



European Food Forum
Event

“New Genomic Techniques EU Proposal: legal framework and enforcement challenges”

5 July 2023
(17h00-19h00 CET)
European Parliament
ASP 1H1

Hosting MEPs: Irene Tolleret, Michaela Sojdrova, Salvatore De Meo,
Pietro Fiocchi

Event description:

On the same day on which the European Commission will publish its legislative proposal on plants developed with certain New Genomic Techniques (“NGTs”), namely targeted mutagenesis and cisgenesis), the European Food Forum will convene an open debate session to discuss topics relevant for the consensual adoption of the NGT's regulatory framework.

With breeding and selection expected to be quicker and more precise, NGTs are poised to be a valuable instrument in the farmers' toolbox, in addition to consolidated and emerging green farming practices (IPM, agroecology, precision farming, etc.). The speakers will debate on the potential of NGTs to counter epochal challenges related to climate change, sustainability, and food security.

However, there is still the need to evolve the conversation around aspects which could condition the successful acceptance and use of NGTs.

The EFF event will touch upon various aspects of the debate on NGTs:

- How to provide access to technology to all farmers?
- Will the new regulatory framework ensure reasonable approval times to plants developed with NGTs?
- How to ensure freedom of choice all along the food supply chain from seeds to fork?
- Can NGTs operate in the interest of sustainable and resilient food systems? Can they support farmers in securing agricultural output in times of extreme weather conditions and climate disasters?
- Can a guarantee of transparency deliver broad acceptance of the use of NGTs?
- How to inform consumers and customers without generating neophobia?



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Moderator:	Erika Staël Von Holstein - Chief Executive - Re-Imagine Europe
17:00 - 17:10	Opening Remarks Hosting MEPs
17:10 – 17:25	"The new legislative proposal for plants derived with targeted mutagenesis and cisgeners - analysis" Luc Vernet – Farm Europe
17:25 – 18:20	Panel 1 "Sustainability and resilience on farms and in food systems" Vincent Martin - Director of Innovation, Office of Innovation (OIN), FAO Deborah Piovan , Farmer, President of the National Federation of Protein and Oil Crops of Confragricoltura Eric Gall · Deputy Director IFOAM Organics Europe Petra Jorasch - Manager Plant Breeding Innovation Advocacy EuroSeed Corrado Finardi – Director Agri Policies Coceral Ana Maria Bravo - Chair of EuropaBio Industrial Biotechnology Council and IFF
18 :20 – 18:55	Panel 2 "Traceability, labeling, international standards, co-existence and freedom of choice: the pending question marks" Oana Dima - EU SAGE coordinator and Science Policy Manager at VIB-Ghent University Center for Plant Systems Biology Francesco Montanari - Food lawyer (Bar of Lisbon and Bologna), Senior Associate at Arcadia International & Researcher at CEDIS (Lisbon Nova School of Law) Mute Schimpf , Food Campaigner at Friends of the Earth Europe Henrique Lian - Director of Public Affairs & Media at Proteste (Brazil)
18:55-19:00	Conclusions Hosting MEPs