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program

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In den Ministergärten 5, 10117 Berlin**

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Thursday 6th September 2018

***Representation of Rhineland-Palatinate
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18:00 *Arrival*

18:30 Welcome and introduction

Ulrike Höfken,
Minister of the Environment, Energy, Food and
Forestry of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate

The European GMO-Free
Regions Network

Dr. Beatrix Tappeser,
President of the European
GMO-free Regions Network,
State Secretary of the Hessian Ministry for
Environment, Climate Protection, Agriculture
and Consumer Protection

Personal introduction of
participants

Benny Haerlin,
„Save our Seeds“,
Foundation on Future Farming

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Friday 7th September 2018

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8:30 *Arrival of participants / welcome coffee*

9:00 *Plenary: Science*

Dr. Tanja Busse, presenter

Opening	Dr. Beatrix Tappeser	Germany
New Genetic Engineering Techniques/State of Environmental Risk Assessment	Dr. Margret Engelhard, Federal Office for Nature Conservation, Bonn	Germany
The historic picture	Ignacio Chapela PhD, University of California, Berkeley	USA
Discussion		

10:30 *Coffee break*

11:00 *Plenary: Politics and Law*

Dr. Tanja Busse, presenter

The European GM-Free Market	Alexander Hissting, Association Food without Genetic Engineering, Managing Director	Germany
Region of Upper-Austria	Rudi Anschober, Regional Minister of Upper-Austria for Environment, Water Law, Integration and Consumer Protection	Austria
Basque Region	Bittor Oroz, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Policy of the Basque Country	Spain
Region of Eastern Macedonia-Thrace	Theodoros A. Markopoulos, Deputy Regional Gouverneur	Greece
NGO-Perspective	Pauline Verrier, International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), EU office	France
NGO-Perspective	Mute Schimpf, Friends of the Earth Europe,	Belgium
North American Perspective	Lucy Sharrat, Canadian Biotechnology Network,	Canada/USA
Indian Perspective	Kapil Shah, Jatan Trust India	India

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 Working Group Sessions

Seed Strategy	Gebhard Rosmanith, Benny Haerlin
EU protein strategy	Ursula Bittner, Danube Soja, Rudi Anschober
Non-GMO labelling	Alexander Hissting, Heike Moldenhauer, Florian Farber, ARGE Gentechnik-frei
New technologies science/ Gene drives and global context	Dr. Margret Engelhard, Dr Astrid Brandt, Hessian Ministry for Environment, Climate Protection, Agriculture and Consumer Protection
EU legal situation	Eric Gall, IFOAM, EU Deputy Director / Policy Manager

15:15 Coffee break

15:30 Plenary: Business perspectives	<i>Dr. Tanja Busse, presenter</i>	
Retailer perspective	Florian Schütze, Lidl	Germany
Production chain perspective	Ursula Bittner, Danube Soja	Austria
Organic sector Perspective	Dr. Felix Prinz zu Löwenstein, CEO, Association Organic Food Production	Germany
Conventional farmers perspective	Udo Hemmerling, Deputy General Secretary German Farmers Association	Germany
Seed producers perspective	Gebhard Rosmanith, CEO, Bingenheimer Saatgut AG	Germany
Discussion		
Conclusions & Perspectives	<i>Dr. Tanja Busse, presenter</i>	
Defending Seed diversity Resolution on Gene Drives: Discussion and adoption	Dr. Beatrix Tappeser	Germany
A global agricultural agenda	Dr. Hans Rudolf Herren, Biovision Foundation	CH/US
Conclusion and farewell	Dr. Beatrix Tappeser	Germany

18:00 Dinner Reception