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## The 9<sup>th</sup> Conference European GMO-free Regions Network

**06<sup>th</sup> / 07<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2018 in Berlin**

# program

**Venue: Representation of the State of Hesse,  
In den Ministergärten 5, 10117 Berlin**

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### COME TOGETHER

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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

**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

## CONFERENCE

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Representation of the State of Hesse  
In den Ministergärten 5, 10117 Berlin

### 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, VLOG - 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	Luis Elizondo, Delegation of the Basque Country to the EU	Spain
Region of Eastern Macedonia-Thrace	Theodoros A. Markopoulos, Deputy Regional Gouverneur	Greece
Region Marche	Roberto Gatto, Agri-food Policy Service	Italy
NGO-Perspective	Pauline Verrière, International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), EU office	Belgium
NGO-Perspective	Mute Schimpf, Friends of the Earth Europe	Belgium
North American Perspective	Lucy Sharratt, Canadian Biotechnology Network	Canada/USA
Indian Perspective	Kapil Shah, Jatan Trust India	India

### 12:30 Lunch

**13:30 Working Group Sessions**

Seed Strategy	Gebhard Rossmanith, Benny Haerlin
EU protein strategy	Ursula Bittner, Danube Soja, Rudi Anschober
Non-GMO labelling	Heike Moldenhauer, VLOG - Association Food without Genetic Engineering, Florian Faber, 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; Prof. Jack A. Heinemann, University of Canterbury, New Zealand
EU legal situation	Eric Gall, IFOAM, EU Deputy Director / Policy Manager, Juliette Leroux, Greens/EFA

**15:15 Coffee break****15:30 Plenary: Business perspectives***Dr. Tanja Busse, presenter*

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 Rossmanith, CEO, Bingenheimer Saatgut AG	Germany

-- Discussion --

**Conclusions & Perspectives***Dr. Tanja Busse, presenter*

Resolution Presentation and Acclamation	Dr. Beatrix Tappeser	Germany
Outlook: A global agricultural agenda	Dr. Hans Rudolf Herren, Biovision Foundation	CH/US
Conclusion and farewell	Dr. Beatrix Tappeser	Germany

**18:00 Dinner Reception**