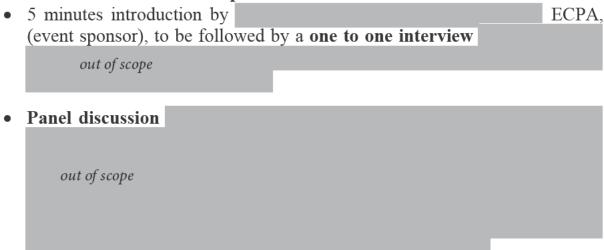
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Politico Pro -	Future of Farming: Smart
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Scene Setter

You will take part in a one hour event (13h registration and lunch, 14h-15h event) organised by the newspaper Politico on the issue of "Future of Farming: Smart Agriculture in a Competitive World."

The event is divided into two parts



Though featuring the above title, the event is expected to go beyond mere innovation and technology aspects; you should thus be prepared to cover a wide range of issues.



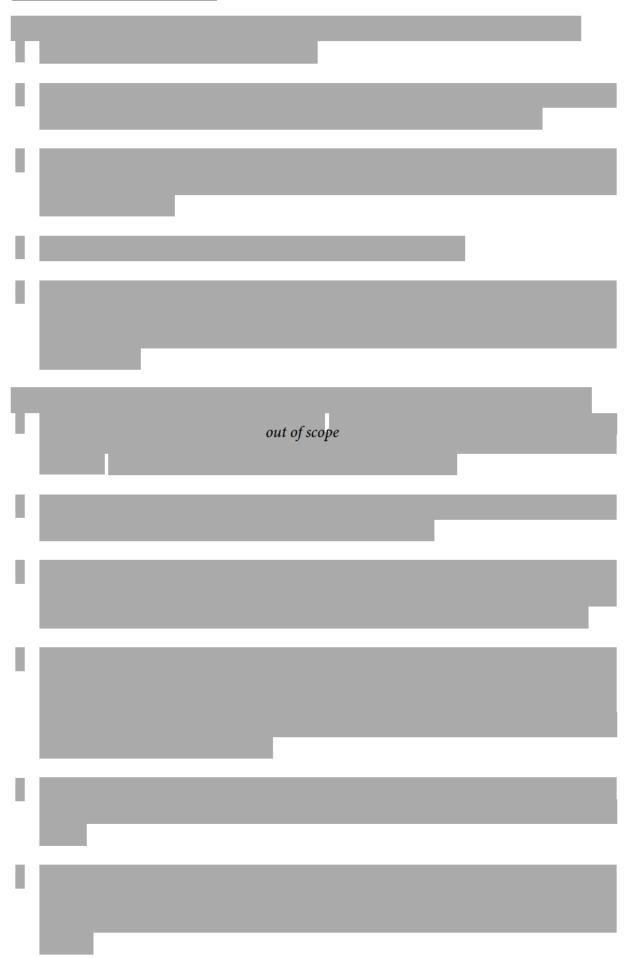
This briefing consists of some key messages to be used to address the NGO letter issues specifically and a catalogue of Q&A/defensives (some on questions agree ex-ante, some on other potential questions) developed for both the interview and the panel discussion.

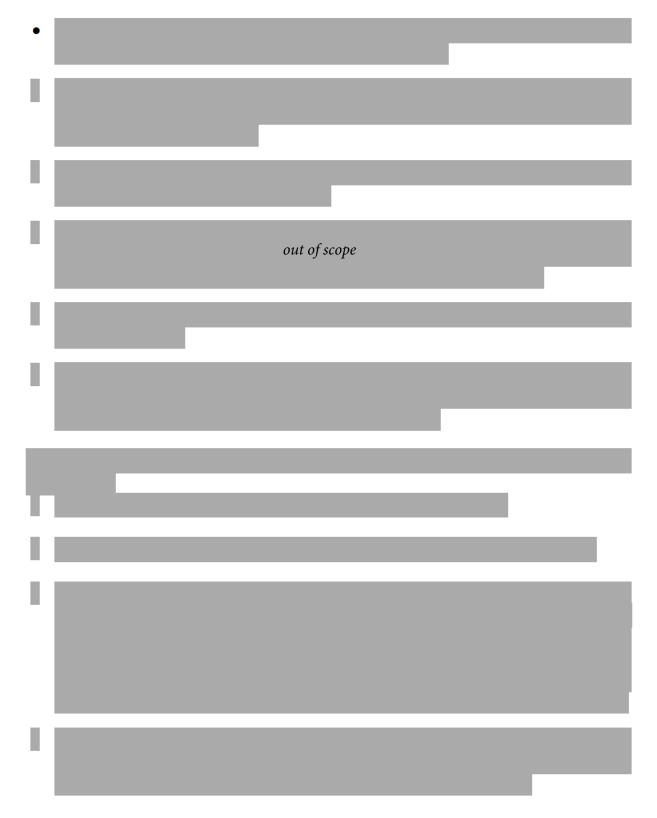
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Q&A/Defensives

