

How to protect our seeds?

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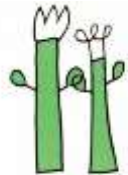
On the EU Seed Law

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The top 20 changes we shall fight for

Presentation 3a

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1st priority

Switch from a compulsory to an optional system

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- 1) Switch from a compulsory to an optional registration of varieties.
- 2) Switch from a compulsory to an optional certification (making available on the market) of individual lots.

2nd priority

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- 3) This legislation shall only concern making available on the market, not production
- 4) All non professional or pro outside their job shall be excluded, not only those exchanging « in kind »
- 5) Farmers have to be excluded from the scope

2nd priority

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- 6) Re-introducing the commercialisation « aimed at commercial exploitation »
- 7) Implement workable definition of PRM

2nd priority

Niche Markets

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- 8) Make the exception more workable (delete the 10 employees limit, « or »)
- 9) Do not confine actors in a Niche (delete « small quantities »)
- 10) Exclude retailers from the limitations
- 11) Lighter certification process than operator's label
- 12) Do not worsen it by delegated acts
- 13) Fight against any introduction of the concept of « variety »

2nd priority

Marketing with reference to variety
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14) Any provision as such shall be deleted.

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Heterogeneous material

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- 15) Integrate all provisions concerning heterogeneous material in the main text of the legislation
- 16) Implement a useful definition of heterogeneous material
- 17) Do not implement provisions which are impossible to apply

2nd priority

Registration under Officially
Recognised Description

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- 18) Delete the historical limitation
- 19) Delete the limitation of the exclusive production in the region of origin of the variety

3rd priority

Exclude local markets

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20) « Local circulation » shall be excluded from variety registration and certification of PRM