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Re: Cogeca Presidency Business forum on “Agri-food and forestry cooperatives heading towards climate neutrality”

Dear Mr Visek,

The Cogeca Presidency Business forum on “Agri-food and forestry cooperatives heading towards climate neutrality” was a clear success and highly appreciated by all its participants and members.

On behalf of [REDACTED], I would like to thank you for your contribution without which, this positive outcome would not have been possible.

The keynote addresses, and the session dedicated to sharing European Agri-food and forestry cooperatives’ best practices clearly demonstrated how our enterprises address the challenges and grasp the opportunities offered by the transition towards a more sustainable economy, in a way that is economically viable, inclusive, people-focused, long-term and innovative.

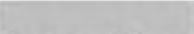
Our cooperative enterprises were appropriately presented as catalysts to implement the Green Deal in our sectors, adding value to products and increasing resilience for their farmer-owners, in a more climate efficient supply chain.

It was emphasized how European agri-food and forestry cooperatives, with their market-driven business models, investment in innovative solutions empower farmer-members and are at the forefront of consumers-led trends, while contributing to the green and circular transition and climate neutrality.

During the exchanges and thanks to your contribution the challenges the sector face and the opportunities that can be grasped emerged, both in terms of policy development and business trajectories. Thanks to the insights you have shared during the event, it was also evident that cooperation is key to better attain ambitious global sustainable objectives and it needs to be considered and promoted at farm level, as in the EU policy debate.

In light of all this, we believe that this forum fully met its objectives and I would like, once again, to thank you and assure you that, Cogeca deeply appreciates your contribution.

Yours truly,



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