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Commission views on the GP
Annex IX revision process

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Background

Commission has a mandate for the negotiation of the GP on behalf of the EU.

Commission has been asked to conduct negotiations of the GP revision in accordance with relevant EU legislation in force and with agreed EU positions.
EU position during WGSR 46 (12-16 April 2010, Geneva)

- Thanks the TF for the draft annex IX and for the work done so far

- Thinks more information is needed to support a discussion within WGSR

- Agrees with the proposed approach on setting farm size thresholds on the base of animal numbers rather than of N excretion (*consistency with EU legislation*)
EU position during WGSR 46 (12-16 April 2010, Geneva)

Priorities for discussion:

- ambition level;
- definition of the scope (farm size and/or animal type threshold);
- specific potential flexibilities for ECCA and SEE countries;
- "legal character" of the revised annex IX (wholly binding? partially binding? Advising?)
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The Commission would like the TF to focus on:

1. **Identification of the 4-5 key priority measures to include in the Annex IX**
   - *less complex text will lead to higher acceptance by Parties*

2. **Quantification of benefits (emission reductions) achievable through those key measures**
   - *absolute value (Kton/year)*
   - *for the whole set of measures (in %)*
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3. Quantification of costs associated with those measures
   - *For EU and each of MS (and other countries)*

4. Finalization of the revised guidance document
   - *It is considered essential to provide references for emission reduction targets*
   - *September discussion WGSR*
   - *(BREF and guidance document should be coherent)*
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5. Highlight the impact on the current Annex IX proposal on the cattle sector. In particular:

- Measures applicable
- Number of farms concerned at EU level (and for each MS), considering the proposed farm size thresholds
- Economic impact for each MS
- Potential emission reduction and share of the total emissions
Conclusions

- Commission is aware that huge efforts need to be done to achieve TSAP (COM(2005)446) objectives
  - 47% reduction in loss of life expectancy as a result of exposure to particulate matter;
  - 10 % reduction in acute mortalities from exposure to ozone;
  - reduction in excess acid deposition of 74% and 39% in forest areas and surface freshwater areas respectively;
  - 43% reduction in areas or ecosystems exposed to eutrophication.

- Major efforts in agricultural sector, responsible for NH3, main cause of Eutrophication, Acidification and Particulate matter formation

- Annex IX revision is a great opportunity to introduce new instruments able to achieve those ambitious objectives