



THE WORKPLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ECA FOR THE YEARS 2023-2025

(prepared by the ECA Secretariat)

Introduction

The ECA Executive Committee (ExCom) is the operational body of the European Commission on Agriculture (ECA). The Committee meets 4–5 times a year, either virtually or with physical presence.

The work of the Committee follows the work plan developed by the Secretariat of the ECA and endorsed by the Committee at the beginning of the term. The plan covers the period between the sessions of the ECA and includes the list of tasks for the Committee and the schedule of its meetings.

The draft list of tasks of the ExCom and their respective timeframes in the years 2023-2025 is presented in Annex 1.

The draft schedule of meetings of the Committee for 2024-25, until the Forty-fourth Session of the ECA, is presented in Annex 2.

The schedule assumes that the Forty-fourth Session of the ECA will be held as tentatively planned, i.e. between 30 September and 3 October 2025.

The ExCom is invited to:

- review and endorse the list of tasks of the ExCom for 2024-25 and their respective timeframes, as presented in Annex 1
- review and endorse the schedule and scopes of the ExCom meetings for the years 2024-25, as presented in Annex 2
- note that specific topics for updates under the task “*Review of and recommendations on REU’s work in Europe and Central Asia in 2024-2025 in selected technical areas*” will be identified by June 2024
- note that the ExCom may decide to add more tasks or to modify the schedule and scopes of the meetings according to the needs.

Annex 1

The main tasks of the Executive Committee of the ECA in 2024-25

No.	Task	Background documents	Timeframe
1.	Review of the status of preparation for the 34th Session of the ERC (2024)	Draft ERC agenda	March 2024
2.	Review of the outcomes of the 43rd Session of the ECA (2023)	ECA report	March 2024
3.	Review of the outcomes of the 34th Session of the ERC (2024)	ERC Report	June 2024
4.	Identification of the main themes for the 35th Session of the ERC (2026)	REU technical notes	June 2025
5.	Identification of the main technical theme for the 44th Session of the ECA (2025)	REU technical notes	June, September, November 2024
6.	Preparation of the 44th Session of the ECA (2025)	Updates	February, April, June 2025
7.	Preparation of the Informal Consultation (2025)	Updates	February, April 2025
8.	Review of the outcomes of the Informal Consultation (2025)	Informal Consultation minutes	June 2025
9.	Review of and recommendations on REU's work in Europe and Central Asia in 2024-2025 in selected technical areas	REU technical notes	September, November 2024 February, April 2025
10.	Impact of the war in Ukraine on food security and related matters	Updates	June, November 2024, April 2025

Annex 2

The draft workplan and schedule of meetings of the Executive Committee of the ECA for 2024-25

Meeting	Timeframe	Scope of the agenda
40/1	March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement of the work plan and meeting schedule for the ExCom for 2023-2025 • Review of the outcomes of the 43rd Session of the ECA (2023) • Review of the status of preparation for the 34th Session of the ERC (2024)
40/2	June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the outcomes of the 34th Session of the ERC (2024) • Preparation of the Region for COP 29 and specific issues • Preliminary identification of the main technical theme for the 44th Session of the ECA (2025) • Impact of the war in Ukraine on food security and related matters
40/3	September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the main technical theme for the 44th Session of the ECA (2025) – update on the submitted proposals • Review of and recommendations on REU's work in Europe and Central Asia in 2024-2025 in a selected technical area
40/4	November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the main technical theme for the 44th Session of the ECA (2025) • Review of and recommendations on REU's work in Europe and Central Asia in 2024-2025 in a selected technical area • Impact of the war in Ukraine on food security and related matters
40/5	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the status of preparation of the 44th Session of the ECA (2025) • Update on the preparation of the Informal Consultation (2025) • Review of and recommendations on REU's work in Europe and Central Asia in 2024-2025 in a selected technical area
40/6	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the status of preparation of the 44th Session of the ECA (2025) • Update on the preparation of the Informal Consultation (2025) • Review of and recommendations on REU's work in Europe and Central Asia in 2024-2025 in a selected technical area • Impact of the war in Ukraine on food security and related matters
40/7	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the main themes for the 35th Session of the ERC (2026) • Preparation of the 44th Session of the ECA (2025) • Review of the outcomes of the Informal Consultation (2025)