

Brief report on the situation in Greece.

General overview

1998 / 1999 Moratorium - official bans on cultivations and field trials of GMO.

Since 1999, each greek government votes against applications of new GMO.

2001 National legislation for seed control to avoid seed contamination (Greenpeace),
- works not very sufficient.

No "coexistence"- law , no implementation of 2001/18 jet in Greece.

30% of animal feed imports of soy and maize are ge- free (approx. 500.000 t in total of soy and 500.000 t maize)

93,3 % of the Consumers don't want to eat GMO

2003 movement of NGO for GMO free Greece and Greenpeace, start of national campaign of the level of Prefectures

2003 - end of 2004 in every of the 54 Prefectures in the whole country official rejections of GMO in agriculture and food

2003 - 2004 Foundation "Greek Network against GMOs", petition to the Ministerpresident and protest letter (with 6000 signatures) to EU commission against lift of national bans.

Most important questions

How to use and interpret EU legislation, Biosafety Protocoll, Precaution Principle for effective protection of GMO free farming and food supply?

How to foreward national bans?

With best wishes for a creative conference

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