BTO: Meeting between Commissioner Andriukaitis and Confagricoltura President Giansanti, Brussels, 24 January 2019

SANTE participants: Marco Valletta (CAB), [redacted] (E3), [redacted] (G3), [redacted] (G1)

New breeding techniques

- Confagricoltura expressed clear support for the development of products (including seeds) obtained with new breeding techniques, including for the growing of vineyards, as such products could help reducing the use of pesticides and improve plant health, thereby contributing to more sustainable agriculture, higher efficiency and offering societal benefits. They consider the existing GMO framework too heavy to this end and not fully justified.
- Commissioner Andrukaitis suggested to produce concrete examples of such potential as compared to present (conventional) GMOs and underlined the need to get clear positions of national authorities. He therefore encouraged Confagricoltura to discuss further at national level. He also clarified that the Commission will not propose any legislative measure under the present College but is interested in gathering information and positions of Member States and stakeholders, bearing in mind that safety will remain a prerequisite for innovation.

African Swine Fever

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Xylella

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