



European Commission on Agriculture (ECA)

**35/1 Meeting of the Executive Committee
24 June 2014**

**Agenda item 3 – Background note
Suggestion for the 39th ECA Session 2014**

Background

Based on the decisions during the 38th Session of the European Commission on Agriculture Session, on 2 April 2014 in Bucharest, Romania, regarding holding the 39th Session of the European Commission on Agriculture at least six months before the 30th ERC in Turkey in 2016, the timeframe for the next session of the ECA is up to November 2015, assuming that the next session of the ERC will be around April 2016.

Important factors influencing the timing of the next ECA are:

- The role of the ECA as a preparation body of the ERC and thus the linkage between the agenda items of the ECA with the ERC
- The overall FAO/IFAD calendar of events in the sessions in fall 2015
- Sufficient time for the secretariat to prepare the draft documents for the ECA and also subsequently the recommendations from the session of the ECA as background documents for the following ERC.

Proposal

Taking the above issues into consideration, it is tentatively proposed that the 39th Session of the ECA should take place in the week of 7 – 11 September 2015 for two days in Budapest Hungary.