

Meeting with Novozymes

Summary

Brussels, 27 June 2022

Participants

- Novozymes: [REDACTED]
- DG GROW: [REDACTED]

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Novozymes introduced themselves as a global biotechnology company headquartered in Denmark. Novozymes outlined that its products relate to a broad range of sectors and applications, remarking the interlinkages between its product portfolio, based on natural resources, and the bio-economy.

Novozymes expressed its concerns regarding the REACH revision, particularly on the implementation of the Generic Risk Approach (GRA), and the sustainability criteria developed under the Taxonomy Regulation.

Novozymes specified that the enzymes they produce, while delivering positive impacts from a bio-economy and sustainability perspective, are under the scope of the extension of the GRA as respiratory sensitisers. [REDACTED]

GROW outlined the aims of the Chemical Strategy for Sustainability, pointing out that there cannot be exemptions from substance classification or categorisation, as this is based on scientific assessments. GROW added that practical solutions, such as the essential use concept, will be considered for those substances needed for overall societal objectives of a greener, circular and safer economy. [REDACTED]