

Open Letter to Members of the European Parliament Regarding the final vote on the proposal for the Regulation of New Genomic Techniques (NGT)

Paris, Hannover, Neustadt an der Weinstraße, and Karlsruhe, 5 June 2026

Dear Member of Parliament,

We are writing to urge you to vote in favor of the Trilogue-agreed compromise on the NGT Regulation in the plenary vote currently scheduled for 17 June 2026.

The arguments against the tabled amendments were set out in detail in our letter of 15 May 2026 to the ENVI Committee (<https://www.biotechnologies-vegetales.com/lettre-ouverte-du-15-mai-2026>). The compromise text is balanced, legally sound, and sufficient to address the concerns raised regarding intellectual property, farmer protection, and transparency.

The plenary vote on 17 June is not a vote on amendments — it is a vote of consent on the text formally adopted by the Council on 21 April 2026. The Parliament can only approve or reject. A rejection would not lead to a better regulation: it would mean no regulation at all in this legislature. A new proposal could not realistically be adopted before 2030 at the earliest, given the time required for a new Commission proposal, trilogue negotiations, and adoption. Meanwhile, NGT use is accelerating outside Europe — China and the United States together account for nearly 70% of peer-reviewed studies on NGT-derived traits. Every year of delay further weakens the EU's capacity to innovate and compete in plant breeding.

Europe's standing as a global player in science and innovation in the seed sector depends on decisions like this one. We urge you to vote in favour of the compromise text on 17 June — and call on members of the ENVI Committee to do the same on 15 June, without any amendments.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully,



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