

Euroseeds reiterates concerns and commitment to dialogue following European Parliament's vote on Plant Reproductive Material

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Following the European Parliament's plenary vote on a new Regulation for Plant Reproductive Material (PRM), Euroseeds reaffirms its strong concerns in relation to parts of the current text and renews its commitment to constructive engagement and dialogue with the members of the European Parliament as well as Council and Commission in the further process.

Euroseeds recently again conveyed these fundamental concerns through a joint letter together with a coalition of stakeholders including Copa-Cogeca, Europatat, Coceral, the European Beet Growers (CIBE), and CEPM Maiz'Europe, representing the overwhelming majority of PRM suppliers and users. These concerns reflect the collective interest in ensuring a balanced regulatory framework that supports innovation, competitiveness and sustainability in European agriculture.

"We remain highly critical of certain provisions in the current proposed text. Given the importance of seed as starting point for all agriculture and food production, we are convinced that all farmers must be able to rely on proper quality assurance and control for any material they choose. The many derogations and exemptions weaken this key element and precondition for a fair common market for both breeders and seed users." remarked Euroseeds Secretary General, Garlich von Essen.

At the same time, a number of technical improvements of the Commission proposal through the discussions in Parliament are welcomed and need to be maintained, e.g. as regards specific provisions for forage and grass species. "This is a highly technical and very complex file that brings together a large number of older Directives into a coherent single text. The late arrival of the proposal and the rush in the EP in view of the end of the mandate certainly has not helped to arrive at a coherent result in the end", von Essen added.

"Together with our partners, we will continue to contribute constructively to the further legislative process and work towards a regulatory framework that supports the needs of European agriculture and society." Specifically, the technical expertise in Member States and in the European Commission will be important to arrive at further precision and clarification during the trilogue discussions expected to start towards the end of the year.



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