



Workshop: Impact of GMOs on agricultural biodiversity

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Workshop summary:

The workshop will provide an insight into the effects of first-generation GMO's released into the environment and the current EU authorisation processes have on natural and agricultural biodiversity. The legal, political and scientific arguments forming the base of the Hungarian moratory will also be explained. This will be followed by evaluation of the present European and international situation regarding genetic modification, with special focus on the challenges and acting space of the Hungarian EU presidency. Participants will present recent developments in the region, with detailed presentation on the Bulgarian ban on GM maize. Orientation will be assisted by scientists, government officials and campaign officers of Civil Society Organisations.

Invited speakers:

- Dr. Béla Darvas, Plant Protection Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- Dr. Katalin Rodics, Deputy head of department, Department of Biodiversity and Gene Conservation, Ministry of Rural Development, Hungary
- Siegrid Herbst, IG Saatgut, Germany
- Svetla Nikolova, Agrolink, Bulgaria
- Attila Szócs-Boruss, Eco-Ruralis, Romania