



## Section for Maize - SMA

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### Annotated Agenda

9 October 2017

11h00 – 13h00

Riga, Latvia

### Points of Agenda

#### I. Opening, welcome and approval of the agenda

Mr Claude Grand, SMA Chairman, will open the meeting and welcome the participants. The agenda (ESA\_17.0514) will be proposed for approval. Participants will be asked for items to include under Any Other Business.

#### II. ESA Anti-Trust Guidelines

Participants will be reminded of the ESA Anti-Trust Guidelines (ESA\_11.0246.1) and to act accordingly.

#### III. Minutes of SMA meetings

##### a) Minutes of SMA Section meeting 19.04.2017

The Chairman, with ESA Secretariat, will inform on the status of the minutes of SMA meeting (ESA\_17.0508) held 19 April 2017. One comment was received and taken into account. Minutes can be, then, proposed to be considered as final.

##### b) Minutes of SMA meeting 04.09.2017

The Chairman, with ESA Secretariat, will inform on the status of the minutes of SMA meeting (ESA\_17.0588) held 4 September 2017. No comment was received. Minutes can be, then, proposed to be considered as final.

#### IV. ESA Policy priorities

This item of the agenda covers updates of different horizontal issues of importance for the European seed sector. For each subject, participants are invited to take note of background documents. On most of the subjects, presentations will be given during one of the ESA crop section meetings as indicated.

SMA members interested in these subjects are invited to attend the respective Section meetings. All presentations will be published on ESA website after its annual meeting.

### a) **Focus on Research & Innovation**

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Research & Innovation (ESA\_17.0626).

Participants will have the opportunity to have an insight on that topic thanks to presentations given the meeting of the section for Maize (SMA).

- **EU Research and innovation projects: worth the effort**, by Kate WILSON, ESA Manager Public Affairs
- **European Technology Platform: “Plants for the Future”** by Aleksandra Malyska, ETP Secretariat
- **Horizon 2020 and all relevant actions and opportunities**, by Jan JACUBI, Chair ESA Working Group “Research & Innovation”

### b) Plant Breeding Innovation

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Plant Breeding Innovation (ESA\_17.0632).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the General Assembly which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 10 from 14h00 – 16h00.

### c) Intellectual Property Rights

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Intellectual Property (ESA\_17.0624) and on Brexit (ESA\_17.0625).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Cereals and Pulses (SCP) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 8h30 – 10h30.

### d) Seed Treatment

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Seed Treatment (ESA\_17.0627).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Oil and Fibre Crops (SOF) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 14h00 – 16h00.

e) Plant Health

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Plant Health (ESA\_17.0628). Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Fodder crops and Amenity grasses (SFG) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 16h30 – 18h30.

f) Biodiversity

Participants are invited to take note of the background documents on:

- the Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization (ESA\_17.0630);
- the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ESA\_17.0631);
- the regulation on organic production and labelling of organic products (ESA\_17.0633).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Vegetable crops (SVO) which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 10 from 08h00 – 9h30.

g) ePhyto

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on ePhyto (ESA\_17.0629).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Potatoes (SPO) which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 10 from 10h00 – 11h30.

## V. Section specific issues

This item of the agenda covers updates of specific issues of importance for the section for maize.

a) Report on topics discussed this year in SMA

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation on topics discussed this year in the section for maize.

b) Market overview

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation by Pierre GUILLAUMIN, Federation Nationale de la Production de Semences de Maïs et Sorgho, France (FNPSMS) on the European market overview for maize and sorghum.

c) EU Temporary experiment on heterogenous material

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation by ESA Secretariat on an EU temporary experiment providing for certain derogations for the marketing of populations of the plant species wheat, barley, oats and maize.

d) Maize mixtures

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on maize mixtures (ESA\_17.0316).

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation by Klaus SCHLUENDER, KWS on discussions upon the legal framework to market maize mixtures of different varieties.

e) European Sorghum organisation

A first and successful European Sorghum Congress was held in Bucharest on 3 and 4 November, 2016. At the end of the Congress, the different stakeholders in sorghum production voiced their ambition to join together as a European force, working on the basis of a common strategic goal and a common action plan, playing an active role to establish a sector for the purpose of developing and promoting sorghum in Europe.

