

Euroseeds welcomes EP COMENVI vote on NGTs: Plenary vote must now follow and give final approval

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Euroseeds welcomes yesterday's positive vote of the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Climate and Food Safety (COMENVI), supporting the trilogue compromise on plants obtained through certain New Genomic Techniques (NGTs).

The vote represents a decisive further step for European agriculture and plant breeding innovation. Following years of scientific assessment, political discussions, and intensive negotiations, the COMENVI Committee gave its final approval to the compromise reached between institutions in December.

"This is a major step forward for European agriculture and a clear recognition that plant breeding innovation must be part of Europe's toolbox to find solutions to the challenges facing our agri-food system," said Garlich von Essen, Secretary General & CEO of Euroseeds. *"For long, Europe has been debating whether to give its farmers and breeders access to innovative plant breeding methods that are already helping to drive agricultural innovation in other parts of the world. Today's vote brings us close to a European framework that can contribute to tangible benefits for farmers, consumers, and the environment alike."*

Two weeks earlier, [a coalition of more than thirty agri-food partners](#), including Euroseeds, stressed once again that the successful conclusion of the legislative process is now within reach and urged Members of the European Parliament to support the compromise text without reopening the agreement through additional amendments. As the compromise reached between European Parliament and Council reflects a carefully negotiated balance between innovation, transparency, intellectual property considerations, and practical implementation across the value chain, reopening the text at this late stage could risk the entire agreement and, with that, cause further delay and prolong uncertainty for farmers, breeders, and businesses across Europe.

"The challenges facing European agriculture do not wait," added von Essen. *"Every growing season counts. European farmers need access to innovative solutions that can help them adapt to climate change, strengthen food security, protect natural resources, and remain competitive. We therefore now call on all the Members of the European Parliament to also support this compromise text and ensure its swift adoption in plenary in two days."*

Europe cannot afford to lose time. Swift adoption of the Regulation will send a strong signal: the EU is committed to support its agri-food sector with science-based innovations that strengthen resilience and competitiveness.

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