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# GE-free zones in Europe

## Examples, Experiences, Strategies

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Vienna, Nov 14, 2003

9:00 **Opening**

- **GENET**, Hartmut Meyer

9:15 **GE-free zones in the EU – NGO activities and experiences**

invited speakers:

- **BUND - Bund für Umwelt- und Naturschutz Deutschland**, Germany  
(Friends of the Earth Germany; confirmed: Heike Moldenhauer)
- **Comuni Antitransgenici**, Italy  
(Communities against GMOs; confirmed: Renato F. Bologna)
- **Friends of the Earth UK**, UK  
(confirmed: Adrian Bebb)
- **Inf'OGM - Veille citoyenne sur les OGM**, France  
(Info GMO - Citizens' Watch on GMOs; confirmed: Béatrice Brassart)
- **VELT - Vereniging voor Ecologische Leef- en Teeltwijze**, Belgium  
(Association for Organic Living and Farming; confirmed: Louis Debruyne)  
15 min presentation each, 30 min final discussion

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11:00 Break

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11:30 **GE-free zones in Austria – Different approaches**

invited speakers:

- **Project Bio Alpe Adria**, Austria  
(confirmed: Stefan Merkac, Bio Ernte Austria)
- **Greenpeace Austria**: Examples from Lower and Upper Austria  
(confirmed: Thomas Fertl)  
20 min presentation each, 30 min final discussion

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12:45 Lunch

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14:15 **GE-free seeds – The key issue**

invited speaker:

- **Zukunftsstiftung Landwirtschaft**, Germany  
(Future Foundation Agriculture; confirmed: Benny Härlin)  
25 min presentation, 15 min discussion

**14:55 Bt maize and Butterflies – Risk assessment research with Hungarian and European species**

invited speaker:

- **Béla Darvas**, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary  
25 min presentation, 15 min discussion

**15:35 Legislation of the EU and its Member States – GE-free zones, GE-free seeds, co-existence**

invited speaker:

- **Friends of the Earth Europe**  
(confirmed: Geert Ritsema)  
25 min presentation, 15 min discussion

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16:15 Break

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**16:45 GE-free zones in Switzerland – The Peoples' Initiative**

invited speaker:

- **Basler Appell gegen Gentechnologie**, Switzerland  
(Basel Appeal against Genetic Engineering; confirmed: Pascale Steck)  
25 min presentation, 15 min discussion

**17:25 GE-free zones - World-wide activities**

invited speaker:

- **GENET**  
(Hartmut Meyer)  
20 min presentation

**17:45 closure**

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**Venue:**

Hotel Springer-Schlößl  
Tivoligasse 73  
Vienna, Austria

**Organisation & Registration:**

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