

Euroseeds calls for fair competition and quality assurance in Plant Reproductive Material Regulation

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Euroseeds, representing the European plant breeders and seed suppliers of Europe, thanks the Belgian Presidency of the Council for its active engagement on the Commission's proposal for a modern Regulation for Plant Reproductive Material (PRM).

Though much work needs still to be done, based on the summary paper presented today to the AGRI-FISH Council, Euroseeds believes that it may still be possible for the Council to reach a general approach during the upcoming Hungarian Presidency, which has already included the file as a priority in its work programme for the next six months.

Commenting on paper, Garlich von Essen, Secretary General & CEO of Euroseeds, stated that "breeders need fair competition and farmers deserve proper assurance regarding the quality and performance of any seed they purchase. The European legislators need to maintain the right balance between flexibility for different kinds of PRM to go to the different markets, and the proper identification, performance, technical quality standards, and freedom from pests and diseases of *all* seed and Plant Reproductive Material."

Euroseeds therefore calls on the Council to specifically consider this fundamental aspect of balance during the further discussions. The European seed sector remains committed to engaging in dialogue with policymakers to ensure that the final legislation supports innovation, fair competition, and quality assurance for plant breeders and seed users alike.



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