

Broad coalition calls on CSU (Member of EPP):

Bavarian beer must remain GMO-free and patent-free!

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A broad Bavarian coalition of 19 organisations called the CSU (Member of the European People's Party, EPP) that Bavarian Beer and European food production must stay GMO-free and patent-free. With an oversized measure of beer we went to a big CSU-event (the political Ash Wednesday from the CSU with more than 4.000 CSU-people), also with a tractor, banner and flyer.

A lot of beer is drunk at this event. This is why we made GMO-free and patent-free beer the topic of discussion. The beer glass showed the following slogan: 'Genetic engineering in beer * manipulated – patented – unlabeled * is that really what you want?'

We asked the visitors questions about beer and handed out flyers calling on the CSU to ensure in Brussels the protection of GMO-free Bavarian and European food production. Some people dismissed it. Others Others supported our demands!

A day later, we were back with a delegation in front of the CSU party headquarters in Munich to hand over a list of requirements to the CSU leadership. We have been promised two meetings, one with the CSU Secretary General and one with the Deputy Secretary General. The coalition will continue to raise awareness of the issue and stay on the CSU's heels, as it is very important in terms of the EPP's positioning.



Note: There was quite good regional press coverage, which also included our critical voices.

Here is a video (sorry in german): ([link](#))

Link to the joint list of demands ([link](#)).

On 19 February 2026, press releases were issued by:

- AbL: <https://www.abl-ev.de/aktuelles/details/breites-buendnis-fordert-vor-der-csu-partiezentrale-csu-muss-in-bruessel-fuer-gentechnikfreie-lebensmittelerzeugung-und-fuer-patent-verbote-auf-pflanzen-stimmen>
- BN: <https://www.bund-naturschutz.de/pressemitteilungen/breites-buendnis-fordert-vor-der-csu-partiezentrale-csu-muss-in-bruessel-verantwortung-uebernehmen-fuer-gentechnikfreie-lebensmittelerzeugung>
- Greenpeace: <https://www.greenpeace-muenchen.de/bayerisches-bier-muss-gentechnikfrei-und-patentfrei-bleiben/>

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- Bioland: <https://www.bioland.de/aktuelles/neues/news-und-pressemitteilungen/bayerisches-bier-gentechnik-und-patentfrei-erhalten->
- KLB: <https://www.klb-bayern.de/aktuelles/bayerisches-bier-muss-gentechnikfrei-und-patentfrei-bleiben!-1058>
- AbL: <https://www.abl-ev.de/aktuelles/details/breites-buendnis-fordert-csu-auf-bayerisches-bier-muss-gentechnikfrei-und-patentfrei-bleiben>
- BN: <https://www.bund-naturschutz.de/pressemitteilungen/breites-buendnis-fordert-csu-auf-bayerisches-bier-muss-gentechnikfrei-und-patentfrei-bleiben>
- LVÖ: <https://www.lvoe.de/presse/319-bayerisches-bier-muss-gentechnikfrei-und-patentfrei-bleiben>

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