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Every month food actors who joined the 'Join the Food Revolution' network share their story, showing the way to take back control over your plate –

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#### GREEN INSIGHT INTO EU FOOD POLICY

Animal Cloning: to be worth it the new legislation must include a ban on food from descendants of clones

On Tuesday 8 September, MEPs voted in plenary on the EU legislation on the cloning of animals. For

years, Greens have been in favour of a ban on cloning as it has strong negative impacts on animal welfare and biodiversity. It does not offer any advantage to citizens, nor does it have any beneficial effect on food security, food safety or breeding improvement.

New legislation on cloning will includes a comprehensive ban on cloning, and on the placing on the market of food from clones and their descendants.

Greens now hope that this position of the European Parliament will pay off to convince EU government in the Council to agree on a final legislation that include the ban on descendants of clones.

• Read our press release

Why the Greens call for a ban on food from descendants of cloned animals: <u>More here</u> Check our <u>infographic</u> available in <u>EN</u>, <u>DE</u>, <u>FR</u>, <u>NL</u>

#### Ongoing Agriculture crisis: Chronicle of a disaster foretold

On 16th September, the European Parliament held a plenary debate with Agriculture Commissioner Hogan and the Council on the ongoing agricultural crisis. This debate took place following the European Commission and Council agreement to provide dairy and pork farmers with a one-off subsidy of €500m to compensate for the economic loss caused by the current crisis in these farming sectors.

The current crisis is further evidence that EU Common Agricultural Policy is outdated. It ignores the real challenges facing farmers and the food sector today.

We need to limit production first rather than look for elusive new markets. This new crisis should be an opportunity to rethink the current EU agri-food system and switch to sustainable production rather than continued industrialisation.

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#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Sounds from Science Workshop - Discussions reveals big gaps in EFSA GMO's risk assessment procedure

On 15th September, Green members invited experts from Austria, Germany and Norway to Brussels to present their objections and unresolved scientific issues to EU-Commission, EFSA and MEPs. The discussion made it very clear that there are big gaps in EFSA's GMO risk assessment procedure.

• Read press release here

Check the Video of the event in EN and DE

#### Decision of French court confirms Monsanto guilty of chemical poisoning

The court recently confirmed a 2012 ruling that Monsanto was "responsible" for the intoxication by its Lasso weedkiller and ordered the US giant to fully compensate Francois. The plaintiff, cereal farmer Paul

Francois, said the decision proved that "David can win against Goliath...And a giant like Monsanto is not above the law."

Read more in **EN** and **FR** 

#### JOIN THE FOOD REVOLUTION: THE STORY OF THE MONTH

Catherine is full of ideas and creativity when it comes to cooking natural and organic food. She offers you to share her passion at cooking session, coaching workshops and lectures. Get to know more about <a href="Catherine">Catherine</a> and <a href="Join the Food Revolution">Join the Food Revolution</a> yourself!

#### WHAT'S ON THE PLATE?

22-23/09: Event Science vs Lobbying, Brussels, Belgium

29/09: Free Lunch Event, Esplanade of the European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

14-27/10: Alimenterre Festival, Belgium

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