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Participants:

- European Crop Protection Association (ECPA): , accompanied by M. (Cambre, EU advocacy and communications consultancy)
- European Commission: (AGRI. D2), (AGRI. D2) , (AGRI. C1), (AGRI. C1)

Main issues:

- Chemical **pesticides reduction target** in the forthcoming Farm to Fork Strategy:
 - ECPA reminded that it takes time to put a new plant protection product on the market to replace dangerous products (11 years on average).
 - It advocated the possibility of using new breeding techniques to move towards sustainability
 - It argued for the need to better take into account the risks linked to the use of pesticides, in particular through the prism of risk management.
- Impact of **counterfeit and illegal pesticides**:
 - Counterfeit and illegal pesticides represent 14% of the EU pesticides market.
 - Lack of harmonisation between EU countries concerning the placing of plant protection products on the national market.

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