

COMUNE ANTITRANGENICO
(Comuni Liberi da Produzioni Agricole Transgeniche)

Anti-Genetic Engineering Communities

Communities Free of GMO Agricultural Production

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Manifesto

To counter the supremacy of agribusiness multinationals we propose the creation of a network of municipalities; these should oppose the cultivation, breeding and /or experimentation on their territory of new varieties of plants and animal breeds created in laboratories through genetic manipulation.

The specific aims of the campaign are the following:

1. To protect the biological balance and natural ecosystems from the danger of cross-pollination and the drifting between similar species: the genetic modifications of the new varieties might be transferred to other plants, with unforeseeable consequences.
2. To prevent damage to the health of the population. The modifications carried out on plants and animals through genetic manipulation may have serious effects on human health and also on the health of animals exposed to them, through allergies and in some cases resistance to antibiotics.
3. To enable farms operating in accordance to standards of organic agriculture to continue this activity, because if their crops were contaminated by the drifting of genetically manipulated varieties, they would lose their Certificate of Biological Quality. Furthermore, GMO agricultural cultivation would hinder adjacent farmers from possibly changing from conventional (using chemicals) to organic production, thus limiting their freedom to pursue their work.

4. To promote a model of agriculture with the highest respect for the environment, which values prized traditional local production which offers more satisfactory results as regards quality and economics.

5. To inform the population about the perverse effects of an industrialized agriculture controlled by a limited number of big multinational companies. This is not only the reason for the risks to the health of humankind and all living beings, but also for the growing inequalities in the world. It is creating unemployment and misery in the poor regions of our planet. The fact that organisms obtained through genetic modification are permitted to be patented has created the conditions for a concentration of power in the production and distribution of food that never existed before.