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Patents and new genomic techniques

Do not risk the future of our seeds!

This event is co-hosted by Green/EFA MEPs Martin Häusling, Sarah Wiener, Thomas Waitz and Benoit Biteau together with No Patents on Seeds.

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If these efforts are successful, the EU will see a surge of patented seeds, including both genetically engineered and conventional seeds. This would have severe consequences for breeders, farmers, food producers and consumers. Our conference will provide new information on recent patent applications and discuss the potential impacts of patented seeds on EU plant breeding, farming and consumers.

PROGRAMME

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Welcome Sarah Wiener (Green/EFA)

PART I - NEW GENOMIC TECHNIQUES

- **Claire Bury** - General Director DG SANTE **Commission's proposal on New Genomic Techniques**
- **Presentation of a new report "The possible deregulation of certain GMOs in the EU: What would the implications be?" - Dr. Adrian Ely** University of Sussex
- **Panel discussion:**

[Claire Bury](#) General Director DG SANTE , [Nina Holland](#) (CEO) , [Dr. Christoph Then](#) (Testbiotech), [Dr. Adrian Ely](#) (author of the Green study) , **Alessandra Turco** (via campesina); **Heike Moldenhauer** (ENGA AISBL; European Non-GMO Industry Association) **Martin Häusling** (Green/EFA);

Moderation: **Benny Haerlin**

PART II - PATENTS

- **Dagmar Urban Arche Noah - Presenting the report of No Patents on Seeds: "The future of plant breeding is under threat in Europe - Current interpretation of patent law is insufficient to stop patents on conventional breeding"**
- **Dr. Christoph Then (Testbiotech) - Presenting recent findings from CRISPR patents**
- **Panel discussion:**

Benoit Biteau (Green/EFA), **Denis Dambois** DG Growth, **Maria Arena** (S&D), [Dagmar Urban](#) (Arche Noah), **Frans Carree** (De Bolster), **Eric Gall** (IFOAM),

Moderation: **Johanna Eckhardt**

Closing words **Thomas Waitz** (Green/EFA)

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[Dagmar Urban NPOS Report 2023](#)

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