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Meeting with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] representing ECPA, the EU plant protection products (PPP) federation.

The meeting concerned the recent development regarding effects of PPP on bees and the guidance document concerning endocrine disruptors. It was a preparatory meeting in view of the meeting with K. Berend on 9th January.

As regards bees, ECPA representatives are now waiting for the reactions from their members concerning the guidance document elaborated by EFSA. They expressed their surprise towards the report published by the EP yesterday (AT research report).

As regards ED, ECPA is concerned by the "potency" class (one of the 4 classes identified in DG ENV guidance document) as it is not clear if it will be considered as a cut-off criterion or not. Generally speaking ECPA would like to defend the following line: guidance document established criteria which will then be implemented by the sectorial legislation. For them creating categories of ED is pre-empting the decision-making process under the PPP Regulation, Biocides, REACH,... Therefore they would present arguments on 9th January to keep this sectorial approach.

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