

# W O R K S H O P

RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMMES 2014-2020

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## Implementation of the measure on areas facing natural or other specific constraints (ANCs)

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18<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
9:30 – 17:00

*Copa and Cogeca's premises  
61, rue de Trèves  
1040 Brussels*

# OBJECTIVES

*The event organised by Copa and Cogeca with the support of the Directorate - General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) and the Contact Point of the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) has as main objective to inform about the system on the new delimitation of areas facing natural constraints or other specific constraints (ANCs) in detail.*

*The workshop will cover important aspects related to possibilities and challenges going along with the new approach to ANCs, especially with screening and applying biophysical criteria, fine-tuning, and with establishing payments scheme.*

*The workshop will give the opportunity to interested stakeholders (farmers and agri-cooperatives, members of the Civil Dialogue Group on Rural Development, Member States' representatives etc.) to better understand the elaboration of ANCs schemes, to compare the approaches followed in various Member States and regions and to discuss different ways and possibilities when implementing ANCs.*

# DRAFT PROGRAMME

9:30 - 10:00

**Registration**

## **Session I • Welcome and setting the scene**

10:00 - 10:15

**Opening words**

**Pekka Pesonen**, Secretary General, Copa and Cogeca

**Martin Scheele**, Head of Unit, Consistency of Rural Development , DG AGRI

10:15 - 10:45

**State of play of preparing and implementing the ANCs under the RD policy 2014-2020**

DG AGRI and ENRD CP

Outcome of a workshop on ANCs for Managing Authorities and paying agencies on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2016

**Doris Marquardt**, Policy analyst, ENRD CP

Presentation of the ANCs measure under the RD policy 2014-2020

**Taru Haapaniemi**, Policy officer, DG AGRI & **Christian Vincentini**, Policy Officer, DG AGRI

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## Session II • Delimitation of areas facing natural and other specific constraints (ANCs):

- *Screening and applying biophysical criteria*

10:45 - 11:15

### Biophysical criteria to define natural constraints

**Jean-Michel Terres**, Team Leader, Joint Research Centre (JRC)

11:15 - 11:45

### Experiences from the Member States

**Branka Palčić**, Head of department, Ministry of Agriculture, Croatia

**Alfred Hoffmann**, Head of unit, Ministry of Environment and Consumer Protection, Germany (Saarland)

11:45 - 11:55

### Delimitation of areas affected by specific constraints

**Taru Haapaniemi**, Policy Officer, DG AGRI

11:55-12:05

### Example of Romania (area affected by specific constraints)

**Nicoleta Olaru**, Counsellor, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Romania

12:05-12:30

### Q &A

12:30 - 14:00

### Lunch break

- *Fine-tuning*

14:00 - 14:20

### General aspects of fine-tuning

**Christian Vincentini**, Policy officer, DG AGRI

14:20 – 14:40

### Member States' approaches to fine-tuning

**Niko Wolf**, DG AGRI

14:40 - 15:00

### Experiences from a Member State

**Alfred Hoffmann**, Head of unit, Ministry of Environment and Consumer Protection, Germany (Saarland) – Example from Saxony

15:00 - 15:30

### Q&A

15:30 - 15:50

### Coffee break

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## Session III • Payments schemes for ANCs

15:50 - 16:00

### Requirements and possibilities when establishing the payment scheme for ANCs

**Taru Haapaniemi**, Policy officer, DG AGRI

16:00 - 16:20

### Experiences from a Member State

**Thord Karlsson**, Analyst, Swedish Agricultural Board

16:20 - 16:45

### Q&A

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## Session IV • Concluding remarks

16:45 - 17:00

**Mario Milouchev**, Director, DG AGRI

**Sofia Björnsson**, Chair of Copa and Cogeca Working Party on Rural Development

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