



Plant biotechnology: Europe chooses innovation

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The European Parliament has just reached a historic milestone. By adopting the New Genomic Techniques (NGT) Regulation, Europe is finally equipping itself with a scientifically grounded and proportionate framework for plant biotechnology.

This vote ends eight years of deadlock. Eight years of legal uncertainty since the Court of Justice of the EU ruled in the Confédération Paysanne case (C-528/16). From now on, it is the characteristics of the plants obtained that will be assessed — no longer the method used to obtain them. This is a paradigm shift.

The work is only beginning. AFBV and its German partners — FGV, GfPB and WGG — call on all stakeholders to engage without delay with the European Commission. The goal: to make this Regulation fully operational within two years, through open dialogue with society.

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