

GMO risk assessment and management

Debate organised by the European Commission, DG Health and Consumers - participation of
Commissioner John Dalli

17 March 2011, 9:00 – 17:00
Centre Albert Borschette, rue Froissart 36, Bruxelles

AGENDA

Chair: Ladislav Miko, Deputy Director General, DG Health and Consumers

Moderator: Dorothee André, Head of Unit, Biotechnology, DG Health and Consumers

Interpretation will be provided in and to FR/EN/DE/NL/IT/ES.

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-9:45 Opening speech by Commissioner John Dalli

Session I: Independence of risk assessment bodies (EFSA and national risk assessment bodies)

Impulse statements by:

9:45-10:00 Corinne Lepage, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur on the "Regulation of GMO Cultivation"

10:00-10:15 Riitta Maijala, Director of the risk assessment, EFSA



Debate with the Panel

Four experts: Corinne Lepage, Riitta Maijala, Jean-Christophe Pages (Président du Comité Scientifique du Haut Conseil des Biotechnologies, France) and Didier Breyer (Institut de Santé publique, Unité de Biosécurité et Biotechnologies, Belgique)

10:15-10:25 Reaction of panel members

10:25-11:00 Questions from audience

Session II: Applications for GMO authorizations: studies reliability and transparency

Impulse statements by:

11:05-11:20 Marco Contiero, Policy Director, Greenpeace European Unit



11:20-11:35 Carel du Marchie Sarvaas, Director, Green Biotechnology Europe (GBE) EuropaBio



Debate with the Panel

Five experts: Marco Contiero, Carel du Marchie Sarvaas, George Lyon (Member of the European Parliament, Draftsman of the AGRI Committee on the "Regulation on GMO Cultivation"), Per Bergman (Head of GMO unit, EFSA) and Thomas Knacker (Managing Director, Head of the testing facility, ECT Oekotoxikologie GmbH)

11:35-11:45 Reaction of panel members

11:45-12:25 Questions from audience

12:25-12:35 Closing of the morning session, Ladislav Miko

Session III: Draft Commission Regulation on implementing rules for GM food and feed risk assessment

Impulse statements by:

14:00-14:15 Sébastien Goux, Policy Officer, DG Health and Consumers



14:15-14:30 Christoph Then, Executive Director, NGO Testbiotech



Debate with the Panel

Four experts: Sébastien Goux, Christoph Then, Eva Claudia Lang (Deputy Head of Department, Department of Genetic Engineering, Ministry of Health, Austria) and Harry Kuiper (Chair of the EFSA GMO Panel)

14:30-14:40 Reaction of panel members

14:40-15:15 Questions from audience

Session IV: The environmental risk assessment of GM plants

Impulse statement by:

15:20-15:35 Detlef Bartsch, Member of the EFSA GMO Panel



15:35-15:50 Lucia Roda, Scientific and Technical Advisor in the Biotechnology Unit and Member of the Spanish Commission of Biosafety, Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, Spain



Debate with the Panel

Four experts: Detlef Bartsch, Lucia Roda, José Bové (Member of the European Parliament) and Rita Andorko (GMO expert, Ministry of Rural Development, Biodiversity and Gene Conservation Unit, Hungary)

15:50-16:00 Reaction of panel members

16:00-16:40 Questions from audience

16:40-17:00 Closing of the day by Ladislav Miko and proposed follow-up

17:00 Cocktail