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FW: Meeting with food industry - telegraphic report

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Telegraphic report of today meeting with industry

[REDACTED] and colleagues might wish to complement

**Session 1 – The current situation of the food chain, emerging risks, possible innovations and future challenges**

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**EuropaBio:** biotechnology is used everywhere and it is one of existing agricultural alternative means of production. EU is dependent on feed from the rest of the world. Science about GMO is now non-controversial. Issue of approvals (13 pending plus the fact that each year more applications than authorisations). This undermines consumers' confidence in the products. Asynchronous authorisations are the main problem for the biotech industry and the entire food chain. Combined with the issue of zero tolerance for adventitious low level presence on non-authorised products. Implementation of the existing legislation is already a solution for the ongoing review, no need for changes.

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**Debate:**

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**Commissioner:** I would like to listen and listen and follow-up and evaluate the issues that you have raised. I can't conclude today but we will follow-up on the various issues that are being raised.

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## Session 2 – Food information to consumers, nutrition and food waste

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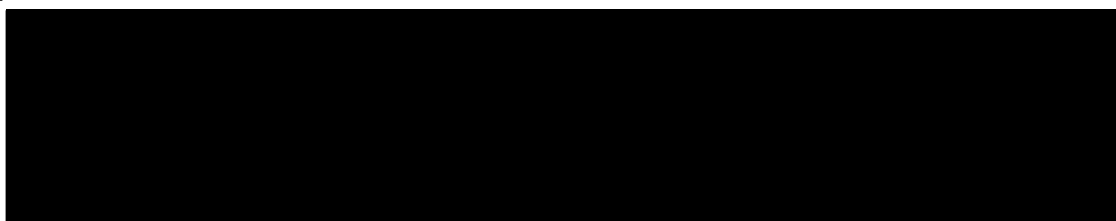
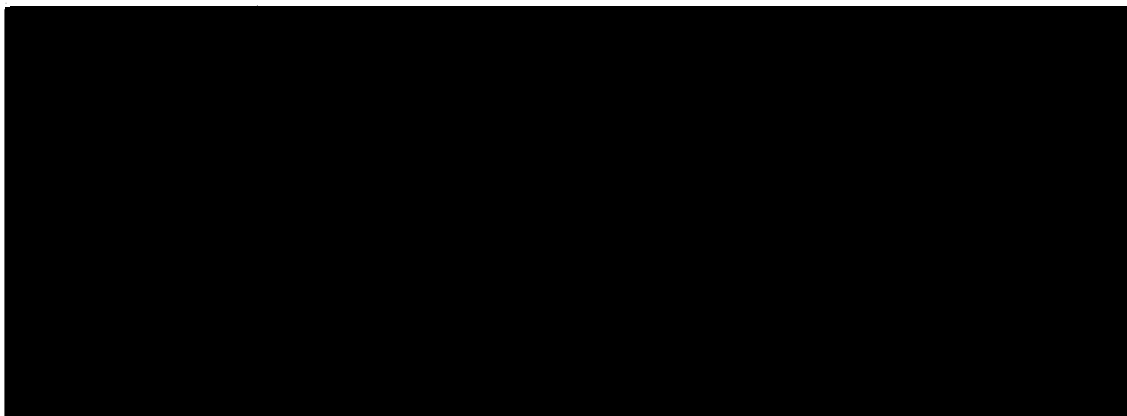
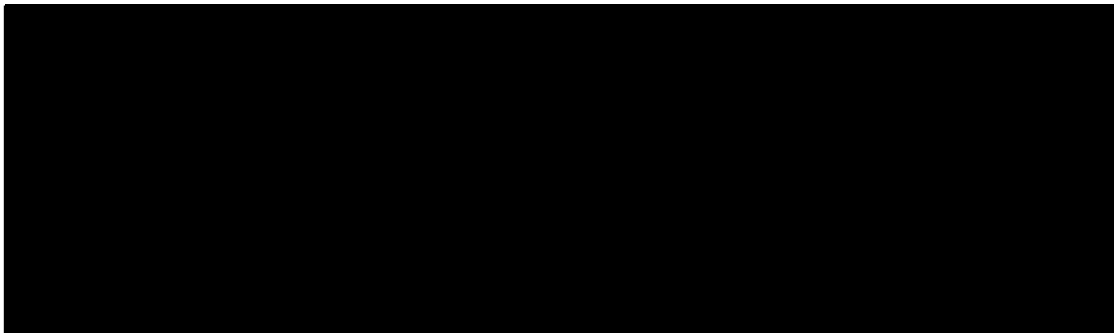
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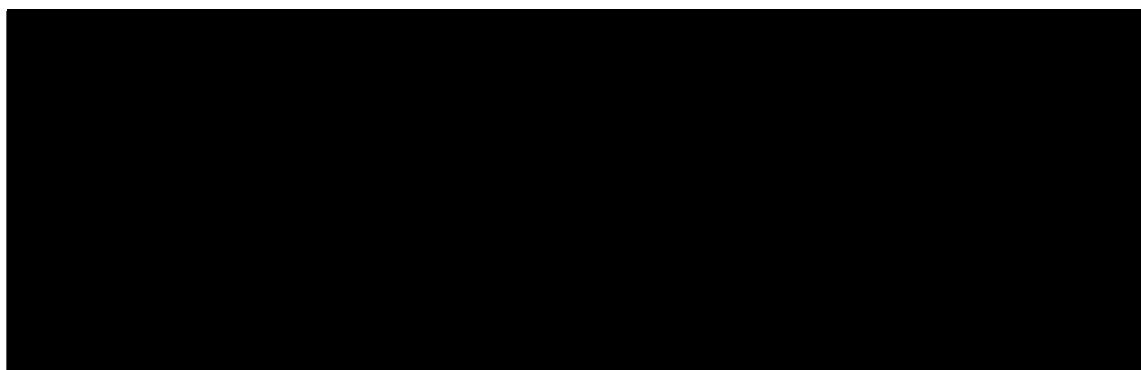
**COPA – COGECA:** want to hear your views on competitiveness and the protection of the single market. For instance on GMO we see a dangerous precedent and we would like to avoid regulatory competitions among Member States.

