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(Innovation in Agriculture)  
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Presidency Flash

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In view of the meeting of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Innovation in Agriculture) of 11-12 September 2023, delegations will find in annex the Presidency Flash.



## WORKING PARTY ON GENETIC RESOURCES AND INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE (INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE)

### Presidency Flash for WP 11 and 12 September

TIME	LOCATION
11 SEPTEMBER: AM: 10:00-13:00 PM: 14:30-18:00	
12 SEPTEMBER: AM: 10:00-13:00 PM: 14:30-18:30	BRUXELLES- JUSTUS LIPSIUS (FORMAT 1+2)

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**Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their food and feed, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625. (ST 11592/23 INIT + ADD 1)**

#### 1. Further examination of the Commission proposal (Chapters I – II)

The Working Party on 11-12 September 2023 will be dedicated to the continued examination of the Commission proposal for a Regulation on new genomic techniques (NGT). We will focus on Chapter I (Articles 1-4) and Chapter II (Articles 5-11) considering certain issues in Annex I related to both Chapters.

Delegations are encouraged to send in questions for clarification before the meeting, to facilitate the discussion and enable better preparation. Please send any questions by 7 September 2023 to the Presidency ([bzn-es.innovation@mapa.es](mailto:bzn-es.innovation@mapa.es)) and the Council Secretariat ([LIFE.3@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:LIFE.3@consilium.europa.eu)).



At the meeting, delegations will be invited to present their positions and will have the opportunity to seek further clarification, if needed. The Presidency expects a detailed discussion. We encourage the delegations to focus on the main issues of concern.

We also welcome written comments and contributions (including text proposals) after the meeting, in a table for comments that will be provided after the meeting.

## 2. AOB

Delegations are invited to inform the Presidency and the General Secretariat of the Council of any other business that they would like to raise, in advance of the meeting.

### CRISPR plants sustainable biofactories



Plants are sustainable biofactories by nature, producing virtually all the molecules required for a healthy human diet, plus countless other valuable compounds, from medicines to flavors, perfumes, or dyes. In the plant's genome lies the key to the treasure of plants' chemical composition and its huge biofactory potential.

The research group of **Diego Orzáez** at the Plant Research Institute IBMCP-CSIC-UPV in Valencia developed a powerful DNA cloning tool, named **Goldenbraid**, with which they pioneered the use of NGTs to enhance the composition of several crops, both food and non-food.

Among other accomplishments, they bred cisgenic tomatoes dually biofortified in antioxidant flavonoids and in-branched amino acids aimed to enrich vegan diets. As for non-food industrial crops, the group led the ambitious EU project "Newcotiana" aimed at providing alternative non-smoking industrial uses for tobacco by enriching its composition in added value compounds. The non-flowering tobacco plants enriched in anatabine, an anti-inflammatory compound, were among those new NGTs varieties successfully developed in Newcotiana.