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Report from the 1st meeting of the EU CAP Network Steering Group

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Introduction

- <u>The Steering Group held its first meeting</u> <u>10th October 2023.</u>
- <u>All groups on the membership were</u> <u>represented.</u>
- <u>The purpose of the meeting was to:</u>
 <u>Adopt rules of procedure</u>
 - <u>Receive updates from subgroups</u>
 - •<u>Discuss role and remit for Steering</u> <u>Group</u>



Operational Tasks of the Committee

• Preparing and following-up the activities of the EU CAP Network, in accordance with the strategic framework provided by the Assembly;

- Coordinating the thematic strands in accordance with the framework provided by the Assembly and following-up its implementation;
- Assessing on an on-going basis the effectiveness and efficiency of the activities of the EU CAP Network;
- Ensuring the coordination of the work of the Assembly with that of other relevant expert groups and committees; and
- Reporting to the Assembly as regards its activities.

Members from the Assembly:

- Managing Authority: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Slovak Republic
- Paying Agency: IFAP (Instituto de Financiamento da Agricultura e Pescas), Portugal
- National CAP Network: Vlaams Ruraal Netwerk, Belgium
- Local Action Group: Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der LEADER-Aktionsgruppen, Germany
- Advisory service: Chamber of Agriculture (LKÖ), Austria
- **Research body:** University of Life Sciences, Estonia
- Union-wide non-governmental organisation: COPA (Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations)
- Union-wide organisation representing regional or local authorities: CEMR (Council of European municipalities and regions)

Members from the Permanent Subgroups

CAP Strategic Plans:

Managing Authority: Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Ireland

Paying Agency: RVO, The Netherlands

National CAP Network: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Slovenia

Union-wide non-governmental organisation: CEJA (European Young Farmers Organisation)

Innovation & Knowledge Exchange:

National CAP Network: Ministry of Agriculture, Bulgaria

Advisory service: Department of Agriculture, Cyprus

Research body: CREA (Council for Agricultural Research and Economics), Italy

Union-wide non-governmental organisation: EUROMONTANA

LEADER & Territorial Development:

Managing Authority: Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire, France

National CAP Network: Rural Network Support Unit, Finland

Local Action Group: Red Española de Desarrollo Rural, Spain

Union-wide non-governmental organisation: ELARD (European Leader Association for Rural Development)

Expert group on the implementation of the CAP Strategic Plan Regulation related to monitoring and evaluation:

Managing Authority: Swedish board of agriculture, Sweden

Managing Authority. Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary

Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

- Follow the standard model provided to European Commission
 Expert Groups
- Set out rules for:
 - •General governance and operation of the secretariat
 - Attendance and invitations
 - •Voting and written procedures

Interactive Session

- Topical Discussion on the role and remit of the Steering Group
- Discussion focused on additionality possible
- Conclusions included the need for regular feedback from Subgroups to inform the setting of the work programme



