

Call for major Policy Change in the Revised CAP for Agriculture

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SACURIMA is the first EU Cost Action of its kind to look into occupational safety and health (OSH) in the agriculture sector. The COST Action born out of a deep concern by agricultural OSH experts, researchers and farm organisations now calls for critical changes to the next CAP to ensure its success.

The Nine Key Objectives of the proposed new CAP, while all critically important fail to identify and support the key deliverable on the ground “the farmer”. It is essential that the proposed new CAP succeeds for Europe. However, if we are to meet the challenges of the New CAP, to have food security, sustainability, rural development, protection of biodiversity and ecosystems, climate change amelioration, protection of soils and landscapes and indeed generational renewal, emphasis on lifelong learning and continual professional development (CPD) for farmers and farm workers is urgently needed.

The SACURIMA Cost Action, having studied the current situation in relation to OSH in agriculture, the fatal and non-fatal injury levels, the level of ill-health and indeed stress and suicidality in agriculture, the variations in training levels and national OSH programs, and now calls for the following;

- 1. Integrate OSH into current and future agricultural policies**
- 2. Establish a European Network for agriculture safety and health**
- 3. Allocate specific funding for Agriculture OSH research in Horizon 2020 / Horizon Europe**
- 4. Develop and implement OSH education and skills programs for farmers and workers in the agriculture sector**
- 5. Improve statistics to reflect the true level of agricultural workplace fatal & non-fatal injury and ill health.**

Focused and practical instruments must be put in place to update and support farmers and farm workers to meet the complex challenges within the proposed revised CAP.

In mid-October 2019 a delegation from the SACURIMA COST Action were delighted to meet, set out their policy recommendations and get general support from;

Commissioner Mariya Gabriel, currently Commissioner for 'Digital Economy and Society' and nominated to be the next Commissioner for 'Innovation and Youth'.

Ms Gabriel was accompanied by **Mr Kevin Keary**; Cabinet Member of current Commissioner Phil Hogan, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Commissioner.



Separate meetings also held with the following;

Dr Miriam Dalli MEP, Member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.



Daniel Buda MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.



Dr Alfred Sant, Member of the Committee on the Economic and Monetary Affairs and Committee on Budgets.



Ann Marie O'Brian on behalf of Mrs MAIREAD McGuinness, First Vice President of the European Parliament and member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.



*At COPA*COGECA with: Ms Oana Neagu - Director with responsibility for Commodities, Environment, Climate Change, Food and Feed. Ms Marta Rosa, Senior Policy Advisor; Mr Tobia Capuzzo - Project Officer for Research, Innovation, Horizon 2020, Pesticides, Antimicrobial Resistance and Digitization.*



COST Action SACURIMA delegation included; Risto Rautiainen – (Action Chair); John McNamara – (Action Vice Chair) Pat Griffin – (Action Communication Manager) Anne Marie Heiberg - (WG5 Chair)

José Rato Nunes - (WG2) **Petya Stavreva** - (WG5 Member & former MEP) **Helle Birk Domino** – (WG5 Vice Chair).



This SACURIMA cost action, initially expecting to attract only a handful of countries now has 32 member countries from across Europe and further afield, such as 2 Near Neighbor Countries (Jordan and Egypt) and institutions and observers from 2 International Countries (USA and Australia).

See complete Policy Document [here](#)

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