

# Position

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## **The way to include Digital Sequences Information (DSI) in the work to Enhance the Functioning of the MLS (EFMLS)**

Euroseeds, representing European seed companies, acknowledges the importance of clarifying the consideration of Digital Sequence Information (DSI) within the Multilateral System (MLS) of the Treaty. Additionally, it recognizes the parallel work on the operationalisation of the Multilateral Mechanism (MLM) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) for DSI benefit sharing, and the need for coordination.

We consider DSI as part of the PGRFA. As a consequence, when accessing a PGRFA through an sMTA, it should be recognized that this accession and the corresponding sharing of benefit (either by subscription or at the moment of marketing a variety obtained from that PGRFA and its DSI) covers the use of the DSI from that PGRFA.

The full subscription option is an encompassing mechanism covering all PGRFA and all PGRFA DSI. For that reason, we call on the Governing Body to come to a global agreement with the CBD COP so that seed companies fully subscribing should be released from any obligation to include turnover or profit from seed sales when calculating contribution to the Cali Fund. Such supportive coordination between the Treaty and the CBD would be a powerful incentive for full subscription.



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