



Meeting "Chairs of Commodity Expert Groups", 21-22 June 2017

The main conclusions of the meeting of the “Chairs of Commodity Expert Groups”, held on 21-22 June 2017 in Paris (EPPO headquarters), are listed below.

- The meeting was attended by 11 people.
- A draft proposal for **confidentiality and access rights in EUMUDA** was discussed during the meeting. This as it should be clear which parts of EUMUDA are publicly accessible and which information (of projects) has restricted access. The updated document will be further discussed in the different CEG meetings in October/November 2017.
- A draft template for a project agreement was discussed during the meeting. It was decided to rename the document in ‘**Project Plan**’ which better covers the content. The aim of this project plan is to provide some basic information on the minor use need, the possible solution, the project, the project leader and parties involved, and to clarify the role of the parties participating /involved in this project and the timelines. The updated document will be further discussed in the different CEG meetings in October/November 2017.
- The MUCF should develop clear **rules on the participation (composition of and number of experts) in Commodity Expert Groups (CEGs) and the Horizontal Expert Group (HEG)**. This to monitor the participation of experts from Member States and stakeholders in expert groups, as well as to control the budget for expert group meetings. An initial draft paper was discussed during the meeting. The updated document will be further discussed in the different CEG meetings in October/November 2017.
- **Rules for the establishment of a new Commodity Expert Group** are also needed. Currently, there is no established procedure and no criteria how to start a new Commodity Expert Group (CEG). There are 7 Commodity Expert Groups operational within the EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility, covering the following commodities: Fruit and Vegetables, Hops, Mushrooms, Ornamentals, Rice, Seeds and Tobacco. A draft procedure was discussed during the meeting. The updated document will be further discussed in the different CEG meetings in October/November 2017.
- **The Final programme** of the ‘Dublin’ meetings (1– 3 November) was discussed. The meeting agreed to organise the meeting of the chairs CEGs and the HEG on 1 November, the meeting of CEG F&V and CEG Seeds on 2 November and the meeting of CEG ornamentals on 3 November. *Post meeting note: In addition, the CEG Tobacco will have its meeting also in Dublin on 3 November 2017.*