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation by Charles Antoine COURTOIS, Sorghum ID on this new European sorghum organisation.

f) SMA Factsheet

Participants will be reminded of the existing SMA Factsheet (ESA\_16.0118).

The ESA Crop Factsheets have been developed with help of many Members, who contributed by providing facts, figures and info on several aspects of each crop. The Factsheets are available on the on the ESA website, on the crop sections.

The factsheets (4-page format) contain information on key production figures, research and development, environmental aspects as well as information on the ESA Members (both Direct and Association Members) active in those crops.

The ESA Secretariat collected feedback and comments on the first versions that were published and will update those factsheets in the coming months.

g) Priority topics to be addressed in the coming year

Participants will be reminded of the priority topics agreed for 2017.

<b>2017</b>	
Cat. 1: Top Priority	
<b>1</b>	Maize market overview
<b>2</b>	New Breeding Techniques
<b>3</b>	EU Seed legislation
<b>4</b>	Low Level presence
<b>5</b>	Seed Treatment
Cat. 2: active support / contribution to	
<b>1</b>	OECD (Tanzania)
<b>2</b>	Plant health (Diabrotica)
<b>3</b>	Seed Treatment for export to 3rd countries
<b>4</b>	EU Equivalence
<b>5</b>	Trade related issues Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine
Cat. 3: monitoring only	
<b>1</b>	Rules for coexistence

In the spring meeting, the ESA Section for maize (SMA) has addressed those priorities. In its meeting of 4 September 2017, the ESA Section for maize (SMA) proposed to amend the priority topics as follows:

<b>2018</b>	
Cat. 1: Top Priority	
<b>1</b>	Maize market overview
<b>2</b>	Plant Breeding innovation
<b>3</b>	EU Seed legislation
<b>4</b>	Low Level presence
<b>5</b>	Seed Treatment
Cat. 2: active support / contribution to	

1	OECD (Capacity building for new members of the OECD seed scheme for maize)
2	Plant health
3	Seed Treatment for export to 3rd countries
4	EU Equivalence (Ukraine)
5	Trade related issues Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine
	Cat. 3: monitoring only
1	Rules for coexistence

Participants will be invited to renew and/or amend the priorities for the coming year.

h) Proposal of a new Chairman

Participants will be invited to take note of the decision of the Chairman to step down from its position. Therefore, ESA Board proposed Claude TABEL as a candidate for this position. Claude TABEL is President at RAGT Semences. Members of the section for maize will be invited to elect him as a new Chairman. The decision will be formally endorsed by ESA General Assembly (closed session) which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 10 from 12h00 – 13h00.

## VI. International organisations

This item of the agenda covers updates of the outcomes of the latest meetings of international organisations of importance in the seed sector.

a) International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

Participants will be invited to take note of the report by ESA Secretariat on the outcomes of interest for SMA section of the latest meetings of UPOV.

A presentation will be given by the Office of UPOV on the electronic Application Form during the meeting of the section for Oil and Fibre Crops (SOF) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 14h00 – 16h00.

b) Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)

Participants will be invited to take note of the report by ESA Secretariat on the outcomes of interest for SMA section of the latest meetings of CPVO.

c) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) – Seed Schemes

Participants will be invited to take note of the report by ESA Secretariat on the outcomes of interest for SMA section of the latest meetings of OECD.

A presentation will be given by the Secretariat of OECD-Seed Schemes on label security issues during the meeting of the section for Fodder crops and Amenity grasses (SFG) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 16h30 – 18h30.

## **VII. Any other Business**

Participants will be invited to share any information of interest.

## **VIII. Confirmation of next SMA meetings and Closure**

Participants will be invited to note that, the next SMA meeting is scheduled to take place in spring 2018. Date and location still need to be confirmed.

The next ESA annual congress will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Madrid, Spain.