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## European Organisations Urge EU to Keep Agriculture and Bioeconomy Central in Horizon Europe 2028–2034

A coalition of European organisations led by the EU Bioeconomy Alliance and Plant ETP welcomed the ITRE draft Report on Horizon Europe 2028–2034 as a strong foundation for negotiations, and reaffirmed its readiness to work with rapporteur Christian Ehler and shadow rapporteurs to strengthen Europe’s research and innovation landscape.

The coalition raised concern over **Amendments 48 and 51**, which would rename the policy window by removing explicit references to *agriculture* and *bioeconomy*. While presented as technical adjustments, these changes carry clear political and strategic implications. The terminology of the EU Framework Programme shapes priorities, signals commitment, and ensures visibility for sectors essential to Europe’s resilience and sustainable growth.

Agriculture and the bioeconomy are vital to food security, rural development, environmental sustainability, and Europe’s green transition, representing a multi-trillion-euro opportunity. Removing their explicit mention risks weakening their policy standing and creating uncertainty for researchers and investors. Moreover, reopening this debate could delay the timely adoption of the next Framework Programme.

Plants for the Future together with all the signatories therefore **call on Members of the European Parliament to reject Amendments 48 and 51** and maintain the original policy window title proposed by the European Commission (COM 2025/0543). This is the most effective path to preserve clarity, maintain momentum, and uphold Europe’s strategic ambitions for agriculture and the bioeconomy.

The coalition remains available to support policymakers with further dialogue and technical input.

Read the joint statement [here](#).

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