At a glance:

GMO-free regions and local areas in EU countries

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Austria
8 out of the 9 Austrian provinces have now indicated that they want to go GMO-free and have either passed regional bills or are discussing them. Over 100 municipalities have signed a GMO-free resolution.

Belgium
39 communities in the Flemish and 81 communities in the French speaking part of Belgium have declared themselves GMO-free.

Finland
There are two GMO-free municipalities in Finland.

France
In France more than 1250 majors have issued declarations of GMO-free status of their municipality. On the regional level 15 regions and 5 Departments have issued declarations of a GMO-free status.

Germany
In Germany more than 50 GMO-free zones have been set up by an alliance of more than 11 600 organic and conventional farmers.

Greece
All 54 Greek prefectures have voted to declare their area GMO-free, making Greece the first country to be entirely covered by GMO-free areas.

Hungary
In Hungary 31 municipalities have declared themselves GMO free.

Ireland
In Ireland the region of Westmeath has become the first county council to pass a GM resolution. Plus a number of local GM-free zone (GM-free farms).

Italy
1,806 municipalities in Italy have so far chosen to declare their territories GMO-free. The combined area of those communities that have already signed a resolution against GMOs and those that recently have indicated to ban GMOs means that nearly 80% of Italy's territory is declared GMO-free. Fighting against transgenic crops are also 14 (out of 20) Italian regions and 27 provinces.

Poland
Two (out of 15) provinces in Poland have passed GMO-free resolutions. Plus a number of local GM-free zone (GM-free farms).

Portugal
In Portugal the Algarve region has declared itself GMO-free.

Slovakia
The Cross-border region of Pannonien has declared itself GM-free covering 10 Slovakian, 23 Austrian and 12 Hungarian municipalities.

Slovenia
The GMO-free Bio-region ALPE ADRIA, covers the whole area of Slovenia, the Austrian provinces of Carinthia and Styria and the Italian provinces of Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Veneto.

Spain
The two regions of Castilla la Mancha, Asturias and the Balear Islands have passed parliament deliberations place, in Cataluña such a deliberation in under discussion; while Andalucía and the Basque country have a 5-year moratorium on GM growing in place.

UK
So far 60 areas in England and Wales have approved a GMO-free resolution. In Scotland the regions of Moray, West Lothian, the Highlands and the Western Islands have adopted GM-free resolutions. This brings the total UK population living in areas with a GMO-free policy to more then 15 million.

Luxemburg, Malta and Cyprus
In the three small states of Luxemburg, Malta and Cyprus the possibility of country-wide GMO-free zones is being discussed in parliament.

An overall number is probably only of limited value due to the massive differences in size, the form of the GMO-free declaration and due to overlap of regions, smaller areas and municipalities. Never the less it is probably true to state that there are more than 100 regions (of recognised "European Region" status) and more than 3500 sub-regional areas that have declared themselves GMO-free.