I. AGREED QUESTIONS



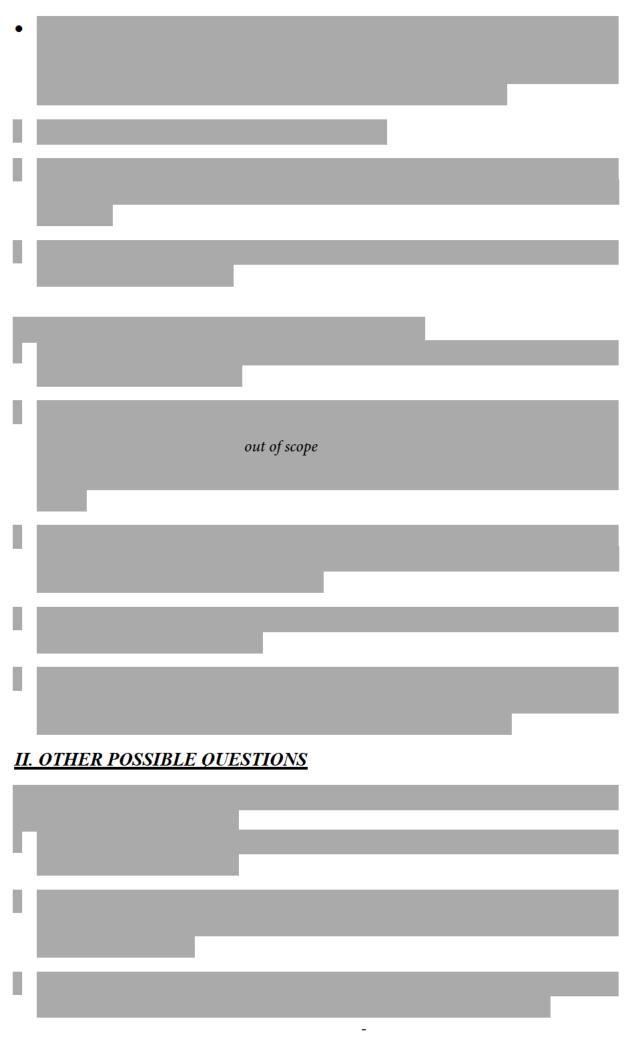


<u>Glyphosate</u> – EFSA says it doesn't cause cancer and WHO does – what does Cssr Hogan think?

- I have full confidence in the scientific process which has been followed for the review of glyphosate. The conclusion by EFSA (Nov. 2015), supported by 27 MS, states that glyphosate is unlikely to pose a carcinogenic threat to humans.
- EFSA has however identified health concerns in relation to one co-formulant (a substance used to make the active ingredient more effective) used in glyphosate: POE-tallowamine. The Commission has proposed to ban POEtallowamine from 1 July 2017, which gives time for the industry to find a replacement.

- Meanwhile IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer March 2015) classified glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic to humans". The main reason was the use of different approaches: EFSA focused on the pure active substance (as foreseen in the legislation) whereas IARC also included formulated products in its assessment.
- At EU level, a full hazard and risk assessment, including carcinogenicity was carried out (covering risks to humans, animals and the environment), whereas IARC only conducted a carcinogenicity hazard assessment.
- Re-assessment of glyphosate is on-going. Even in the case of an extension of the approval of Glyphosate, if new relevant information emerges, the Commission has the power to decide, at any time, to request an update of the EU assessment to ensure a high level of protection for human health.





Background

