

Biotech in a strong agri-food system for a competitive and resilient Europe

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EuropaBio welcomes the recognition of biotechnology within the European Commission Communication "A Vision for Agriculture and Food. Shaping together an attractive farming and agri-food sector for future generations".

As highlighted in the Communication, the EU must prioritise the scale up of breakthrough technologies, keeping its innovative edge to remain competitive and a world leader.

The publication directly recognizes the positive impact of NGTs and microorganisms through the agricultural supply chain. These biotechnologies are key to boosting the EU's economic resilience and prosperity and can thrive with simplified regulatory frameworks and incentives for SMEs and R&I.

EuropaBio also supports the recognition of decarbonization, incentives for sustainability and clean industrial actions to meet the climate-neutral goals by 2050. Biotechnology and biomanufacturing can play a key role in supporting the transition to more sustainable food systems, along all parts of the value chain from production to consumption.

Dr. Claire Skentelbery, Director General commented "The visibility and recognition of biotechnology as part of the solution to both climate change goals, supply chain resilience and economic growth for regions is welcome. As part of the European Board on Agriculture and Food (EBAF), we look forward to engaging with all stakeholders for the successful implementation of coherent and pragmatic policies encouraging investments and innovative technologies in the agri-food sector."

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