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Press Release

Copa-Cogeca – Full support for EFSA’s role at EU level

On the occasion of EFSA’s stakeholder ‘Scanning the Food Safety Environment Workshop’, Copa-Cogeca representatives took the opportunity to visit the authority’s premises in Parma and discuss EFSA’s priorities for the upcoming years.



“For European farmers and agri-cooperatives, the role of EFSA, as EU’s independent food safety risk assessment body, is crucial for assuring that there is a well-functioning food system based on solid scientific evidence. Food safety is of paramount importance for the EU’s farming sector, renowned globally for its high quality and safe food. Together we must aim to further boost EU consumer confidence in EFSA’s assessments and in the EU food system in general.” Copa-Cogeca’s Secretary General Pekka Pesonen underlined.

During the visit, Copa-Cogeca representatives had the opportunity to get further insights into EFSA’s daily operations and exchange views with EFSA’s experts on research priorities, promotion of greater openness and transparency, risk communication, the revision of the General Food Law and also on the challenges in the farming sector.

Concluding the visit, Copa-Cogeca’s Secretary General Pekka Pesonen reiterated the EU farming sector’s support for the growing importance of EFSA’s work and role, and underlined that EU decision makers must ensure that the Authority receives the adequate financial resources as outlined in the General Food Law review, necessary for it to carry out its important work.

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