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Plants for the Future Welcomes EU Action Plan for the Protein System

Plants for the Future ETP welcomes the European Commission's Action Plan for Resilience, Strategic Autonomy and Sustainability of the EU Protein System, recognising its potential to strengthen Europe's protein autonomy, resilience and competitiveness.

We particularly welcome the Action Plan's support for crop innovation, plant breeding and seed development, alongside recognition of the potential of New Genomic Techniques (NGTs), as well as measures to expand sustainable European protein crop production and strengthen value chains across the EU.

The focus on knowledge transfer, collaboration and innovation uptake aligns closely with the priorities identified in the Plants for the Future Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), particularly in the areas of plant resilience, breeding innovation and nutritional security.

While welcoming the overall direction of the Action Plan, Plants for the Future encourages continued long-term support for research and innovation, including protein crop research, plant breeding and enabling technologies under Horizon Europe and its successor Framework Programme.

Plants for the Future stands ready to support the implementation of the Action Plan through its multi-stakeholder network.

Read the full statement [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.