Subject: Request for a Tripartite meeting: European Commission, EFSA and EuropaBio

Dear Ms. Geslain-Lanéelle, Dear Dr. Miko,

On behalf of the agricultural biotech members of EuropaBio, I would like to request a Tripartite meeting between the European Commission, EFSA and EuropaBio to discuss number of topic which we feel might benefit from constructive discussion in such a format. If at all possible, it would be ideal if we could find a time to arrange this meeting prior to March 20, at which time a delegation from our EuropaBio Board is set to meet with Commissioner Borg.

The annual Tripartite meetings, started with former DG Robert Madelin as a means of discussing technical issues between the Commission, EFSA and industry in an open and constructive manner, were useful to clarify technical items.

We were unfortunate that the last Tripartite, held in October 2011, was cut short by about 2 hours and a number of participants were not able to attend. This meant that we were unable to focus on the more technical issues that had made previous meetings so constructive.

We would like to propose a return to the more technical approach of the Tripartite meetings to achieve the best possible outcomes and in this sense would like to propose a series of agenda items, with the understanding of course that you may wish to adapt the topics and/or add other topics from your side:

- Preview by applicants of future applications
- Inconclusive opinions
- Transition periods
- Legal timelines
- Stacks
- Implementing Regulation
- Renewals
- Access to information
- Communications (industry, Commission, EFSA)

Thank you again for your time and I look very much forward to your response and suggestion for meeting dates.

Best wishes,

EuropaBio

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