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**Subject:** New publication on alternatives to pesticides  
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Hi Jorge

Hope you are doing well and staying healthy.

Thanks a lot for having taken time and energy to talk to [REDACTED] some time ago. I really hope that you did not find it too boring (especially having to listen to part of the presentation twice).

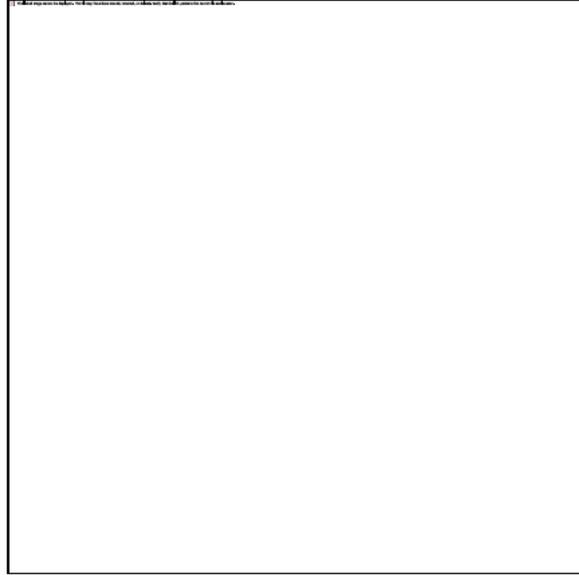
I know that you are very busy, but yesterday I listened to your Commissioner's presentation in COM AGRI and thought to myself that it was time to contact you again, as the Commissioner made some interesting reflections. For instance he recognised that the current crisis shows that the agricultural sector is too dependent on long distance transport, very fragile food systems and that the sector is too specialised, recognising that the sector needs to be more resilient in the years to come.

What worried me, though, was that the commissioner kept on insisting of short vs long term, and spoke about 6 B euro of 'unspent CAP funding' (from the second pillar?) to help farmers overcome short term problems. If we really need to create more resilient farming systems, we need to change the way the current CAP is being managed, away from curing towards an approach of preventing crisis to occur. This is done by the development of resilient systems, bringing back the slogan of the European agriculture being united in diversity and in reducing dependency, including on pesticides, in complete line with the objectives that the Commission set in the European Green Deal.

Therefore, it seems wrong to now start distinguishing between short and long run, making sure that all agricultural funding (6 bio mentioned above in this years CAP budget, the CAP budget for the years to come and the agricultural part of the EU recovery package) are being distributed in this sense and in line with the priorities given in the European Green Deal.

Attached PAN Europe- IBMA brand new booklet illustrating how farmers group across Europe have been using IPM for years. The testimonies across the publications are all from farmers that I have been filming over the years, and that are all 'happy and satisfied' farmers, as they are working with nature, thinking longer term rather than short term. It is exactly that spirit we need to get across to other farmers in the recovery period, and what is more logical than doing so by not pushing back the publications of the biodiversity strategies and the farm to fork but instead publish them in April as planned and then use all funding available towards reaching these objectives?

Hoping to hearing from you  
Take care  
Best regards



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