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BTO of the meeting between Claire Bury Ministry of Agriculture, the Netherlands	, DDG SANTE and Guido Landheer, deputy director-general,
Date: 21 September 2020	
Place: Europa Building, Council	
Participants:	
Claire Bury, (SANTE)	
Guido Landheer, (N	L)

NL recalled the importance of innovation, specifically mentioning new genomic techniques (NGTs) and
alternative protein sources. NL would like to have access to NGTs within the same species. Farmers will
need alternatives to increase yields which in their view will decrease as a consequence of F2F. More
resilient crops will be necessary. There is a need for a clear legal framework, where GMOs are separated
from NGTs. In view of NL, the study will be helpful to manage emotions as it will provide objective data.
Within NL, there is an agri-envi joint position on NGTs which helped to keep the national debate on a
sensible ground.
Work is ongoing on
the NGT study, planned to be ready in April next year.



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