**Agenda of the online meeting of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Organic Farming 1st October 2020**

1. **Adoption of the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting** [ABI(20)5717 (rev.1)](http://www.copa-cogeca.eu/downloadThread.aspx?threadID=2158775)
2. **Postponement of Regulation 2018/848** and general state of play

*The EU Commission has proposed to postpone the entry into force of the new organic legislation by one year. This influence existing derogations and the transitional periods given in the new regulation.* ***The Chair will inform about the state of play.***

1. **Exchange of views on EU Action Plan on Organic**: ([ABI(20)6240](https://agriinfo.copa-cogeca.eu/Download.ashx?ID=3806938))

*The EU Commission has launched a public consultation on the European Action Plan on organics with deadline 27 November 2020. The Action Plan should help farmers, distributers and retailers adapt to the changes included in the new regulations and to reach the goal on 25% organic production in 2030*. ***The Copa-Cogeca Working Party should give input to the action plan.***

**Coffee Break**

1. **Exchange of views on Immunocastration**

*Acceptance of immunocastration being in line with the organic regulation, but this has been rejected by the European commission. Copa-Cogeca and other 50 EU stakeholders signed the EU Declaration on pig castration (*[*VP(18)4042*](https://agriinfo.copa-cogeca.eu/Download.ashx?ID=1824045)*).Immunocastration is a vaccination that reduces boar taint in meat from male pigs and an alternative to physical castration. In coordination with WPs on pig meat and AHW,* ***members are expected to exchange views on the use of immunocastration in pig organic farming.***

Mr Antonio Tavares (Chairman of WP Pig at Copa-Cogeca) and Mr Miguel Angel Higuera (Chairman of WP Animal health and Welfare at Copa-Cogeca) and Mr. Hubert Heigl (President Naturland, Germany) will present the topic.

1. **Exchange of views on non-organic fertilisers** ([ABI(20)6868](https://agriinfo.copa-cogeca.eu/Download.ashx?ID=3814517)), ([ABI(20)6870](https://agriinfo.copa-cogeca.eu/Download.ashx?ID=3814527))

*Denmark has proposed amendments to the EU Commission to Annex I to ensure increased availability and better use of recycled nutrients for organic farmers. The organic regulation and existing interpretations exclude many recycled nutrients and makes it difficult to prioritize true recycled nutrients over conventional farmyard manure.* ***The members could indicate their positioning on the subject****.*

1. **Information point on African Swine fever outbreak in Germany**

*African Swine fever has been detected on wild boars in Germany. The disease creates a massive risk for all type of domesticated pig production.* ***The secretariat will give a brief update on the situation****.*

1. **AOB**

* Brexit update; Next meeting