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European Agri-Food Value Chain Calls for Swift Adoption of the EU Regulation on New Genomic Techniques

European agri-food value chain partners, including Plants for the Future, call on Members of the European Parliament to support the adoption of the Regulation on plants produced by certain New Genomic Techniques (NGTs), in line with the trilogue compromise text agreed in December 2025 and without further amendments.

A proper EU framework for NGT plants is essential to strengthen the competitiveness, resilience and sustainability of Europe's agricultural and food systems, including by enabling faster breeding progress to address climate pressure, increasing pest challenges and market uncertainties. Developments in NGTs are already progressing globally, and the EU now has a timely opportunity to position itself within this evolving landscape.

The compromise text establishes a workable distinction between conventional-like Category 1 NGT plants, which are equivalent to conventionally bred plants and regulated accordingly, and other NGT plants that remain subject to GMO legislation. It ensures transparency for farmers through seed labelling, preserves feasibility for operators across the value chain, and promotes access to cutting-edge innovation as a key driver of sustainable development and long-term competitiveness. The undersigned organisations consider the trilogue agreement to be a balanced and practical outcome that supports innovation, food security and the international competitiveness of the EU agri-food chain. They therefore urge Members of the European Parliament to approve the compromise text in upcoming committee and plenary votes and to reject any amendments that would delay its implementation.

Read the open letter [here](#).

Plants for the Future ETP (Plant ETP) is a multi-stakeholder European Technology Platform representing the plant sector, from the seed and breeding sector, the farming community and academia. Plant ETP brings stakeholders from the plant sector together to consider the challenges and opportunities of agricultural value chains in a holistic way, while developing a vision for future systems spanning food, feed, and biobased raw materials. In this way, Plant ETP provides strategic direction, recommendations of essential research and innovation, and science-based advice for the benefit of policymakers, research funding providers, practitioners, and innovators throughout agricultural value chains.