

Euroseeds welcomes Coreper outcome and calls for a forward-looking approach on NGTs

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Euroseeds welcomes the outcome of today's Coreper meeting, which marks an important step for the future of European plant breeding innovation. The Council has finally decided to enter trilogue negotiations with the EU Parliament and Commission on the New Genomic Techniques (NGTs) proposal and with this pave the way for further progress on this legislative framework.

"Reaching a balanced Council position on NGTs is a significant step forward. It is now essential that the Co-legislators ensure a regulatory framework that is innovation friendly and workable for all companies in the seed and agri-food sector," said Garlich von Essen, Secretary General of Euroseeds. *"This means treating conventional-like NGT plants and products similar to conventional breeding without discriminatory labelling or traceability requirements."*

Euroseeds emphasizes the importance of providing a regulatory framework that enables plant breeders to innovate and contribute to a more sustainable agriculture in Europe. Ensuring transparency on intellectual property rights remains a key priority for the sector, and we look forward to constructive discussions to address any remaining concerns on this issue.

"With the increasing number of third countries that facilitate the application of NGTs today, Europe urgently needs an enabling regulatory framework for plant breeding innovation to remain competitive," added von Essen.

Euroseeds remains committed to engaging in a regulatory framework that enables plant breeders to continue delivering innovative solutions for a more resilient, competitive and sustainable food system.



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