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Participants:

COM: Commissioner Kyriakides, A. Ojala (Cabinet), P. Pourgourides (Cabinet), 01)

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EP: Norbert Lins (EPP, DE), and parliamentary assistant

Summary:

A short and focussed meeting with the chair of the EP AGRI committee where he outlined the majoritarian view of his committee's members on the CAP and the Green Deal. He floated the idea of an EP resolution new genomic techniques.

European Green Deal, Common Agricultural Policy, Farm to Fork strategy

- NL agreed that the Green Deal should be reflected in the CAP. But this does not require starting all over again. There is room under the national strategic plans.
- His main message this week was a request to the Commission not to come with new, amended proposals on the common agricultural policy. This would throw the whole process off-track.
- NL's ambition is to have trilogues on the CAP in the second half of this year.
- He suggested to put specific targets on pesticides based on a balanced approach.
- NL called for a better approval system of low risk plant protection products.
- Commissioner confirmed there will be targets on pesticide use and risk in the strategy. It is important that we base our decisions on science. NL agreed.

Innovation in agriculture, new genomic techniques

- NL was aware of the study requested by the Council. He mentioned his ambition to have a resolution coming from the EP AGRI committee on "innovation in agriculture" which may provide more clarity on the EP position regarding innovative techniques. This could maybe be done in the second half of the year.
- His position is that we cannot fulfil a higher ambition on biodiversity and sustainability without these tools.

- He hoped the study's conclusions would be positive.
- Commissioner welcomed the possibility of getting a clear political steer from the Parliament on this. At this stage, we are not prejudging the conclusions of the study.

