

# Euroseeds welcomes adoption of new NGT Regulation

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**Euroseeds strongly welcomes the final adoption of the new EU Regulation on New Genomic Techniques (NGTs) by the EP plenary on 17.06.2026. This decision marks the conclusion of an almost decade-long period of legal and political uncertainty. While more and more third countries have been progressing fast with adapting rules to enable the use of latest plant breeding methods, European investment and product development was stalled by the absence of a dedicated regulatory framework.**

*"This is milestone for plant breeding innovation in and for Europe,"* said Garlich von Essen, Secretary General and CEO of Euroseeds. *"The European Parliament and the Council both recognized that more technology openness, competitiveness and productivity in European agriculture are urgently needed; and that the new genomic techniques hold great potential to support that. They can help us find new solutions to the manifold challenges we are facing in farming, from climate volatility to resource preservation or nutritional quality. And they enable us to be faster in the development of the respective plant varieties."*

Von Essen specifically thanked the European Parliament's leading rapporteur on the file. *"We are very thankful to Jessica Polfjard for her strong commitment to find a landing zone that a majority of Members of the Parliament would support and still assure a meaningful legislation that enables true progress for plant breeding innovation. The rapporteur's leadership is key when polarisation threatens to compromise factfulness and procedural integrity."*

Numerous last-minute amendments had been proposed to plenary in an attempt to stop the adoption of the new Regulation and re-start negotiations under the rarely used "conciliation procedure", with very uncertain outcome and potential collapse of the entire file. Most of these amendments concerned provisions for intellectual property (IP) protection and specific traceability and labelling requirements.

*"We were confident that the compromise reached in trilogue would also be honoured by the European Parliament. Europe can now move forward with this important innovation framework,"* von Essen added, pointing to further implementing rules still to be adopted in the coming two years as well as to the Code of Conduct on IP to be developed by the EU Commission to safeguard access to protected innovations 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 can be realized by Europe's breeders, farmers and agri-food sector. The new Regulation provides a good basis for that work" von Essen concluded, pointing to the close collaboration and alignment between breeders' and farmers' organisations on the file. "The trustful exchange between Euroseeds and COPA-COGECA has been essential in achieving this success. We truly have been Growing the Future – together!"*

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