

EuropaBio welcomes and warns on New Genome Techniques European Parliament vote

PRESS RELEASE

8 February 2024, Brussels - The New Genomic Techniques (NGTs) legislation vote in the European Parliament is a welcome modernisation of Europe's biotechnology innovation, food security and climate change response. However, EuropaBio red flags the dangerous fragmentation and weakening of industrial policy with the ban on patenting of NGT plants.

EuropaBio Director General Dr. Claire Skentelbery commented *"This undermines the Biopatent Directive (98/44/EC) by introducing sector-specific rules. Whilst Europe advances the legislative landscape for biotechnology, it is simultaneously doing the opposite for policy coherence and competitiveness."*

ENDS

Media contact

Email: communications@europabio.org

About EuropaBio

EuropaBio, the European Association for Bioindustries, promotes an innovative and dynamic European biotechnology industry. EuropaBio and its members are committed to the socially responsible use of biotechnology to improve quality of life; to prevent, diagnose, treat, and cure diseases; to improve the quality and quantity of food and feedstuffs and to move towards a biobased and zero-waste economy. EuropaBio represents corporate and associate members, plus national biotechnology associations and bioregions. Read more about our work at www.europabio.org.