

Plant Breeding Innovation Regulation clears next hurdle on way forward to a modern EU framework for NGTs

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The European Parliament's Committee on the Environment (ENVI) has approved by a strong majority the compromise text on the NGT Regulation agreed in trilogue with the Council and the Commission in early December. This vote marks an important step towards formal adoption, with Council confirmation expected in February or early March, followed by final votes in ENVI and plenary, likely in April.

This morning, the European Parliament's Committee for the Environment approved the compromise text negotiated in trilogue between Council, Parliament and Commission early December. Supported by a strong majority of MEPs, this clears the way for the next step in the formal agreement of the compromise which is a similar confirmation of the text by Council at any of its next upcoming meetings. This is expected for February or latest early March. Still, even after that, two more votes are needed: one again in the ENVI Committee and one in plenary, probably in April, to close the institutional decision-making procedure.

"This is an important signal and step forward for EU plant breeders and farmers" commented Garlich v. Essen, Secretary General & CEO of Euroseeds, after the vote. *"We are specifically happy to see that there is a very solid and broad majority of MEPs from almost all political groups who support the compromise. This gives us confidence that the European Union will soon have the necessary framework for breeders to invest and develop the new plant products our farmers and growers need and expect from our sector as their key partner. We now hope that the file moves forward quickly to the next stages and can be concluded in April as announced".*

Euroseeds reiterates its readiness to continue working constructively with EU institutions and regulators to support the effective and timely implementation of the NGT Regulation, ensuring that its full potential for European agriculture, competitiveness and food security can be realised as quickly as possible.



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