

What have we learnt from the GMO debate?

Lessons to boost Innovation in modern agriculture

07 June 2018 – 10h to 13h30

Agricultural National Fair – Cnema, Santarém

Portuguese version at
<https://bit.ly/2lvDT2F>



FEIRA NACIONAL DE AGRICULTURA

SANTARÉM
PORTUGAL



7 JUNHO, 2018

FREE REGISTRATION & MAP

<https://bit.ly/2ITTOZX>

OBJECTIVES

- Innovation in agriculture-setting up the scene - Innovation in agriculture is a very broad topic. Nobody speaks against innovation but a decision on the model of agriculture we want can have a huge impact on how innovations reach out farmers. Can coexist different models of agriculture? Do the farmers have the choice they need? What role for conventional farming? The EU is constantly increasing the funds for innovation; we will know the new trends in funding and the priorities of EU Commission.
- Plant Breeding session - The session will highlight the authoritative scientific advice on plant Breeding innovation, including the finding that genome editing in crops results in fewer unintended effects than both conventional plant breeding and genetic modification. What
 - ✓ What's modern agri biotechnology?
 - ✓ Opportunities & challenges, The European debate
 - ✓ How new techniques in agricultural biotechnology can contribute to sustainable farming?
- Round Table debate with farmers - We will discuss if and how fast these innovations should and might reach European farmers and consumers, and we will ask – not least in view of the experience with GMOs – whether a democracy should stop unpopular innovation.

The following points will be under discussion:

- ✓ *Lack of trust in science or in decision makers?*
- ✓ *Why Agri- innovation is mostly affected by fake news and misinformation?*
- ✓ *Can scientists educate citizens with facts & figures?*
- ✓ *What have we learnt from the GMO debate?*
- ✓ *The role of the organic lobby*
- ✓ *The weight of evidence and the precautionary principle*

PROGRAM

(Live Translation available – English-Portuguese-English)

What have we learnt from the GMO debate?

Lessons to boost Innovation in modern agriculture

10.00 Welcome, Opening Session	
<i>Why innovation matters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Luis Mira, Secretary General CAP
10.15 What role of innovation in the European model of agriculture	
<i>The European model of agriculture and CAP, drivers of innovation? What's hidden behind the EU debate on agri innovation? What have we learnt from the GMO debate?</i>	Setting up the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pedro Narro- EuropaBio• Flavio Coturni- DG Agriculture
10.45 Plant Breeding Innovation- What does it mean for EU agriculture	
<i>Genome editing techniques like CRISPR are opening up new possibilities in many fields including plant breeding. When will and should the innovation reach farmers and consumers?</i>	Panel debate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marisé Borja (Scientist)• Joana Lopes- Sec gen ANSEME• ELO (European Landowners association)
11.45 Round Table debate- Innovation today a tradition tomorrow	
<i>Famers need innovation to be competitive in the most sustainable manner. Sometimes regulations, societal concerns, political decisions.....go in the opposite direction. Do citizens understand innovation in food? How to boost a public engagement pro agri innovation?</i>	A conversation between Farmers..... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASAJA- Spain- Pedro Gallardo• CAP Portugal- José Palha• NFU- UK- Mike Hambly• COPA-COGECA- Finland– Max Schulman• Maizall –Brazil- Sergio Bortolozzo
13.00 Closing Session by Secretary State of Agriculture (Portugal)	

Session moderated by Jose Diogo Santiago (Former Secretary State of Agriculture).

Session supported by EuropaBio

More information in Portuguese & in English:

<https://bit.ly/2LQSMeL>