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Place: Brussels

Organisers: Copa-Cogeca, Euroseeds

Participation in the panel discussion: [REDACTED]

COM observers: [REDACTED]

In summary :

1. Over 130 participants from MS, EP (MEPs Norbert Lins (EPP, DE), Nils Torvalds (Renew Europe, FI), Mazaly Aguilar (ECR, ES) + assistants), stakeholders from seeds /breeding and farming sectors, organic sector IFOAM, NGOs (Testbiotech), embassies (USA, Canada, Argentina etc.)
2. On follow up to the Court ruling :
 - constructive discussion
 - positive reactions to Finnish Minister/ Presidency's work on Council Decision
 - all very interested to contribute to study and understood COM's need to get "substantiated" contributions;
 - MEP Norbert Lins said that he intends to launch an EP initiative on the issue
3. Other interesting points :
 - good presentation by Dr. [REDACTED] (Julius Kühn-Institute) on very high level of activity on NGTs in China and USA (scientific publications, field experiments, etc) as compared to other parts of the world
 - organic sector open to innovation but not to NGTs and requiring labelling of NGT products
 - as to much reiterated need to include NGTs in Farm to Fork Strategy and Green Deal, COM explained that content and timing of Farm to Fork Strategy are not decided and that Green Deal will refer to strategy