



MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGIES IN AGRICULTURE

New genomic techniques – the way forward for safe and sustainable innovation in the agri-food sector

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PROGRAM

Moderator: Ms Rose O'Donovan

Provisional timing (CET)	Agenda item	Speaker/Panellists
8.30 - 9.30	<i>Connection opens</i>	
Morning session 1	Opening remarks	European Commission Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans
	The Commission policy initiative on plants derived from certain new genomic techniques	Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides
	Message from the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Mr Jože Podgoršek, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Food
	Keynote speech	Professor Dr. Virginijus Šikšnys Institute of Biotechnology Vilnius University
10.20 – 10.35	<i>Break</i>	
Morning session 2	Panel discussion: Enabling NGT products to deliver on sustainable benefits in the agri-food sector <i>Including Q&A</i>	<p><i>Keynote address by Mr Julien Denormandie, Minister for Agriculture and Food, France (Incoming Council Presidency)</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr Herbert Dorfmann, Member of the European Parliament</i> ▪ <i>Mr Garlich von Essen, Secretary General, Euroseeds</i> ▪ <i>Ms Diana Lenzi, President, CEJA</i> ▪ <i>Mr Jan Plagge, President, IFOAM Organics Europe</i> ▪ <i>Dr Dirk Zimmerman, Greenpeace</i> ▪ <i>Mr Pierre Bascou, Director, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission</i>
12.15 - 13.45	<i>Lunch break</i>	
Afternoon session 1	Panel discussion: Ensuring safety with proportionate risk assessment <i>Including Q&A</i>	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ms Anja Hazekamp, Member of the European Parliament</i> ▪ <i>Mr José Antonio Sobrino Mate, Subdirector General, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Spain</i> ▪ <i>Dr Ricarda Steinbrecher, Board member, ENSSER</i> ▪ <i>Dr Ralf Wilhelm, Director, Julius Kühn Institute</i> ▪ <i>Dr Bernhard Url, Executive Director, EFSA</i>
15.15 - 15.30	<i>Break</i>	



<p>Afternoon session 2</p>	<p>Panel discussion: Engaging consumers and empowering them to make informed choices Including Q&A</p>	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ms Irène Tolleret, Member of the European Parliament</i> ▪ <i>Dr Dietmar Vybiral, Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, Austria</i> ▪ <i>Dr Trine Antonsen, GenØk Centre for Biosafety</i> ▪ <i>Ms Heike Moldenhauer, Secretary General, ENGA</i> ▪ <i>Ms Nikita Sajeev, Co-founder, Genesprout Initiative</i> ▪ <i>Dr Guy Van den Eede, Acting Director, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i>
<p>17.00 – 17.15</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p>	<p>Ms Claire Bury, Deputy Director General, DG Health and Food Safety, European Commission</p>