circabc: one presentation related to LIVESEED and LIVESEEDING, one presentation related to ECOBREED, one presentation related to BRESOV and one presentation related to InnOBreed.

7. Practical case studies regarding atmospheric transport of synthetic pesticides.

OPTA presented practical case studies regarding the atmospheric transport of synthetic pesticides, concluding with a request to review the handling of residue issues in organic production. The Commission representative presented the legal provisions governing the handling of suspicions of non-compliance in the organic legislation, explained the flexibility already existing under that organic legislation, and spelled out some of the legal and practical constraints applying to the proposals presented.

4. Next meeting

16 May 2024

(e-signed)

Michael PIELKE

List of participants– Minutes
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<u>ORGANISATION</u>	
Assemblée des Régions Européennes Fruitières Légumières et Horticoles	AREFLH
Association des régions européennes des produits d'origine	AREPO
Association de l'Aviculture, de l'Industrie et du Commerce de Volailles dans les Pays de l'Union Européenne asbl	AVEC
Bee Life - European Beekeeping Organisation	BeeLife
European Chemical Industry Council	CEFIC
Conseil Européen des Jeunes Agriculteurs / European Council of Young Farmers	CEJA
European Liaison Committee for the Agricultural and AGRI-Food Trade	CELCAA
Confédération Européenne de la Production de Maïs	CEPM
European agri-cooperatives / General Confederation of Agricultural Co-operatives of the European Union	COGECA
European farmers / Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations of the European Union	COPA
European Landowner's Organisation	ELO
European Organic Certifiers Council	EOCC

European Rural Poultry Association	ERPA
European Agroforestry Federation	EURAF
European Coordination Via Campesina	ECVC
European Environmental Bureau	EEB
European Milk Board	EMB
Fédération Européenne des Emballeurs et Distributeurs de Miel	F.E.E.D.M.
European Feed Manufacturers Federation / Fédération européenne des fabricants d'aliments composés	FEFAC
EU association of Speciality Feed Ingredients and their mixtures	FEFANA
Freshfel Europe	Freshfel
International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements European Regional Group	IFOAM
International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed	IPIFF
Organic Processing and Trade Association	OPTA Europe
Primary Food Processors	PFP
Joint Secretariat of Agricultural Trade Associations / Secrétariat des Associations du Commerce Agricole Réunies	SACAR
Safe Food Advocacy Europe	SAFE
Unistock Europe - Association of Professional Portside Storekeepers in the Food and Feed Chain	UNISTOCK
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European Economic and Social Committee	
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