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BTO event INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE : REFLECTIONS ON SCIENCE, REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS, AND COMMUNICATION, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, 25/09/2018

Attending as an observer from SANTE from 15:45 to 16:45 (see programme below): [REDACTED] (E3).

The event was organised by MEP Pilar Ayuso, European People's Party (EPP).

[REDACTED] CEJA (the European Council of Young Farmers, representing 2 million young farmers in Europe):

- Stressed the need for a multi-stakeholders' approach to innovation.
- On new breeding techniques (NBTs), called for a robust scientific analysis and decisions based on objective and accurate data.
- Emphasised the need to rely on science and EU institutions.
- Expressed the view that CRISPR/Cas can accelerate breeding and be more accessible to new actors in agriculture.
- Stressed that decisions on the use of these techniques should involve all relevant stakeholders. Farmers play an important role.
- Confirmed that farmers are eager to embrace innovation, but recognised that they face challenges.
- Concluded that farmers should also be involved in research and development.

[REDACTED] Ghent University/Free University of Brussels:

- Provided a short overview on the GMO legislation and on the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) ruling on mutagenesis.
- Informed about different stakeholders' reactions to the ruling.
- Expressed the view that the scope of the GMO legislation is based on the concept of novelty and the exemption mechanism is based on the concept of familiarity.
- Concluded that while the ruling brought some clarity, there is still need for interpretation on the concept of genetic modification: whether it captures any use of a technique or whether it includes the concept of novelty.

MEP Paolo De Castro, Socialists and Democrats:

- Expressed the view that the outcome of the ruling creates impediments to the use of NBTs to provide benefits to society and complicates the situation for farmers.
- Called for a change of the legislation to distinguish mutagenesis from transgenesis.
- Emphasised that there are two choices in agriculture: genetics or chemistry, the former with the potential of being safer for the environment.
- Stressed the need to fight against any anti-scientific approach.
- Recognised that legislator alone cannot change the legislation. There is the need for more Europe and communication to people, to engage society and promote trust in science.

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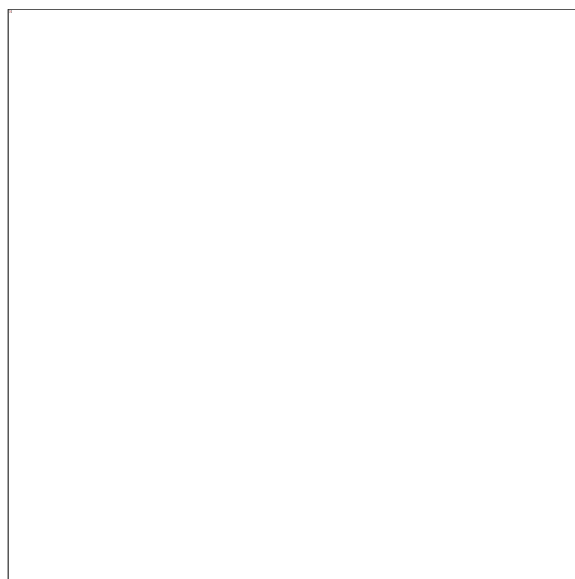
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**INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE.**

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