

To: BURTSCHER Wolfgang (AGRI)
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Subject: short minutes of meeting with ECPA, 14/09/2020

14 September 2020: WEBEX meeting Wolfgang Burtscher – ECPA

Present: W. Burtscher (WB), [redacted] Art. 4.1(b) - priv.
Geraldine Kutas (Director-General of ECPA)(GK), [redacted] Art. 4.1(b) - priv.
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ECPA shortly presented their members and stated ECPA's overall support of the Green Deal. ECPA would not be against reduction goals but wanted a science-based approach as well as an Impact assessment to back the 50% pesticide reduction goals in the Farm To Fork strategy.

WB stressed that the SUD Directive would undergo an Impact Assessment. He explained how the Farm to Fork strategy and the Biodiversity strategy would translate into the CAP. The CAP would support the implementation of the political Farm to Fork strategy goals with several tools; WB mentioned ecoschemes and agri-environmental measures. He also referred to the preparation of the recommendations regarding their national strategic plans that will take into account the specificities of MS and will also address their strengths and weaknesses concerning pesticides.

There was agreement that training of farmers was decisive to ensure the translation of new technologies in practice. GK confirmed industry's commitment to also train farmers and described their role as complementary to public authorities.

GK explained the commitments the industry has made recently, particularly to high investments in innovation. She mentioned Bio-pesticides and explained that one conventional pesticide could be replaced only by several bio-pesticides as the latter are targeted in their mode of action.

GK confirmed industry's support of the Commission's line.

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