



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
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Directorate H — Sustainability and Quality of Agriculture and Rural Development  
**H.3. Organic farming**

**Expert Group for Technical Advice on Organic Production (EGTOP)**  
**Sub-group on Food**

**MEETING OF 24-26 APRIL 2012**

**Summary minutes**

**1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

After a welcome speech and introduction by the representative of the Secretariat, the Chair of the Sub-group took over.

When asked to declare interests with regard to matters on the agenda none of the members provided additional information to the interests already declared before the meeting. In accordance with Chapter 5.1.2 of the Rules of procedure of the Group, one expert were allowed full participation with the exception of the specific discussion on the conclusions concerning one substance.

All the members signed a declaration of confidentiality and a declaration of commitment.

The Agenda was then adopted as proposed (ANNEX I).

**2. WORKING METHOD, TERMS OF REFERENCE, REPORT**

The Secretariat gave an overview of the working procedures of the Group and referred the experts to the internet site [www.organic-farming.europa.eu](http://www.organic-farming.europa.eu) for more information.

**3. DISCUSSION ON THE ITEMS INTO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Discussions on matters included in the terms of reference took place on the first and second day of the meeting. During the third day the Sub-group members reached a final conclusion by consensus on the topics discussed. The final report will be adopted by the Group in plenary session and published on the internet site [www.organic-farming.europa.eu](http://www.organic-farming.europa.eu).

# **ANNEX I**

## **Sub-group meeting of EGTOP on Food 24-26 April 2012**

### **DRAFT AGENDA 24 April 2012**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION:**

- Declaration of interests
  - Specific
- Declaration of Confidentiality related to this meeting
- Declaration of commitment
- Adoption of the agenda

#### **2. Reports and working methods:**

- Procedures
- Reports structure and content
- Term of reference

#### **3. Any other business**

#### **4. Discussion on the items into the terms of reference**

## **DRAFT AGENDA 25 April 2012**

- 5. Discussion on the items into the terms of reference**
- 6. Preparation of the draft report**

## **DRAFT AGENDA 26 April 2012**

**7. Preparation of the draft report**

**8. Preparation of the draft report and conclusions**