COST Action CA16123
Safety Culture and Risk Management in Agriculture (SACURIMA)

Working Group 5 Web Meeting

Date: 30.1.2020

Participants:  Present:
Anne Marie Heiberg, Norway - Working Group 5 (Chair)
John McNamara, Ireland - Action Vice Chair
Jarkko Leppala, Finland - Scientific Representative
Pat Griffin, Ireland – Communication Manager
Risto Rautiainen, Action Chair (minutes)

Absent:
Peter Lundqvist, Sweden - Working Group 1
Jose Rato Nunes, Portugal - Working Group 2
Joze Staric, Slovenia - Working Group 3
Aurelie Berthet, Switzerland - Working Group 4
Helle Birk Domino, Denmark - Communication vice Manager
Erick Koch, Germany - Working Group 5
Petya Stavreva, Bulgaria - Working Group 5

Agenda

1. Discuss the Copa Cogeca answer and our response

WG 5 members met with COPA COGECA / GEOPA-COPA representatives on October 16 2019 in Brussels. WG5 made a presentation on the SACURIMA COST Action and five our policy recommendations, including suggested changes to CAP priorities.

WG 5 members were made aware of COPA internal process and consultation with their member countries on January 10, 2020. Their draft response to SACURIMA recommendations was primarily positive; the main critique concerned our first recommendation regarding CAP policies. The main points of COPA were not to create more rules and administrative burden, linking CAP funds to compliance with new regulations and stricter standards. They emphasized that any changes to CAP should be based on incentives rather than penalties, and involving other parties including machinery manufacturers.

COPA response was very supportive of recommendations 2) creating a European network, 3) adding funding lines for ag safety and heath research into Horizon Europe, 4) training programs, and 5) improving statistics.

We decided to send a short response to COPA COGECA / GEOPA-COPA, thanking them for their consireation and responses to our policy recommendations. Our response will include stating that the COPA position on the first CAP recommendation is in accordance with SACURIMA goals also, and that we are very pleased with their support for our recommendations, and that we will get back to them with a more specific communication about our planned steps forward. Pat Griffin volunteered to draft the response letter.
2. Follow-up meeting in Brussels, date, program, visits

We discussed the need to keep the momentum going after the first successful visits with legislators. This would be best achieved with a follow-up WG5 meeting in Brussels, attempting to make follow-up meetings with key contacts. It is possible that funds will be available after the Krakow meeting for WG5 meeting in Brussels, but this will need MC approval in Krakow. We will make initial plans for a meeting taking place in early April.

3. Report from Petya Stavreva’s meetings with Congress people etc.

Tabled for next meeting / further communication with Petya.

4. Representation in Cost Workshop – John

COST Action Chairs are invited to a workshop: COST Actions and Policy Impacts in Brussels April 3, 2020. John McNamara will represent SACURIMA in this workshop. There is also a training for COST Action Chairs on “How to engage with policymakers” on Thursday 12 March 2020. This coincides with our MC meeting. Prof. Claudio Colosio has volunteered to have his substitute, Federica Masci, participate in the MC meeting, and Claudio has agreed to participate in this training.

5. Krakow agenda

Agenda has been disseminated as part of the Krakow MC meeting invitation. We have 2 hours for WG5 meeting before CG meeting.


Minutes have been posted on our website.

7. Communication plan- what is achieved and what do we need to do?

Tabled for discussion in Krakow.

8. Web site, do we still miss papers etc.

Discussed briefly; WG leaders are encouraged to send their documents without delay to Anne Marie to be uploaded on the web. Technical difficulties continue in uploading information and making the site look more professional.

9. Discuss strategy for each policy recommendations

Discussion focused primarily on recommendation 2, creating the European network. Risto presented an organization chart for the ‘European Network of Agricultural Safety and Health’ (ENASH). The network plan includes a central coordinating unit that would tentatively be established as part of the EU-OSHA in Bilbao. Draft organization chart is attached. Further detail on the role of each position in the organization will be drafted. We discussed arranging a meeting with EU-OSHA leaders to present and discuss the plan.

10. Summary of WG5 work for MC presentation
Not discussed. Anne Marie as WG 5 leader will seek input from members and prepare the presentation.

Appendix: Proposed Network Organization

**European Network for Agricultural Safety and Health (ENASH)**