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European consumer groups meet Luxembourg EU Presidency

The European Consumer Organisation and its Luxembourg member ULC¹ today met Fernand Etgen Agriculture, viticulture and consumer protection Minister of Luxembourg and presented European consumer groups' expectations as the country assumes the EU Council Presidency.

Particular focus was placed on antibiotic resistance, official food controls and the upcoming internal market strategy. As regards the latter the Luxembourg government expressed its interest to see progress on the problem of geo-blocking i.e. the practice which restricts access to content such as videos based on a user's geographical location.

Monique Goyens, Director General of The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC), commented:

"A number of key initiatives such as the Digital Single Market package, air passenger rights and the Energy Union will continue to unfold during the Luxembourg Presidency. It is imperative that these initiatives are pushed forward with a clear focus on consumers' needs and expectations. This is especially true in the area of coordinated enforcement by national consumer protection authorities."

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