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Subject:	BTO meeting with Schuttelaar & Partners		

Dear all,

Please find enclosed the BTO of the meeting with Schuttelaar & Partners, prepared with And Have you all a nice weekend.

BTO Meeting with Schuttelaar & Partners

18 February 2014

Participants: Schuttelaar & Partners (S&P): SANCO:

<u>Subject of the meeting</u>: the meeting was requested by EH to discuss about the New Breeding Techniques (NBTs) and inform the Commission about the NBT Platform and its products.

Schuttelaar & Partners:

- Presented the NBT Platform, chaired by S&P: objectives, members, principles of operation, strategy and activities
- Provided fact sheets on some NPBTs
- Referred to the NBT Platform Legal Briefing Paper on the regulatory status of plants resulting from NBT.
- Acknowledged that organisms obtained through the use of synthetic biology are to be considered GMOs.
- Announced a multistakeholder meeting on 25 June: CA of MSs, the Commission, companies and relevant
 associations (e.g. Copa Cogeca, ESA, etc.) will be invited. The meeting will focus on: presentation of 7 NBTs,
 legal status of NBTs in EU, discussion on the "20 bp issue", socio-economic importance of NBTs; a panel
 discussion will close the meeting. A letter of invitation will be sent to Ladislav Miko in view of his possible
 participation in the Panel.

SANCO:

• Informed that an assessment on the legal status of NBTs in the framework of EU GMO legislation is ongoing but did not provided details.

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