

Euroseeds welcomes Council progress on the EU PRM file and looks forward to trilogue negotiations

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Euroseeds welcomes the recent progress made by the Council under the Danish presidency on the EU Plant Reproductive Material (PRM) file. After intensive work, the Council has now reached agreement on its position regarding the new EU seed legislation and trilogue discussions with EP and Commission may start early 2026.

Ensuring both high-quality seed production and diverse seed availability is essential for the sustainability and competitiveness of the European seed sector. The current Council text appears to reflect a constructive approach that safeguards a true internal market with common rules for operators and users while maintaining the flexibility needed to accommodate different crops, markets, and innovative practices in plant breeding.

Euroseeds now looks forward to continue the concrete discussions with Council under the incoming Cypriot presidency and with the EP under the lead of rapporteur Herbert Dorfmann as well as the EU Commission to ensure that the new PRM legislation will properly deliver on its objectives for both the seed sector and European agriculture as a whole.

Euroseeds Secretary General and CEO, Garlich von Essen, said: *"According to our preliminary assessment, it seems the Council specifically addressed a number of technical concerns the seed sector had with the Commission's initial proposal, ensuring key safeguards for all operators regarding seed identity and quality. At the same time, there is flexibility in many provisions for specific species, products and markets. So, there is a balance in the pursuit of the two main objectives of the legislation: seed security and quality on the one hand and seed diversity on the other. We believe this provides a good starting point for the further negotiations with the Commission and the Parliament."*

Euroseeds remains committed to working closely with EU institutions, Member States, industry partners and other stakeholders to support a legislative outcome that fosters innovation and competitiveness and thus the leading international position of Europe's plant breeding sector, and that continues to ensure seed quality and seed security for its farmers and growers.



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