**Commissioner:** very happy with the level of debate of this session. We should avoid populism on emotional subjects such as GMOs and I can guarantee we will defend the internal market. Absolutely in favour of new technology for information to consumers. We must check all aspects but single market is not negotiable. Happy to receive written proposals and to discuss with scientists and the European Parliament.

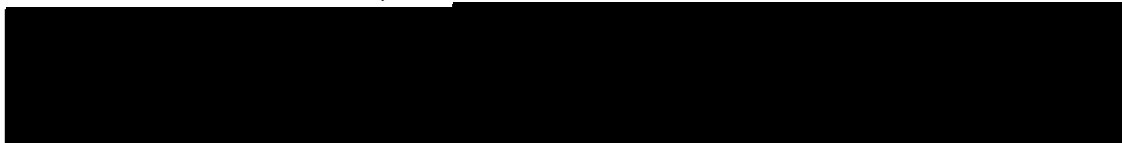
### Session 3 – Animal health, animal welfare and animal nutrition



#### **Session 4 – Plant health and plant reproductive material**

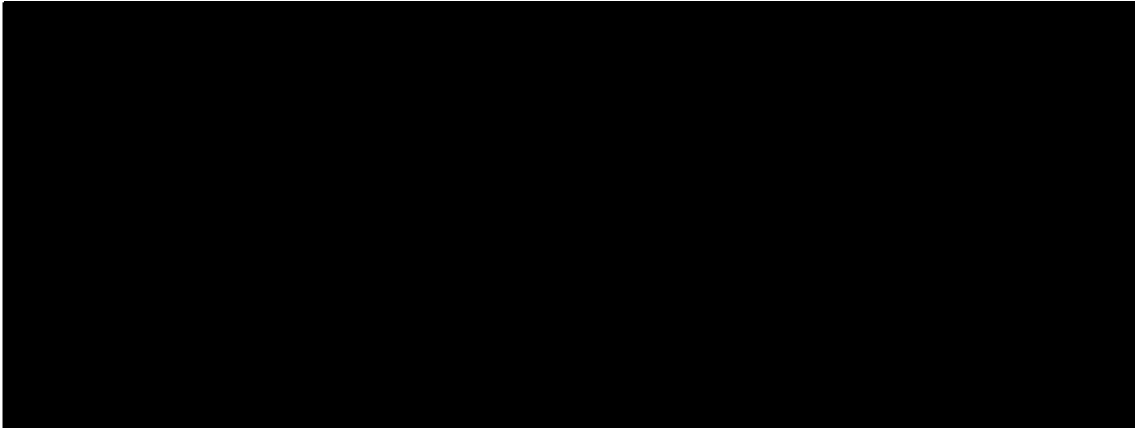


**ESA (seeds):** 7.000 companies most of them SME, with more than 40.000 products on the market. Source of food, feed, bio-economy and even fun. EU sector regulation is similar to what done at international level and based on well-established and respected principles. No need for a new regulation, a less ambitious, less prescriptive and more specific proposal would allow for the technical update which is probably needed to the existing legislation .



#### **Debate**



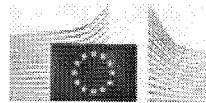


**L.Miko:** we are aware of the issues thanks to the regular contacts with stakeholders and we hope to be able to solve some of the existing problems also thanks to the new structure of the Commission. But the issues are very complex and the positions sometimes very differentiated. It's a first meeting and then we will deal with individual issues. Common interest in having good, simple, easy to understand, stable and properly implemented and implementable legislation.

**The Commissioner concluded thanking everybody for the input and proposing to make of this meeting a periodical event.**

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