

Plant ETP statement on the upcoming EU Parliament vote on NGTs

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As the European Parliament approaches a decisive vote on New Genomic Techniques (NGTs), the European Technology Platform Plants for the Future (Plant ETP) marks the conclusion of its “*I support NGTs*” campaign and calls for a responsible and forward-looking decision that enables Europe to harness innovation for a more sustainable, resilient and competitive agri-food system.

NGTs are already advancing solutions globally to address sustainable productions in the context of climate change, resource scarcity, and food security challenges. Europe must not fall behind. A clear and workable regulatory framework is urgently needed to accelerate and harness precision in breeding programs, strengthen the resilience of our food systems, and ensure alignment with international developments.

This urgency is reflected in the strong and broad mobilisation across the agri-food value chain, from farmers and industry to processors. A wide coalition of stakeholders, including Plant ETP, has endorsed the current legislative compromise as a balanced and workable solution that supports innovation, transparency, and access, and should be adopted without further amendments¹.

In parallel, scientific support for NGTs is also widely shared by the scientific community, as demonstrated by initiatives endorsed by leading researchers and Nobel Laureates who underline the importance of enabling these technologies to contribute to sustainability, food security and climate resilience²; as well as by the European Plant Science Organisation’s open letter to Members of the European Parliament calling for the adoption of the current compromise without amendments³.

Looking ahead, the stakes go beyond today’s policy debate. Europe’s capacity to innovate in plant breeding, and to translate scientific excellence into real-world solutions, is directly linked to its ability to attract, develop and retain the next generation of scientists, breeders and innovators. Without an enabling framework, Europe risks losing talent, investment and leadership in a strategic field that underpins our entire agri-food system⁴.

We call on Members of the European Parliament to act responsibly and decisively, by supporting the adoption of the current NGT compromise without further amendments, and enabling a regulatory framework that empowers farmers and breeders with modern tools, strengthens Europe’s resilience to climate and market challenges, contributes to sustainable food production, safeguards Europe’s ability to attract and retain the next generation of talent, and ultimately ensures that the EU remains a global leader in agricultural innovation.

Europe has the scientific excellence, the innovation capacity and the ambition to lead; now it mandates the European Parliament’s support for NGTs to turn that potential into reality.

¹EU agri-food value chain organisations, open letter on NGT regulation (2026).

² WePlanet, Open letter Nobel laureates and scientist on support of NGTs (2024).

³ European Plant Science Organisation (EPSO) open letter on NGTs (2026).

⁴ Plants for the Future ETP, Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (2025)