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**Paolo De Castro at Eima in Bologna: "technology in agriculture is the weapon to tackle the crisis"**

"Technological innovations, with the application of Smart and Precision Farming, confirm their place as necessary tools that can no longer be postponed for farmers grappling with a severe energy crisis and soaring raw material costs, which are putting a strain on farm incomes.

These were the words of Paolo De Castro, MEP, several times Minister of Agriculture and a full member of the Agriculture Committee of the EU Parliament, with some reflections at the 45th edition of Eima International, organised by FederUnacoma and Bologna Fiere.

"These are now established techniques, like those of Assisted Evolution (Tea), awaiting a green light from the European Commission, which should soon enable farmers to make up for the 50% cut in chemically synthesised pesticides, as indicated in the Green Deal.

Yesterday, De Castro, who in Brussels is also the rapporteur of an important regulation for the reform of foodstuffs with geographical indications, did the honours for a group of his colleagues from the Euro Chamber, among them the current president of Comagri, the German Norbert Lins, with the aim of illustrating the latest technological innovations on display at the exhibition. An assist and a source of pride for the entire agri-food system and agricultural machinery made in Italy.

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