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MEETING DOCUMENT

From: Presidency
To: Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Seeds, Propagating and Planting Materials)

Subject: Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Seeds, Propagating and Planting Materials) of 27 February 2024
- Presidency Flash

Delegations will find in annex the Presidency Flash for the above meeting.



Presidency Flash

Meeting of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Seeds, propagating and planting materials). Plant Reproductive Material (PRM)

Brussels, 15 February 2024

27 February 2024

10.00-13.00 & 14.30-18.30

JL -35.4

Member State's attendance will be limited to 1+2 (in the main meeting room, JL 35.4).

- 1. Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in the Republic of Moldova on fodder plant seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of fodder plant seed produced in the Republic of Moldova, and as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Ukraine on beet seed-producing crops and oil plant seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of beet seed and oil plant seed produced in Ukraine**
(ST 6264/24 + ADD 1)

The Commission will be invited to present its proposal, followed by the invitation to the Member States to exchange views on the proposal and the further examination of the proposal.

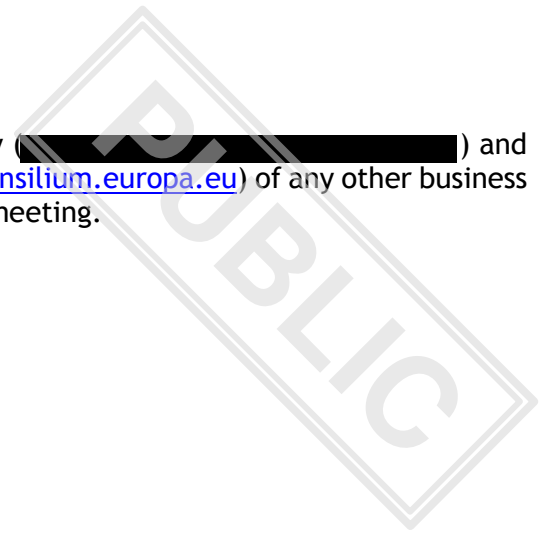
- 2. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the production and marketing of plant reproductive material in the Union, amending Regulations (EU) 2016/2031, 2017/625 and 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 2002/53/EC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC, 2002/57/EC, 2008/72/EC and 2008/90/EC (Regulation on plant reproductive material)**
(ST 11502/23 + ADD 1)

The examination of the proposal will continue from where the discussion reached in January, starting with chapter III, articles 41 to 43. The Commission will be invited to present its proposal, followed by the opportunity for delegations to present their position and seek further clarifications.

If time allows, a discussion on Annex I (content and establishment of the list of species) and on the appropriateness of the criteria to add and delete species (article 2, paragraph 3) will be initiated.

3. Any other business

Delegations are invited to inform the Presidency ([REDACTED]) and the General Secretariat of the Council (life.3@consilium.europa.eu) of any other business that they would like to raise in advance of the meeting.



Belgian heritage

Biotechnology in Flanders

Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food ([ILVO](#)) is an independent scientific research institute of Flanders' Government. ILVO's task is to generate knowledge for more sustainability in the agriculture, fisheries and agri-food sectors. Starting from a strong anchor in Flanders, their work extends throughout Belgium, Europe and the rest of the world. Using applied research, ILVO aims to provide answers for the challenges facing everyone involved in the greater food agri-food chain and the rural environment. Concretely, ILVO studies new and existing tracks of optimization and sustainable development with a high degree of integrity and in a proactive and objective fashion.

ILVO not only breeds grasses, clovers and quinoa but also several green cover crops. One of these is [fodder radish](#). From summer 2025 on, no less than five new varieties will be available on the market. And they are very special: these leafy radish varieties are able to purify the soil of 2 types of parasitic nematodes: the beet cyst nematode and the root knot nematode. As much as 90% of the nematodes in question are gone from infected soil after just one sowing of fodder radish!



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