



AGENDA Science-Policy Symposium



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09:00 – 14:00



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LIMASSOL, CYPRUS



The Symposium will be held under the auspices of
Cyprus' Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment.

TIME	AGENDA	
08:30 09:00	Participant Registration	
Setting the Scene		
09:00	Welcome note: What may be the impact of NGTs research for Cyprus. NGTs plants and microalgae and the significance of the GeneBEcon Project for Europe	Dean Andreas Katsiotis Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus Assoc Prof Dennis Eriksson Swedish Agricultural University, Sweden
9:20	Keynote speech: Europe's view on NGTs for meeting its health and food objectives.	Commissioner Stella Kyriakides , European Commission Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (TBC)
9:30	Legislation for plants produced by certain new genomic techniques – perspectives from the European Parliament	Member of the European Parliament's EPP Group Jessica Polfjärd
9:40	Cyprus's agricultural challenges due to climate change and NGTs expectations.	Minister of Agriculture, Petros Xenofontos , Cyprus Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment
9:50	How may Cyprus focus on NGTs research and innovation?	Cyprus Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy (TBC)
10:00	Fireside chat	Moderated by Amrit Nanda , Executive Manager, Plants for the Future ETP (Plant ETP)
Showcasing GeneBEcon Project and CUT bioeconomy activities		
10:20	Virus-resistant potato with higher quality starch for more sustainable food processing	Dr Mariette Andersson SolEdits, Sweden
10:30	Unlocking the potential of microalgae for human, animal and ocean health	Dr Johan Robbens Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (ILVO), Belgium Dr Evelyne Delezie ILVO, Belgium
10:40	Harnessing the potential of microalgae for circular (bio)economy applications	Assis Prof Michalis Koutinas Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus
11:00 Coffee/ tea Break		
Regulatory and Socio-Economic significance		
11:30	What are the socio-economic impacts of NGT plants on agricultural production?	Dr Justus Wesseler , Wageningen University, Netherlands
11:40	EU and the Regulatory Developments and Considerations - What does it mean for Europe and Cyprus?	Dr Kai Purnhagen , University of Bayreuth, Germany
11:50	Panel Discussion Mariette Andersson Evelyne Delezie Michalis Koutinas Justus Wesseler Kai Purnhagen	Moderated by Dennis Eriksson
12:50	Conclusions and Closing	Xenia Schneider , XPRO Consulting, Cyprus
13:00 14:00	Networking lunch and refreshments	

The Agenda is subject to change



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