

# Euroseeds welcomes Council adoption of NGT trilogue agreement and calls on EP to follow

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**Euroseeds welcomes the formal adoption of Member States' first reading position on the new Regulation on New Genomic Techniques (NGTs), confirming the trilogue compromise text agreed with the European Parliament in December last year. This decision paves the way for the final conclusion of the legislative procedure by similar confirmation of the trilogue compromise in Environment Committee and plenary of the European Parliament in the coming weeks.**

Ministers at the Foreign Affairs Council followed the recommendation of COREPER of 15 April and adopted the NGT compromise text agreed in trilogue as an "A point" at their meeting of 21 April 2026.

*"This is another milestone for plant breeding innovation in and for Europe,"* said Garlich von Essen, Secretary General and CEO of Euroseeds. *"We are nearing the finish line of a long race for more technology openness, competitiveness and productivity in European agriculture."*

Euroseeds now looks forward to the final votes of the European Parliament in first Environment Committee and then plenary which would conclude the legislative process.

*"We are confident that the compromise reached in trilogue will continue to be honoured also by the European Parliament. Europe will then be ready to move forward with this important innovation framework",* von Essen added, pointing to still required implementing and delegated acts.

The European Commission also added a formal declaration to the Council's decision, focussing on the various elements in the compromise text relating to appropriate intellectual property protection and safeguarding access to innovation under fair conditions. *"Euroseeds will continue to work constructively with stakeholders and regulators to make sure that these provisions are filled with life and that the full potential of NGTs for Europe's breeders, agriculture, competitiveness and food security can be realised. The compromise text and the Commission's further statement provide a very good basis for that work".*

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