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Subject: summary ECPA meeting on 25 Nov 2020
Attachments: ECPA meeting 25 Nov 2020 participants.PNG

Meeting with ECPA on 25 Nov 2020

F3 [REDACTED] joined in the middle of the meeting
ECPA see attachment

ECPA asks for an update on the recently organised SUD evaluation workshop 17-19 Nov.

[REDACTED] summarised the event stating that it was a sort of kick of meeting with the intention to “test the waters”
There was a lot of discussion on policy options. A number of subsequent meetings are planned, e.g. 3 SUD WG next year.
When asked, [REDACTED] confirmed that there will not be formal minutes from this event.

[REDACTED] informed that 3 stakeholder events are planned in 2021 – first on 19 January to which ECPA will be invited as a speaker.
The objective is to bring in different speakers and hear different perspectives. It will be chaired by Claire Bury and moderated by the PT presidency.
Programme still to be finalised, but will be circulated soon. [REDACTED] confirmed that MS can attend and that PT will present MS position and that a list of invited stakeholders is not yet finalised.

[REDACTED] also informed about the state of play of the external study and that offers received are currently being evaluated.
ECPA was also informed about the EESC study which will run in parallel, involving consultation of stakeholders and visits to some MS.
There will be a public consultation starting in December with multiply choice questions in which anyone can participate.

ECPA offers support to the process/ and stated that drones is a new technology with a huge potential and that SUD should not close the door.

[REDACTED] welcomed and stated that there is clearly a need to have technical expertise in certain areas such as drones, but that it is difficult to get technical information from MS Commission’s legal interpretation on drones to be aerial spraying derives from information provided by the PAE industry, which confirmed that there is greater risk from drone application, than from e.g. boom sprayers, hence it did not appear that drones would be suitable to achieve SUD objectives. MS can however give derogation under article 9 of the SUD, and provided conditions laid down there are met. The only data received so far were from CH 2 weeks ago. Nevertheless, use of drones will be considered during the SUD evaluation.

ECPA () wanted to know whether precision agriculture would also be covered by SUD/ and whether Commission intends to provide guidelines on generating data on precision farming

explained that SUD is not making policy on precision farming, this is rather for AGRI under the CAP, there is however an overlap with SUD which relates to drones and that he is not aware of a Commission activity on guidelines drafting on precision farming.

HRI – ECPA wants to know Commission’s plan on developing complementary indicators, and referred to the latest CAP, annex I of the Strategic plans, and the specific indicators proposed by EP

stated that it is too premature, and that a meeting with EP will take place next Monday.

SANTE’s priority is to improve HRI2 on EA and link it to volume / ha treated. On the timing, said this will depend on MS reporting from next year and that this will enable the Commission to change HRI2.

Internal discussion is ongoing aiming at getting better data/ meaningful sales and use data; When asked, confirmed that a distinction is made between approved AS and non-approved AS when calculating HRI.

confirmed again that priority is HRI2 but reflection is given to additional indicators some of them considered by ECPA

ECPA also wanted to know whether land use and efficiency or pro activity would/could be considered in future HRIs?

said that this needs a broader approach than required under SUD and it would be to get this information from DG AGRI. SANTE does not make policy on this aspects.

Future of the CAP and link to SUD

said that very little can be said at the moment, and that Commission is currently developing recommendations on NSP / and how they can help to achieve F2F targets. MS discussion is ongoing this week, and that documents won’t be public until sent out officially;

Not all Ms will have recommendations on pesticides which were based on HRI1, IPM implementation.

Conclusion: ECPA thanked for the meeting and stated that it is looking forward to receiving the invitation to the stakeholder event.

End 16:30