
**ACTIVITIES of the COPA-COGECA**

**Activities of the COPA-COGECA in various area of Cattle production in Europe**

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**THE COPA-COGECA: **  
**ROLE ORGANISATION STRUCTURE**

*GENERAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE ANIMAL SECTOR:*

- *MARKETS*
- *HORMONES*
- *WELFARE TRANSPORT*
- *BREEDING ACTIVITIES*

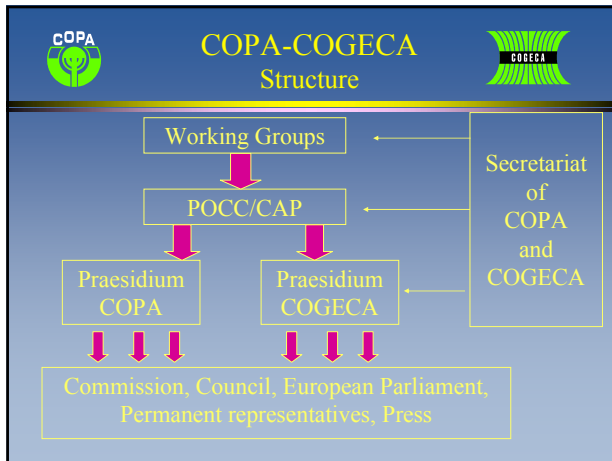
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**COPA-COGECA in figures**


- 44 member organisations and 43 associated member organisations
- more than 60 joint working groups
- 300 meetings organised by the Secretariat of COPA/COGECA
- 47 people working at the Secretariat

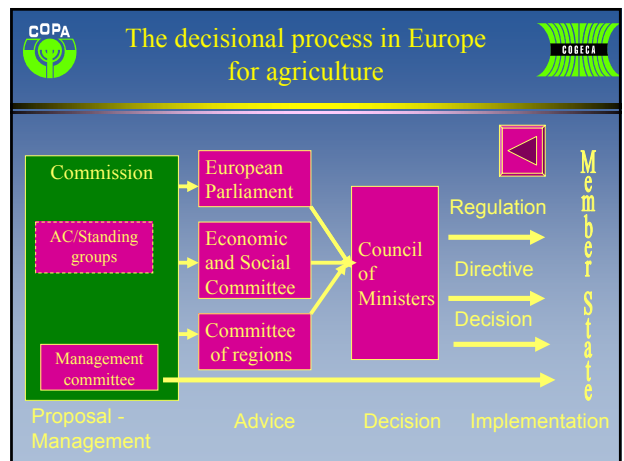

**COPA-COGECA objectives**


- to examine any matters related to the development of the Common Agricultural Policy;
- to represent the interests of the agricultural and co-operative sector as a whole;
- to seek solutions which are of common interest, and
- to maintain and develop relations with the Community authorities and with any other representative organisations or social partner established at European level.



- ### COPA/COGECA Working groups
- 60 working groups :Common COPA/COGECA, specialised sections, and specific COGECA working groups
  - Commodities, but also agri-tourism, rural development, environment, biotechnology, organic farming ...
  - GEOPA, social questions, animal welfare, legal, veterinary questions, co-operative affairs, women committee, ...

- ### COPA-COGECA Praesidium Structure
- composed of Presidents of the member organisations
  - meetings are prepared by the Co-ordination Committee
  - meets in principle once a month
  - takes all political and financial decisions
  - meetings are translated in 5 languages ( Fr, D, E,It,Esp)




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**MARKETS (1): Dairy**


**CAP reform:** *market organisation and decoupling*: to stabilise the dairy prices: price decrease -27% from 2007, compensation: 60%, quota till 2014 (+2%).

**ENLARGING EU:** consequences on offer in dairy prod.

**WTO:** EU has to reinforce and to consolidate the CAP

- internal support of markets
- exportation restitutions
- market access

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**MARKETS (2) :BEEF**

Decrease of production+stabilisation of consumption  
Stabilisation of exports

- negative trade balance of the EU
- increase of imports with risks of competition distortion

Implementation of decoupling :many options are available  
Risks of competition distortion among farmers, sectors  
regions

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**PROHIBITION of PRODUCTS USED in OESTRUS SYNCHRONISATION**

**Proposal of prohibit the use of oestradiol 17beta in therapeutic or zootechnical treatments**

- possible severe consequences in AI
- risks over evaluated

**Authorisation for 3 years under strict conditions (from 14 10 2004): time to find substitutes**

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**WELFARE and TRANSPORT(1)**


*The existing legislation is not a problem,difficulties are coming from the lack of effective and uniform implementation and the lack of controls .*

COPA -COGECA stress following points:

future legislation should preserve trade & existing trade patterns.

Rules should be based on sound science

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### WELFARE and TRANSPORT(2)


Particular provisions described in the SCAHAW report should be considered (space allowance, trucks fittings, watering, feeding, unloading....)

Education programmes for drivers

Flexibility in implementation of plan transport (**shortening time**)

Serious concerns about possible derogation to allow reduction transport period within some countries and the absence of definition of transport”for commercial use”

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### ZOOTECHNICAL LEGISLATION (1)

#### Modification of the Decision 84/247 /EEC

laying down the criteria for the recognition of breeders ’organisations which maintain or establish herd-books for pure bred breeding animals of the bovine species

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### ZOOTECHNICAL LEGISLATION(2)

The cattle breeding group of the COPA-COGECA considers that the existing legislation on pure-bred cattle has to be improved because of lack of precise definition on:

- concept of breed
- the attached name to each recognised breed

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### ZOOTECHNICAL LEGISLATION(3)

➤Criteria of recognising breeding organisations are vague and should be improved

The group has elaborated new texts improving the existing legislation

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**ZOOTECNICAL LEGISLATION(4)**

**Considering that trans-border activities should be develop the Commission has proposed to change the existing legislation, rendering very difficult for a Member State to refuse the activity of breeding organisation recognised in another EU country**

**ZOOTECNICAL LEGISLATION(5)**

The cattle breeding group of the COPA-COGECA was not in favor of Commission :

- breed definition, misuse of the name (pb when products are attached to a specific breed)
- insuffisant recognition criteria for a fair competition
- difficulties for the new entering countries.