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Dr Fotis Filippopoulos
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Re: Cogeca Presidency Business *forum* on Harnessing the Power of Digitalisation in the Agri-food Chain and Final Ceremony of the European Award for Cooperative Innovation – 29 November 2017.

Dear Dr Filippopoulos,

The Cogeca Presidency Business *forum* on Harnessing the Power of Digitalisation in the Agri-food Chain was a clear success and highly appreciated by all its participants.

On behalf of President Thomas Magnusson, I would like to thank you for your contribution without which this positive outcome would not have been possible.

The very open and lively panel debate that you have moderated demonstrated how agricultural cooperatives are pioneers in the sector. Mainly through the effective use of data, agricultural cooperatives across Europe are indeed optimising production, supply-chain, maintenance, traceability process and implementing digital initiatives in a bid to create value for their farmer-owners.

In light of all this, we believe that this *forum* fully met its objectives.

Moreover, I would like to take this opportunity to also thank you for being the Master of Ceremony during the Final event of the European Award for Cooperative Innovation. Thanks to your introduction about the essence of innovation you have set the scene for the celebration of the value created by European agri-cooperatives through their innovation practices.

I would like, once again, to thank you and assure you that, Cogeca deeply appreciates your contribution.

Yours truly,



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Copa and Cogeca Secretary-General