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**EUROPEAN GMO-free Regions Network
Steering Committee meeting**

06th September 2018, 16:30 h to 17:30

**Representation of the Free State of Thuringia
at the Federal Government,
Mohrenstr. 64, 10117 Berlin,
meeting room 6th floor**

A g e n d a

- **16.30 h Welcome**
Ms Beatrix Tappeser, President Network,
State Secretary at the Hessian Ministry for Environment, Climate
Protection, Agriculture and Consumer Protection
 - **Conference on 07th September 2018**
1. Final clearance of the Deklaration
2. Following the conference, publication on the website
 - **Members from France**
 - **New Member**
Request of the Serbian Association of the Agricultural Economists
- Vote of the Network**
- **New Website**
Request to send articles, contributions and photos.

17.30 h End of the meeting

afterwards

**COME TOGETHER, Representation of Rhineland-Palatinate
In den Ministergärten 6, 10117 Berlin**

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Representatives of Member Regions:

GERMANY:

Hesse: State Secretary Dr. Beatrix Tappeser,
Christina Uhl, Dr. Astrid Brandt, Ulrike Siebmann, Andrea Schneider

Lower Saxony: Dr. Christiane Dohmen

Thuringia: Dr. Manuela Simon

ITALY:

Marche: Antonella Passarani, Roberto Gatto

GREECE:

Eastern Macedonia: apologized

AUSTRIA:

Upper Austria: apologized

Country of Salzburg: apologized

CROATIA:

Croatian Regions Office: apologized

SPAIN:

Basque Country: Luis Elizondo

UNITED KINGDOM:

Wales: apologized

FRANCE:

Nouvelle-Aquitaine: apologized

➤ **16.30 h Welcome**

State Secretary at the Hessian Ministry for Environment, Climate Protection, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Beatrix Tappeser, welcomes the participants. There are no amendments to the agenda.

➤ **Conference on 07th September 2018**

Final clearance of the declaration

Last amendments are made to the Berlin declaration 2018. The final version will be presented to the press during a press lunch on the 7th September. It is now available on the website:

https://gmofree-eu-network.hessen.de/sites/gmofree-eu-network.hessen.de/files/Deklaration%20Gentechnikfreier%20Regionen%20_0.pdf

➤ **Members from France**

The representative of the state of Hesse at the Regional Council of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region, Moritz Kummer, was contacted. It can be expected that the region will be involved again at the next meeting.

➤ **New Member**

The Serbian Association of the Agricultural Economists has sent a request that the Republic of Serbia would like to join the Network. It was discussed if Serbia as non-EU-member and nation state might become a regular member or kind of an associate member of the European GMO-Free Regions Network.

There is agreement that the membership is not limited to EU member states. The Charter of Florence only mentions "regions and local authorities of Europe".

Moreover, if a nation state is considered as a whole consisting of its regions, there are no objections to accept a nation state as member of the network. However, the political will to join the network and to support the Charter of Florence must be obvious and expressed by a political decisional organ representing Serbia.

Vote of the Network: Support of the request submitted by Serbia.

➤ **New Website**

Ms Tappeser asks for contributions for the new website. Please send articles, contributions and photos! Thanks to Luis Elizondo for providing a welcome address in Spanish and Basque!

17.30 h End of the meeting

**18:00 h COME TOGETHER, Representation of Rhineland-Palatinate
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Minutes: Dr. Astrid Brandt, Ulrike Siebmann