For your information, this afternoon, I participated in a meeting of the Civil Dialogue Group Environment and Climate Change, chaired by DG AGRI (Hou G. Marion) and attended by over 100 participants online and around 20 in person. Following my intervention/presentation on the NRL and its relevance for agriculture, there were quite a number of comments and questions, in particular from COPA/COGECA (who were present in large numbers both in person and online).

In brief, the following points were raised:

- Slowfood: welcome in particular target on pollinators; text goes in the right direction
- COPA (Ireland): Irish farmers are very concerned, the implications for them are enormous; COM should revise its impact assessment as the numbers do not add up; the proposal foresees no realistic income for farmers, and the CAP is the only real tool
- COGECA: European Green Deal foresees balance between greening and the economy, but NRL proposal does not get this balance right; agricultural and food industry need help for the transition; there are many frontrunners who have done a lot already and they need to get a discount; non-deterioration is already a problem in NATURE 2000; foreseen delegated acts are a problem; 10% are a problem; proposal needs to be revised substantially
- COPA (Netherlands): Netherlands will loose 500.000 hectares of land to produce food with this law; CAP is not enough; non-deterioration a big problem (already in NATURA 2000)
- WWF: proposal is going in the right direction; need changes on the ground now; need to consider climate change impacts now
- Euronature: quid forest fires?
- COPA: who will be in charge of approving the National Restoration Plans and who will decide on the measures?
- EURAF: idea that CAP can solve everything is wrong; need transformation and more private investments in regenerative agriculture; sharing is the answer
- IBMA: importance of Integrated Pest Management
- EFNCP: many farmers are already restoring – why are they not mentioned in the Law? 3 LIFE projects have already mapped private land. Quid CAP support if farmers are operating under legally binding targets?
- ELO: financial implications are massive; need to consider climate change in restoration
- CEETAR: only agree in general with concept of restoration; need more focus on social aspects

I reacted to the different points raised as much as possible given the limited time available.

I assume DG AGRI will prepare a more detailed report.
Best & nice weekend,

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Dear colleagues,

Many thanks for having accepted to intervene/present tomorrow to make this meeting hopefully success- and, for sure, useful!

Attached the updated agenda. Please let us know whether you want to get a ‘real time’ alert tomorrow when your slot approaches, and how best to reach you in this case. For those who plan to work with slides but haven’t send them yet, please do so asap!

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