INVITATION

In preparation for the World Forum on Access to Land and Natural Resources, the CESE, AGTER, and CERAI invite you to join them for a day of discussions about

Land grabbing and land concentration in Europe

November 16th, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
European Economic and Social Committee
2 rue Van Maerlant, Bruxelles 1040
(Salle VM3)
Brussels

German, English, Spanish, and French interpreting services will be available

An event open to everyone who would like to share his or her point of view about existing, and future, conditions surrounding land access and use in the European Union.
Agenda

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. : Welcome of participants

9:30 - 9:45 a.m. : Opening words
Brendan Burns, President of the EESC Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment section (NAT)
Vicent Garcés, President of WFAL2016 International Organizing Committee.

9:45 - 11:30 a.m. : Session 1
European land grabbing processes: current trends and their consequences
Michel MERLET, AGTER, France [Facilitator];
Sylvia KAY, Transnational Institute (TNI), The Netherlands;
Pablo GONZALES CORRALES, Andalusian workers trade union (SAT), Spain.
Marcel MAZOYER, Emeritus Professor, AgroParisTech, France

11:30 a.m. - 13:30 p.m. : Session 2
Inequitable land and natural resource access: impact on production models, resource use, and employment
Monique MUNTING, researcher and documentary film maker, Belgium [Facilitator];
Kaul NURM, Director of the Estonian Farmers’ Federation, Rapporteur of the EESC own-initiative opinion "Land grabbing – a warning for Europe and a threat to family farming", Estonia;
Gabor FIGECZKY, International Federation of Organic Farming Movements (IFoAM), Germany;
Hubert COCHET, AgroParisTech (Comparative Agriculture and Agricultural Development Research Unit), France.

13:30 – 3:00 p.m. : Lunch (at one's own expense, at the VMA building Cafeteria or at EESC canteen)

3:00 - 5:30 p.m. : Session 3
Developing policies that result in more equitable land access and more sustainable natural resource use
Marta FRATICELLI, former research officer at AGTER, Italy [Facilitator];
Gérard CHOPLIN, independant consultant, former coordinator of the European Coordination Via Campesina, Belgium;
Guillaume DARROUY, Young Agricultural Producers, France;
Eugenio ROMERO, Member of Extramadura Regional Parliament (Podemos), Spain;
Robert LEVESQUE, Terres d’Europe SCAF, France.

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. : Conclusions
Dilyana Slvavova, President of the EESC External Relations section (REX)
Vicent Garcés, Former Member of the European Parliament
Information about the 2016 World Forum on Access to Land and Natural resources is available at: http://landaccessforum.org

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