GMO-Free Europe 2010

6th European Conference of GMO-Free Regions Brussels and Ghent, 16.-18. September 2010



Programme



















Thursday 16. September, Brussels, European Parliament

08:00 - 9:00	Registration				
09:00 - 9:30	Press Briefing with speakers				
09:30 – 11:35	GMOs and GMO-free agriculture - Where do we stand?				
	Jill Evans, MEP, Session Moderator	Uŀ			
	John Dalli, EU Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection	M			
	Benoît Lutgen, Agricultural Minister of Wallonia & GMO-Free Network	BE			
	José Bové, European Parliament, Agricultural Committee (Vice Chairman)	FR			
	Dr. Katalin Rodics, on behalf of the State Secretary for Rural Development, Hungary	Н			
	Andoni García Arriola, Executive Director of COAG, Spanish farmers organization	ES			
	Rodrigo Gouveia, Euro-Coop, European Consumers Cooperatives	PT			
	Christopher Stopes, IFOAM EU, International Organic Movement	Uŀ			
	Jorgo Riss, Greenpeace European Unit	BE			
11:40 – 13:00	Presentations from Regions				
Introduction	Martin Häusling, MEP (moderator)	DE			
Brussels	Evelyne Huytebroeck, Environment Minister of the Region of Brussels	BE			
France	Phillipe Martin, president of the General Council of Gers	FR			
Bavaria	Christoph Fischer, "Zivilcourage", farmers and citizens movement, Bavaria	DE			
Bulgaria	Ralitsa Katsova, GMO free Bulgaria coalition	ВС			
Switzerland	Florianne Koechlin, Swiss Working Group on Genetic Engineering	CF			
Latvia	Zaneta Mikosa, Parliamentary secretary, Latvian Environment Ministry	LV			
Poland	Marek Kryda, Polish Organic Farmers Assotiation and GMO free alliance	PL			
Sweden	Akiko Frid, Greenpeace Sweden	SE			
Romania	Ramona Duminicioiu, InfOGM and Gabi Paun, Agentgreen				
	Additional presentations from regional representatives in the audience				
13:30 – 14:30	Press conference with Region of Brussels and key participants				
15:00 – 16:30	Presentations from different stakeholders and institutions				
Introduction					
Global food player	Pierre-Alexandre Teulié, Carrefour Group	FR			
National Retailer	Rolf Ferber, EDEKA Nord	DE			
Regional Retailer	Guido Frölich, Tegut Supermarket	DE			
Animal Feed	Jochen Koester, Traceconsult	CF			
Seed	Heike Schiebeck, Via Campesina, European Seed Network	ΑΊ			
Science	Christian Vélot (ENSSER)	FR			
Special Guest	Prof. Andrés Carrasco, University of Buenos Aires	AF			
16:40 – 18:15	Debate: CAP reform between GM bioeconomy and regional food sovereignty				
Moderator	Benedikt Haerlin, Foundation on Future Farming	DE			
EU Commission	Loretta Dormal-Marino, DG Agriculture, Deputy Director General	IT			
Parliament	Janusz Wojciechowski, European Parliament, Agricultural Committee (Vice Chairman)	PL			
Environmental	Liliane Spendeler, Director, Friends of the Earth Spain	ES			
Farmer	Andoni García Arriola, Executive Director of COAG, Spanish farmers organization	ES			

Organic Movement	Sir Peter Melchett, Policy Director, Soil Association	UK
Development	Hans Herren, IAASTD	CH/US
Farmer	Stefano Masini, Director on Environment and regions	IT

18:15 – 18:30 Conclusions

19:30 - 21:45 City Hall, Grande Place, Reception by the City of Brussels

With representatives of the city and region, speakers of the day and Vandana Shiva

Friday 17. September, Ghent, Vormingscentrum Guislain

09:00 - 10:00	Plenary introduction: The global perspective
	Vandana Shiva, Hans Herren and others
10:15 – 13:00	"Big round" introduction of participants
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 17:00	Workshops
17:15 – 18:00	Presentations 1
18:15 – 19:00	Presentations 2
19:00 – 20:30	Dinner
21:00	Party with regional contributions of all kinds

Saturday 18. September, Ghent, Vormingscentrum Guislain

09:00 – 10:15	Strat	tegi	c qı	uest	ion	s: plenar	y - presentation of key issues
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Preparing for the planting season 2011 Political challenges ahead at the EU level

The CAP reform

Bioeconomy or regional food sovereignty

Patents on life Synthetic biology

10:30 – 13:00 Strategy workshops

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 17:00 Strategic answers and suggestions in plenary

Brief feedback from some of the workshops Discussion and agreement on joint initiatives Films, presentations, open spaces etc.

20:00 - 21:00 Dinner

17:30 - 19:30

21:00 Drinks & farewell