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GMO-free Hungary

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Legal situation in Hungary

- GMO Act (XXVII/1998.)
- Last modified in 2006 coexistence regulations
- GMO Advisiory body (17 members: academy, govt., NGO delegates)
- only field trials no commercial planting





Mon810 moratorium in Hungary

- 20 January 2005: Mininstry of Agriculture banned the cultivation of Mon810 maize

- November 2006: Parliament resolution supports the moratorium

(all the 5 parties voted yes – unique political consensus, key role: GM Round Table)





Arguments for the Mon810 moratorium

a) Legal arguments:

At the time of the notification procedure Hungary was not member of the EU.

 \rightarrow Hungary was unable to exercise the participative and control rights under the EU Directives

 \rightarrow The envinronmental risk assessment did not cover the Pannonian Biogeographical Region.





Arguments for the Mon810 moratorium II.

b) Scientific arguments:

- Extremely high production of ~Cry1A-toxin per hectare

- Very slow decomposition of ~Cry1A-toxin in stubble residues

- High mortality of hatching caterpillars of protected butterflies exposed to MON810 pollen

Inachis io (European peacock) 20%, Vanessa atalanta (Red Admiral)





The Commission attempts to lift the moratorium

- September 2006: 51% percent of the votes supported Hungary

- 20 Feb 2007: The first victory for Hungary

The member states rejected the commission proposal (262 votes – qualified majority)





2009: another attempt of the Commission

- January: Commission puts the HU & AT moratorium on the Council agenda

- 2 February: Nation wide coalition for GMO-free Hungary (green NGOs, farmers groups, bee keepers, political parties)

- 20 February: demonstration at the Czech Embassy



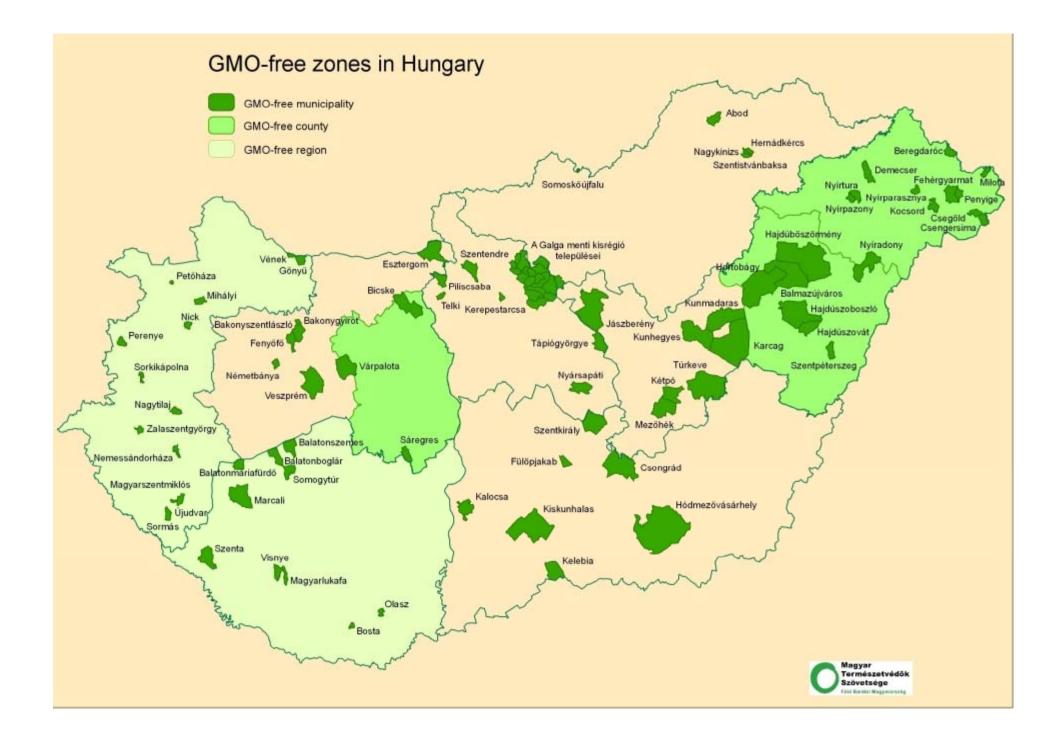
2 March 2009: Second victory!

- Council meeting: the Member states supported again the Hungarian moratorium

(272 votes – only UK, SE, FI,NL,EE, supported the Commission's proposal)







Thank you!

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